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From the Administrative Team

As we slip out of February and into March, many of us are looking forward to Spring. However, we are certain the winter has a few last gasps left before we see the snow and ice gone for good. We ask that you continue to monitor the weather to ensure that students are coming to school dressed warmly on cold days.

February has been a very active month at Hartman. We began the month with our first term report cards. While there were no specific interview days assigned to this set of reports, parents are always welcome to make a phone call or an appointment to discuss their child's progress.

We have had several celebrations this month. On February 7th, we celebrated the Lunar New Year with many of our Hartman families who joined us to be a part of the activities. On February 10th, the kindergarten classes performed splendidly for their families during their friendship concert. On February 17th we celebrated National Sweater Day as part of our Eco-initiatives at Hartman. Throughout the entire month of February, we have been learning about and celebrating the achievements of famous Canadians and Americans of African descent in honour of Black History Month. To conclude our month, on February 25th many families from the Hartman community came together for an evening of dancing and fun at the Winter Wonderland Dance organized by the school council. As an administrative team, we are most grateful for the energetic support that staff, school council and parents provide to ensure our students have such a tremendous number of opportunities to learn and to shine.

March promises to be another engaging month at Hartman. We are making plans to implement a snack program for our students beginning in the Spring as part of our Healthy Schools initiative. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with this program and support for the purchasing of healthy snacks. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. Currently, our students are hard at work, practicing for the Bollywood Play that will be coming to our stage in May. As well, this month includes a much deserved holiday for our students and staff. We hope you are able to plan some family activities and we look forward to seeing everyone following the break.

Your partners in education,

Camille Logan

Principal

Lorraine Doran

Vice-Principal



WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

This year's Winter Wonderland Dance was a huge success! Approximately 400 people, that included Hartman families and friends, joined us on March 25th! It was wonderful to see all the families who came to meet one another, enjoy the music and dance! It was also lovely to see all the Hartman families reconnecting with one another, getting to know council members and staff. What an amazing way to build community amongst the families at our school!

We would like to thank our School Council under the leadership of Wendy Preiano and Martine Kolm, along with their committee for all their hard work in making the dance a wonderful experience for our Hartman School Community.

LIBRARY NEWS

@ your LIBRARY

BOOKS, BOOKS and more BOOKS are coming.



Another **Scholastic Book Fair** is arriving on **Tues. March 8th, 9th and 10th**. Students will have the opportunity to look and/or purchase books during their class visit.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

On February 7, the students, staff and community of Hartman celebrated Lunar New Year in style. Thanks to our many community volunteers, we were able to offer many cultural activities for students to experience. The day began with a Lion Dance and parade around the halls of the school. Many students dressed in traditional cultural clothing or wore red to celebrate. During the day, all students spent time in the gym learning about Chinese and Korean writing, trying some cultural snacks and clothing, testing their skills with chopsticks, playing musical instruments, creating origami and checking out the Lion Dance costume. We were also treated to a Tai Chi demonstration by some of our grandparents and to some beautiful dancing by a few of our talented students. Many thanks go out to the parents and grandparents who donated their time, their knowledge and most of the decorations for the day. We look forward to continuing this celebration annually.



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



We would like to congratulate the intermediate girls' basketball team on an **amazing season!!!** Each girl demonstrated respect, a positive attitude and they all played their best at all times. We had our area tournament on March 1st and we are excited to report that we played with great sportsmanship against some very competitive teams!! We demonstrated our amazing skills and we had a lot of fun!!! The coaches Mrs. Mayer and Mrs. Capone would like to thank each girl for playing exceptionally well, trying their best and playing as a team all season long! Congratulations to **Celia L, Ireland G, Vanessa L, Farima, Alice M, Zulaikhah B, Sahana, Amanda H, Rain, and Chloe!** Great job girls! We are very proud of you for representing Hartman as true Heroes!!

HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

Children are very active and sometimes need a snack to get them through to lunch. It is a proven fact that a student who is well nourished has more energy, has a longer attention span, better social skills and can learn to their full potential. There is now a program Hartman that will benefit your child's nutritional needs. The healthy snack program is open to every child at Hartman. The Healthy schools committee will be delivering our students healthy snacks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We will be receiving yearly commitments from Food For Learning (Regional Municipality of York) and the Ministry of Child and Youth Services, but we are still looking for your help to get involved. You can get involved by....



- ◆ Helping with our fundraising initiatives
- ◆ Volunteering one hour per week
- ◆ Donations/monetary contributions
- ◆ Food donations (looking through flyers for deals)
- ◆ Gift cards from grocery stores
- ◆ If you have other ideas, please let us know

This program has been run by 120 others schools in York Region and here is what the teachers and principals have reported since implementing child nourishment program in their school:

- ◆ Increase in healthy eating habits
- ◆ Increased development of a positive / caring school environment
- ◆ Increased volunteerism and social responsibility among students
- ◆ Reduced absenteeism
- ◆ Reduced aggression
- ◆ Increased concentration levels in the classroom
- ◆ Increased test scores

ECO UPDATE

In February, many Hartman students and staff have been busy taking part in activities to help our environment. On **Feb. 17th**, we celebrated **National Sweater Day**. People across Canada turned down the heat and put on their sweaters. Our students and staff participated by wearing colourful, funky and many layers of sweaters!

We also joined together in the halls to sing our Boomerang Lunch song. The word is spreading about our Thursday Boomerang Lunches. Participation is improving and we are looking forward to the day when we have 100% participation of students! Classes are also working on turning off unnecessary lights and our light monitors are working hard to help everyone remember to turn the lights off when they leave the room.

February was a very successful month and the eco team continues to meet each week to help classrooms to properly do their recycling and to help our school to be more eco-friendly.



The Most Funky Sweater Winners!

Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Parents

Join **Phillip Hodgson** for an interactive seminar to learn about today's popular youth drugs, the impact on the individual, the family and the community, warning signs, and where to go for help. Phillip is a local psychotherapist and counselor who works and lectures in the field of addiction.

Date: Wednesday May 11 Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Location : Magna Room

Free

Pre-register at the Adult Information desk, 905-727-9493 option 4



Triple P Tip of the Month

~ MARCH ~

Swearing

Children often learn new words their parents do not like, particularly swear words. Some swear words may not be a problem because parents use it themselves. Parents need to decide which words are acceptable and which ones are not.

KEY STEPS:

- Set a good example
- Use planned ignoring the first time your child swears
- Decide which words are acceptable and discuss them with your child
- Praise your child for using acceptable words
- Act immediately when you hear your child swear
- Apply a consequence for swearing

TOBOGGANS



Many students are bringing toboggans to school to use at recess. In order to maintain a safe play environment, students and parents are reminded that toboggans should be used in a seated position and that students must ensure a clear path before they use the toboggans.

Safe storage of toboggans is a concern. Stairwells are not the place for them to be stored as that violates the fire code. Please note the following locations where toboggans are to be kept during the school day while students are in class:

West doors - outside the door between the gas meter and the entry doors

North doors - to the west of entry doors

We cannot monitor the toboggans and remind parents and students that they must assume the risk of damage or theft.

Black History/African Heritage Month

February is recognized across Canada as Black History/African Heritage Month. During the month of February, students at Hartman were actively engaged in learning about a wide range of people of African heritage in Canada and/or around the world such as Lincoln Alexander, Rosa Parks, Herb Carnegie, Harriet Tubman and Nelson Mandela. Students in grades 6-8 were inspired by spoken word artists Dwayne Morgan. Our primary division students were entertained by storyteller J. Nichole Noel. Our grades K—8 students participated in workshops conducted by the Nelson Mandela Children's Foundation. Students also participated in a 'Knowledge Hunt' which supported the learning of Black History. For those who have visited our school there are many displays of books and student art work in recognition of the focus for this month. In order to thank the Foundation for the presentations, Hartman P.S. will support the Nelson Mandela Children's Foundation by participating in the **Change that Makes a Difference Program**. All students are encouraged to make a small donation of \$2 to support the charitable work of the foundation.



Kiss n' Ride and Parking

Please be reminded that at Hartman we work to ensure student safety at school entry and dismissal times. In order to do so, we require the cooperation of parents and family members who drive children to and from school.

At Hartman there are now two Kiss n' Ride drop off areas. The bus loop in the front of the school (facing South) is for parents/family members dropping off students who are in Kindergarten. The Kiss n' Ride that is attached to the main parking lot is for our students in Gr. 1 -8.

Parents are asked not to park in the Kiss n' Ride zones before or after school. In the morning staff are available to escort children out of their cars and JK/SK students to the Kindergarten yard. Parents using the Kiss n' Ride area are not to get out of their vehicle or to leave their vehicle unattended in the loop or parking lot. A portion of the Bus Loop is a Fire Route. Therefore, cars are only permitted to park in designated spots as indicated by signage. School buses are unable to use the loop when cars are parked outside of the designated spaces.

Please note that the parking lot is for staff only. There are limited spots available and parents are asked to use the Kiss n' Ride appropriately and avoid parking in the parking lot (especially double parking in the lot or bus loop). Cars should not block the crosswalk or block the entrance/exit to the Kiss n' Ride. These poor practices continue to be a safety hazard for your child(ren).

As well, when you are pulling up to the curb to pick up your child(ren), **please move to the front of the pick-up area**. This will allow other drivers to pull up to the curb behind you so they can also pick up their child(ren). We ask that you have your child(ren) exit and enter the vehicle as quickly as possible and that you proceed forward while merging with the traffic.

The bus loop will be closed from 3:20 -3:40 to allow for the bus to enter into the bus loop. Once the bus is safely in the loop and then leaves, the area will be reopened for parents to pick up their children as necessary.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.



Hartman will be participating on Thursday March 10th in...

The Great Big Crunch



What an
a-peeling way to
spend the day!

-64,000 people crunched in 2010-

What: A synchronized 'great big crunch' of a locally grown apple with your friends, teachers and colleagues

When: Thursday, March 10th 2011 at 2: 30pm EST

Where: Classrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums and workplaces across Canada and beyond!

Why: Because it's fun, because apples are delicious and grown locally in Ontario, because March is Nutrition Month, because 64,000 people can't be wrong!

Find Out More!

Visit www.foodshare.net or email thegreatbigcrunch@foodshare.net to get more information about the crunch.



All students at Hartman will be invited to participate in the Big Crunch on Thursday March 10th at 2:30!

Donations to assist with the cost of the apples would be greatly appreciated!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Arts Electives	2 Arts Electives JK/SK	3	4 Pizza Lunch	5
6	7 Pasta Lunch	8 Scholastic Book Fair	9 Scholastic Book Fair	10 Scholastic Book Fair	11 Pizza Lunch Good News Assembly @ 11:15	12
13 MARCH BREAK ▲	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Pasta Lunch	22	23	24	25 Pizza Lunch	26
27	28 Pasta Lunch	29	30	31		

