

April 2018

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The Hornet



HPS Reminders

Office

705-789-2318

Safe Arrival

705-789-0165

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

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived with a bit of a twist this week. HPS has lots of exciting things happening around the school in the next few months. Badminton season is the next sport for boys and girls from grades 5-8 and Track and Field will follow shortly later in May and June. Shrek rehearsals are really getting intense and the cast is really coming together. Don't miss out on seeing this great performance on April 24 and 25 at 6:30. We had our school teams compete in our Battle of the Books with two teams representing HPS heading to Bracebridge to compete in a regional competition. (more information on page 3)

Our parent council along with HPS staff will be bringing you a "Learning about Math through Games Night" on May 9th. There will be a variety of games which will demonstrate how we can play games to better our math skills. There will be free food and prizes so please mark this event on your calendars. You can keep track of all of the events happening at HPS through our webpage at <http://hps.tldsb.on.ca/calendar/>.

Our playground committee has been working very hard to finalize details with our new playground. We know it has been a long road and we really appreciate all the support from our community. You will see construction beginning over the summer months!

As we move closer to the end of the year, our school staffing committee will be working to prepare for next year. When placing students in classes, we look at things like boy/girl, behaviour, peer groups and of course academic needs. If you feel you would like to put in a request for our child for next year, please put your request in writing to todd.truax@tldsb.on.ca. Although we take all requests, nothing is guaranteed.

Please do not hesitate to drop contact me at the school should you have any concerns or some positive feedback for the school.

Sincerely

Todd Truax
Principal

Deb Thompson
Acting Vice Principal

PARENT COUNCIL:

We hope you all had a wonderful March break and are moving in to spring comfortably with lots of plans be made for summer. It was a pretty quiet March for the parent council. We have some upcoming events that you are definitely going to want to add to your calendar.

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. We are also looking for craft/ business vendors and or sponsors. Please contact me at jendanharwood@yahoo.ca if you would like to help in any way or be a part of this great event.



Mark it on the calander for a family fun and education night for parents and students on **May 9, 2018 from 5:30-7pm.** It is specifically for parents and students with children in JK to Grade 5. The theme is math night and the teachers are hosting this event with fun math games and activities related to what your children are learning. There will be free Hot dogs, cooked and served by parent council. 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 April 23, 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

IMPORTANT! SAFE ARRIVAL:

Our safe arrival number is **705-789-0165**. Please help us keep your children safe and save. Use this number when your child is absent so the school knows they are safe.

**** Parents of children who walk to school - please remember to call the Safe Arrival Line when your child is staying home on a Bus Cancellation Day.**



Battle of the Books:

Congratulations to "The Rocket Readers" (Hannah, Kendra, Bailey, Naiya) and "Paper Products Only" (Evin, Aidan, Silas, Madison) who will be representing Huntsville Public School on April 12th and April 5th at the Rene M. Caisse Theatre in Bracebridge.

They will be battling top teams from other schools, hoping to bring home the title of Battle of the Books Champions for TLDSB North. Good luck!!

Thank you to **Huntsville Place Mall** who donated a pizza party and gift certificates to the winning teams and a big thank you to Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Sickinger, Ms. Dore, Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Martin who helped judge the battles this year!

All teams did a wonderful job and there is already chatter about next year's battles. Stay tuned!

Mrs. Morrison

Shrek the Musical:

The cast and crew of *Shrek the Musical* are nearly ready and are extremely excited for their performances this month. The cast has been rehearsing since November, and the tech and backstage crew joined in on the fun in the last month. The show is guaranteed to be a great time - tons of singing, dancing, many, many laughs, and probably even a 'happily ever after'...we don't want to give away any spoilers...!

Please come out for an incredibly entertaining production. Admission is by donation.

The performances are:

Tuesday April 24th at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday April 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday April 26th at 6:30 p.m.



CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECKS:

All volunteers at **any** school must have a completed Criminal Reference Check. We love our school volunteers, and value their help in our school. Notwithstanding, we must follow proper procedure from the TLDSB and laws from our OPP to keep our HPS kids protected and *always* safe!

Volunteers must now see Jackie Parkin or Susan Stephen-Wilkes in the office to fill out your reference check form. They are the designates of our school to manage these volunteer criminal reference checks. Do not go to the police detachment to get your forms. They will send you back to see the ladies in the office. Forms are filled out at the school and will be delivered to the OPP detachment. The completed document will be mailed to you and you are to bring it to the office at HPS, where the original form will be kept. The forms are the property of HPS as per the OPP. If you are wishing to volunteer at our school in any way, we require this completed form. Police forms are an **absolute requirement for volunteering**.



If you are unsure of the status of your police check or Offence Declaration, call Sue Stephen-Wilkes in the office.

OFFICE HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

We cannot allow students to use the school phone to make last minute arrangements with friends. – At lunch or after school. Please encourage your student to make these arrangements ahead of time.



Please help avoid unnecessary phone congestion in the office, by writing notes to your child's teacher in a note if you are making different arrangements for your child at the end of the day, or picking up your students for appointments during day. Thank you for your help.