

September 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,

Welcome to a brand new school year. As a staff, we are looking forward to a fantastic year. We have many different activities and learning planned for students and we encourage them to get involved in one way or another.

We have several new staff at HPS this fall. Welcome to:

Chris Nikiforuk – Grade 6/7

Diana Jacklin – Junior/Intermediate prep coverage

Crystal Fullagar – grade 4/5 Teacher

Liz Hollands – Kindergarten Teacher

Natasha Aben – Resource Teacher

Susan Lockhart – Early Childhood Educator

Our first parent council meeting will take place at HPS in the library on September 24th at 6pm. Parent council provides input to the school and adds a parent perspective along with helping out during special events around the school. Meetings are generally about an hour long and there is not a huge time commitment. All are welcome to attend.

Our playground is up and running and students are taking full advantage of the new structure. We would like to thank our many donors who helped support our cause over the past couple of years. The playground committee should be commended for all of their hard work. Thank you to:

Mrs. McNaughton

Ms. Dore

Mrs. McCarthy

Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Knappett

We appreciate all of your hard work in getting the playground to our school. If you are picking up your child and do not need to get out of the car, we encourage you to use the ramp on the north side of the school near the playground. It is not quite a congested over there and students can make their way down the ramp safely.

We hope that your child has settled into a routine this week. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to give me a call at the school.

Thank you for all your support at the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Truax
Principal

Mrs. T. MacKinnon
Vice Principal

PARENT COUNCIL:



Our first Parent Council meeting will be **September 24, 2018** at 6pm in the library and we are always looking for people to join us and share their ideas, so please come out! I hope to see you all soon.

BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Hello HPS Families:

We are **urgently** in search of volunteers for the breakfast club program, in order to make this year's program successful.

This volunteer job starts at 8am and finishes by 9am. The food preparation is done at 8am, and serving is from 8:20-8:40

We like to keep it simple for volunteers to make the food preparation easy. Please contact us if you have a morning you can give, or if we get enough volunteers, we can do 1x every 2 weeks. The days we really need help are Mon/Wed/Fri.

Also, we are in need of a Breakfast Club Co-ordinator. This would be someone whom the volunteers contact if they are to be away, someone who checks the supplies, and improves the program as they deem needed.

Please contact Stasi aohare@sympatico.ca cell 416-951-3357 if you are able to assist.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT! SAFE ARRIVAL:

Our safe arrival number is **705-789-0165**. Please help us keep your children safe and sound. 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.**



PHOTOS: Our photo day will be taken on Thursday October 18th.



'THE WORLD'S BEST TERRY FOX TREK'- SEPTEMBER 27:

A SINGLE DREAM. A WORLD OF HOPE.

Be Like Terry! ... (Courage, Empathy, Teamwork, Fairness, Caring, Honesty, Fearless, Determination, Community, Compassion, Perseverance, Integrity, Spirit, Co-operation, Respect, Inspiration, Kindness)... and fundraise for cancer!

Terry Fox lives here at HPS! We are continuing our pledge to make a difference in the lives of Canadians by fundraising for cancer and being together as a caring school community during our annual Terry Fox Trek. We plan to trek, walk, jog our way along our 0.7 km Terry Fox Trek on September 27.

Students receive a coloured bead for each lap they complete and keep it safe on a leather necklace. This is a big deal for students and they take pride in the number of beads they accumulate. It's about keeping Terry's spirit alive in the hearts and souls of Canadian students.

This year Team Terry has challenged the HPS school community to raise over \$4,000. Last year we raised \$3,862.30. That's \$37,403.72 over 22 HPS Terry Treks. We need your continued support. It only takes a dollar or two to make a difference.

"That's the thing about cancer. I'm not the only one, it happens all the time to people. I'm not special. This just intensifies what I did. It gives it more meaning. It'll inspire more people. I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try. When I started this Run, I said that if we all gave one dollar, we'd have \$24 million for cancer research, and I don't care, man, there's no reason that isn't possible. No reason." (Terry Fox - @ Thunder Bay Sept. 1 1980)

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." Terry Fox, July 10, 1980.

When Terry dipped his leg in the Atlantic Ocean on April 12, 1980 he could never imagine that more than 4,300 schools in Ontario would make his cause their own every September and drive cancer research with a determination that matched his own!

Huntsville Public School has their own fundraising page:
<http://www.terryfox.ca/HuntsvillePSHuntsville>

Thanks in advance for making this year's HPS Terry Fox Trek
"The World's Best!"

Team Terry 2018



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 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 child 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 child for appointments during the day. Thank you for your help.

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!**