

April 2019

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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
Chocolate and White

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Winter seems to be really hanging on here in Muskoka. The yard has a great deal of snow in it and with that is bringing lots of water during melting times. We have been encouraging students to stay out of the puddles so they stay dry.

April is a very busy month! Parent Council is hosting Science North on Wednesday, April 3 from 5-7pm to walk us through some math games and activities. We are hoping to see you there. Badminton season is underway and track and field will be here before we know it.

With the warm weather coming, this always seems to make our lost and found explode. It is always a good idea to label your child's clothing so that it can be returned to them should it get misplaced.

Our grade 6,7,8 students have the privilege of going to town during the second lunch break with parent permission. This typically increases in numbers when the weather gets warmer. We regularly remind students of the behaviour expectations and encourage families to have those discussions as well. Students are not permitted in the water at any time during their visits to town.

If you didn't have a chance to see the article about our very own Mr. Cherry, please take a moment to check out the link on the Doppler. This was a great way to celebrate one the people that makes HPS a great place to learn.

<https://doppleronline.ca/huntsville/elite-hand-meet-chris-cherry/>
Please see the calendar attached to keep track of all of the events that are happening at HPS.

Sincerely,

Mr. T. Truax
Principal

Mrs. Debbie Thompson
Vice Principal

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.

Tickets will be sold Monday April 8th –Thursday April 18th.
The draw will be held on Thursday April 18th just in time for Easter!

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.**



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, 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.



to the 8 classes who helped us with our milk bag challenge. We asked students in classes to collect milk bags for our class project. They helped us to collect over 200 milk bags in 4 days! This is AMAZING!!! We are excited to congratulate Ms. Dore's class, who brought in the most milk bags....77! **Wow**, we are super impressed! We will organize a time to say thank you by making sweet treats for them. Thanks again!

We would like to **challenge the entire school to use less plastic** or to find a way to **RE-USE** or **UP-CYCLE** plastic as it is better for our environment. We are learning many things about the positive and negative impact of plastic in our lives. We hope you consider our challenge and make a change today!!!



Warm Regards,
Mrs. Nuedling Class

(AKA: wonderful humans, kind and caring, curious to learn new things, accepting of "different", those who really want to love MATH and do their best each day, polite and encouraging, lifelong learners, avid readers, etc. etc. etc)

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE HOOKED ON BOOKS !

On March 21st, in partnership with the Rotary Club, our library was transformed into a hub of excitement and smiles as students eagerly awaited their turn to read to a Rotarian! Over 60 primary students, from JK-Grade 3, had the opportunity to read to one of 7 volunteers from the Rotary Club! Students returned to the classroom with ear-to-ear smiles bursting to experience with classmates! We understand that the smiles were as the Rotarians couldn't hide their enthusiasm as well! *"I loved them! When I got stuck they helped me! It was fun. When I go again?"* (Grade 2 student). With great enthusiasm and appreciation, we welcome the Rotarians back several more times this year. Our next two "Hooked on Books" with the Rotary Club are this Thursday, April 4th and then Thursday, April 18th.



BOOK CLUB IN TOWN:


After having great success with our BOOK CLUB ventures downtown in FEBRUARY and early MARCH, followed by more learning in MATH around how to use money, how to estimate and leave a

tip, I am pleased to say that my class will be venturing to just before EASTER to enjoy brunch together. We still need to do some more learning in **MATH** and **SOCIAL ETIQUETTE** but I'm sure it will be as successful as our last adventure.



to the parent volunteers (Ray, Wayne and Andre) and the downtown businesses (Affogato, the Local, Whimsical Bakery and 7 Main) who welcomed us as we were and gave us opportunity for learning. We really appreciate it!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Nuedling 

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.

FIRST EVER HPS NINJA COMPETITION:

On Thursday, March 7th, the first-ever HPS Ninja competition was held in the HPS gym. Organized by Mme Lindsay and Mme Thatcher's class as a fundraiser for their class trip, this fun event featured a series of five obstacles or challenges. The challenges included an above-ground Ninja line that students had to cross, the "bench press" challenge that involved moving a series of benches across the floor and Snakes and Ladders, an agility event that involved hopping on one foot through an on-ground rope ladder while avoiding plastic animals. The final two events involved an arm hang and jumping between a series of 'islands' that were placed farther and farther apart.

The event was particularly popular with students from Grade 4-6 and in the end, the class was able to raise almost \$90 for their class trip. A special thank you to Jeff Mann, who provided his expertise, time and enthusiasm to make this event possible.



Students:(left to right) Dakota Quigg and Ava Kruger

Students:(left to right) Owen Porter, Arik Martin-Padfield, Dante Occhuizzi, Henry Leeder, Owen McKay, Tyler Gevaert.



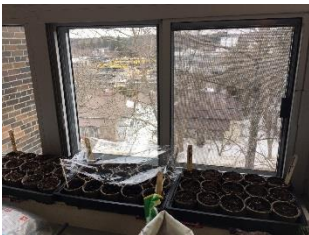
GRADE 5 FUNDRAISER:

SPRING HAS SPRUNG...sort of!
ATTENTION all you who love to garden!!!



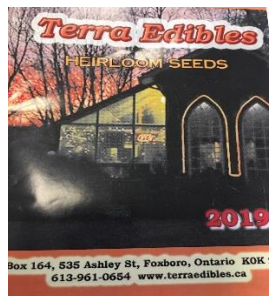
Mrs. Nuedling's class is preparing for a fundraiser. We are planting vegetable and flower seeds to get ready for the upcoming planting season! Now that all the milk bags have been collected, this is how we are using them (see photo below).

So far, we have planted **Tomatoes, Cucumber, Watermelon, Marigold, Sunflowers, Garlic Chives and Spaghetti Squash.** Today we will plant **Peppers, more Tomatoes (large and small), Kale, Five Colour Chard and Bunching Onions.**



If ALL goes well, in about 8 weeks we will be selling our seedlings to raise money for our year end trips. **STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!!**

FYI: The seeds we used are HEIRLOOM SEEDS purchased from Terra Edibles. Some of our seeds date back to the 17th century.



Battle of the Books (BOB):

Congratulations to all teams who participated in the Battle of the Books! The competition was amazing this year with wonderful student displays of positive sportsmanship and encouragement throughout all our teams.

As the Battles continue at the TLDSB level we want to recognize the Shady Ladies (Intermediate) and the Supercorns (Junior) who will be moving forward. We wish them luck and support to keep up their hard work, enthusiasm for reading and love of books!

Families are welcome to come and support our finalist's during their competitions at the board level.

The following are dates and times for both competitions;

Junior Semi-finals: Tuesday April 16th North: **Rene Caisse Theatre** 9:00-3:00

Intermediate Semi-finals: Wednesday April 17th North: **Rene Caisse Theatre** 9:00-3:00

Junior & Intermediate Finals: Wednesday April 24th **Rene Caisse Theatre** 10:00-1:30

The starting and ending times are estimates based on how quickly we are able to run through the battle schedule.



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Grade 6 Math: Here are a couple examples of Grade 6 EQAO questions for you to try.

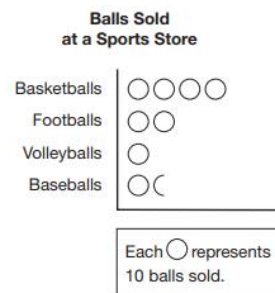
Section **1** Mathematics • Multiple-Choice

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4 Which fraction is equivalent to 8%?

- $\frac{2}{25}$
- $\frac{2}{20}$
- $\frac{1}{8}$
- $\frac{8}{10}$

5 Which statement about the pictograph is true?



- Twice as many basketballs as baseballs were sold.
- Twice as many baseballs as volleyballs were sold.
- An equal number of footballs and baseballs were sold.
- The total number of baseballs and basketballs sold was 55.