

March 2018
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The Hornet



HPS Reminders

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Safe Arrival

705-789-0165

- Pizza Days are Thursday
- Milk is sold daily for \$ 1.00

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardian,

It sure does feel like spring outside the past couple of weeks. We will find out if Mother Nature is playing tricks on us or whether or not the warm weather is here to stay. The cast of Shrek has been working hard to get their show ready for the spring production.

From the gym, we had one successful ski race at Arrowhead but unfortunately the second one was cancelled due to the weather. Our volleyball teams wrapped up their season last week as well. Congratulations to all of the athletes for representing HPS with class and respect throughout the season. The next sport approaching is badminton which takes place after March Break.

Our parent council has been working hard as well. Stay tuned for some exciting events that will be taking place in the near future. We are working on a parent night as well as the very popular Spring Extravaganza which will take place on Friday, June 8th. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend any meetings. Our next meeting takes place on Monday, March 26th at 6pm in the library. Hope to see you there.

The news came out last week that TLDSB has decided that the grade 4 French Immersion students will remain at Riverside next year. If you have any questions or concerns about that decision, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

March Break begins on Friday, March 9th. Hopefully, you have time to spend with family and friends. Reading with your child, no matter what age, is always beneficial and a great way to spend some time together with your children.

Please enjoy the spring like weather and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Todd Truax
Principal

Mrs. Debbie Thompson
Vice Principal



PARENT COUNCIL:

Winter is almost over and with it, most of our fundraising event for this year. We have had another successful year and lots of great support from the school, students, parents and the community. The Parent Council recently voted that we would be donating another \$5,000.00 to the Playground fund this year, which would be added to the \$10000.00 that we donated last year.

What Happened:



On February 2 and 3 at the Huntsville Place Mall, HPS Parent Council had a silent auction. We would like to thank Huntsville Place Mall, all the donors and all the parent volunteers. We could not have done it without you. **On February 7, 2018** we hosted our annual spaghetti dinner. We would like to thank Scott and Shaun and Hidden Valley Resort and Bullock's YIG for their very generous donation and all their help. Thank you to all the volunteers for your help and for all the donations for the class baskets.

Coming Events:



On June 8, 2018, we will be hosting the 2nd annual Spring Extravaganza at the Huntsville Fall Fair Grounds. We are looking for people to help organize this family fun event. Please contact me at jendanharwood@yahoo.ca if you would like to help in any way.



Please stay tuned for a family fun and educational night coming up in April/ May. We are still in the planning stages but it will involve the parents, students and teachers in JK to Grade 5. The theme is math night and there will be free food. This event will be fun and FREE! All who attend will have a chance at winning a prize!

Our next parent council meeting will be March 26, 2018 at 6pm in the library and we would be always looking for people to join us and share their ideas, so please come out! I Hope to see you all soon.

Jen Harwood
HPS Parent Council Chair

EASTER RAFFLE:

Win an awesome Easter basket!

There are Easter baskets to win with a Stuffie, Spring items and Easter treats. Tickets are only \$1.00 for 1 ticket or better still \$2.00 for 3 tickets or **\$5.00 for 10 tickets** and everyone gets an Easter sucker.

Again this year we will have separate classroom draws for a stuffie. Any class that buys \$25.00 or more worth of tickets will get their own draw. The students who purchase a ticket will get their name put in the whole school draw and their classroom draw.



New this year - A Golden Egg Surprise

Tickets will be sold Tuesday March 20th –Thursday March 29th.
The draw will be held on Thurs. March 29th just in time for Easter!

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

If you have a child entering Kindergarten for the first time this fall, you will want to attend a **Ready for Kindergarten** event near you this spring. You are welcome to attend any of the three open houses regardless of where you live and which school you have registered at for the fall.

- April 3th – Muskoka Beechgrove Public School, Gravenhurst
- April 18th – St. Mary's Catholic School, Huntsville
- May 3th – Monsignor Michael O'Leary Catholic School, Bracebridge

At **Ready for Kindergarten** your child will have the opportunity to have their hearing and visions tested, as well as undergo screening for developmental milestones. You can learn about how to pack healthy lunches, sample healthy snacks, speak to a dental hygienist, learn about immunizations, talk to someone about library and recreation programs, and even go with your child on their first school bus ride. The event runs from 4 pm until 7 pm and you will need one to two hours to get through all the activities.

If you have registered your child for Kindergarten, watch for their personal invitation in the mail! If you haven't, call Huntsville Public School now to register your child for school! **Ready for Kindergarten** is a free evening of activities and gives families an opportunity to learn more about what services are available in Muskoka. Parents of other primary students new to the Muskoka area or who are interested in information regarding the many support opportunities and organizations available to them are also welcome to attend. For more information, contact Brenda Boothby 645-2412 Ext. 467 or email brenda.boothby@muskoka.on.ca.

HPS SKIERS:

Despite the unpredictable weather, cross country skiers at HPS have had a great season and have been able to participate in three of the four planned races.

On December 20th we had twenty-two Huntsville Public skiers travel to Hardwood Hills in Barrie for an early season race. All skiers raced well for their first race of the year, especially as they had not had a lot of practice time on skis. Special congratulations to Mya Marshall with a second place finish, and Dale Graham with a third place finish.

On February 6th, a team of forty-eight keen cross country skiers represented Huntsville Public School at the classic Arrowhead race. As well as being great participants and representatives of our school, the blue and green buffs of our HPS skiers were often seen zooming across the finish line with some excellent finishes. Of special note, here is a list of our skiers who placed in the top ten in their respective categories:

Gr. 3/4 Boys: Arik Martin-Padfield - 2nd, Jayden Brake - 4th, Gryffin Vink - 6th, Owen McKay - 7th, Daniel Gamper Smith - 9th

Gr. 3/4 Girls: Morgan Cork - 2nd, Joan Foxcroft - 7th

Gr. 5/6 Boys: Noah Bell - 8th

Gr. 5/6 Girls: Mackenzie Martin-Padfield - 6th, Maeve Young - 7th, Tessa Ferguson - 8th, Kara McClung - 9th

Gr. 7/8 Boys: Aidan Spiers - 1st, Ben Shearing - 2nd, Blake Punchard - 3rd, Corbin Wendell - 4th, Will Tempest - 10th

Gr. 7/8 Girls: Mya Marshall - 1st, Dale Graham - 2nd, Emily Angell - 5th, Johanna Ferguson - 6th

On February 15th, a team of forty-three skiers traveled to Camp Tawingo for a special biathlon challenge. As well as doing loops of a trail on classic skis, the skiers had to also test out their shooting skills by using a paintball gun and shooting targets from three different positions. The following students all placed in the top five in their respective categories: Daniel Gamper Smith, Joan Foxcroft, Noah Bell, Millie Langlais, Mackenzie Martin-Padfield, Maeve Young, Aidan Spiers, Blake Punchard, Will Tempest, Mya Marshall and Dale Graham.

We were all disappointed that the final race of the season at Arrowhead had to be cancelled due to icy conditions and a lack of snow but hope that we get a chance to ski again this winter. Refunds for the \$13 fee for this race have been returned to your child.

Be sure to check out photos of our skiers in action on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the gym!

Mme Lindsay, Mrs Marshall and Mme Brophy

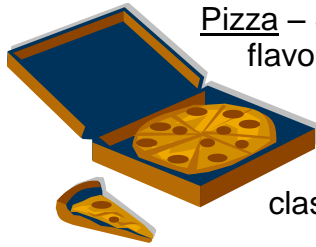
AFTERNOON PICKUP:



Please remember that the pickup location for children at the end of the day is on Susan St. Remember too that there is limited parking on Susan St., especially on the south side where the ramp is. Please use this ramp area as a DROP-OFF only. Caroline Street is used for the coming and going of the school buses, 34 in total. This makes for a very busy pick-up with drop-off time. Thank you for your understanding with this safety matter.

MILK AND PIZZA:

Milk: White and chocolate milk, are for sale at first and second nutrition break for \$1.00. Milk cards are also available in the office. Each milk card is \$10.00 for 11 milks.



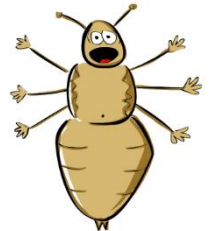
Pizza – Starting in January pizza will be sold on **Thursday's**. Pizza flavours will include Cheese, Hawaiian, and cheese with pepperoni.

Each slice is \$2.00. **Orders must be placed each Tuesday morning with the student's classroom teacher.** If you would like to pay in advance- e.g. \$10.00 for 5 pizza slices – please buy the tickets from the classroom teacher.



HEAD LICE:

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has a Pediculosis policy for all schools. If head lice are found on your child, they will be required to go home for treatment and it will be necessary for them to be rechecked prior to being admitted back into school. If you could volunteer your services to check heads, please contact the school at 705-789-2318 and ask for Jackie and Sue.



HPS News:

Please check out the calendar on the last page. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well as our webpage.

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