



Hartman Public School

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From the Administrative Team

The hint of Spring is finally in the air. The days are brighter and longer and the weather is slowly warming up. We are all looking forward to seeing the signs of Spring as they begin to appear. At Hartman, our community members had many reasons for celebration and we send greetings to all of our community members who have celebrated significant family and faith days this month. We would like to thank Ms. Owrak for setting up the beautiful display for, the celebration of Norouz, the Persian New Year.

Our school community came together in March for our Good News Assembly and the Big Crunch. It was wonderful to see students performing and to have parents visiting. We celebrated Earth Hour, as did many families in our community, and saw the difference we can make by just turning off a few lights. Stop by our display at the front of the school to find out more about how we all celebrated Earth Hour. A special thank you goes to the students in Ms. Jefferson's class for sharing information with the rest of the school.

We are looking forward to another busy month at Hartman. Our junior boys and girls basketball teams, led by Mr. Edwards and Ms. Stickle are busy practicing and playing games against neighbouring schools. Preparations are well underway for our Cabaret Night in May with practices running almost everyday. Our school plans to "Pause to Play" in the week of April 22 - 25 where our Healthy Schools team will be organizing activities at school that encourage students to turn off their screens and get active. We will be looking for families to join us throughout this week to help bring back play. Stay tuned for more information. We will cap this week off with a "dance-a-thon" organized by the school council.

Believe it or not, we are starting to make plans for the 2014/15 school year. In order to help us plan appropriately, we are updating our numbers and ask that families let us know if you have plans to move out of the area. In order to best place students, our staff goes through a detailed process that involves looking at students' strengths and needs. We invite parents to have input into class placement decisions. While we cannot accept requests for specific teachers, parents can provide a great deal of important information including learning style and classroom environment needs. We have included the form for providing this input in this newsletter and will include it again next month. We ask that all forms be submitted to the office no later than May 23, 2014.

Spring is a wonderful time of renewal and, therefore, presents the perfect opportunity to set goals. We encourage our students to reflect on goals set and to continue to strive for success as we head towards the end of the school year.

Your partners in education,

Tim Dunn
Principal

Lorraine Doran
Vice Principal

Growing Together @ Hartman



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

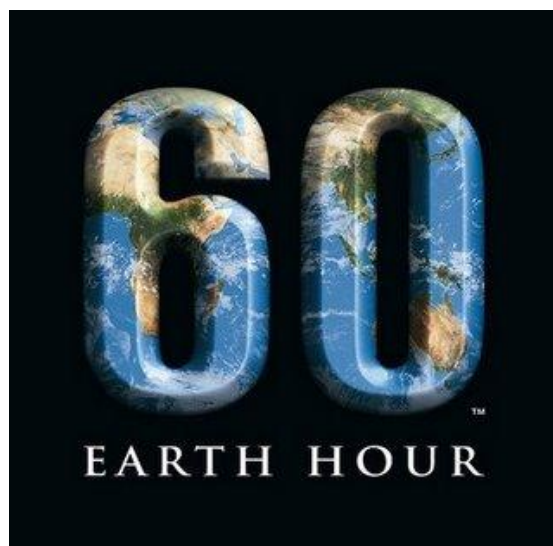
We would like to extend a huge thank you to our crew of volunteers who have made the commitment to read with our primary students. You are making a difference for our students and we appreciate your time.

We certainly recognize that it takes a village to raise our kids and we are always happy to welcome new volunteers. At this time we are looking for a few adult volunteers who could work with our kindergarten students during recess by engaging small groups in organized games and activities. If you could spare time between 12:50 and 1:50 each day, we'd be most appreciative. Please contact the office for information on how to get started. All volunteers require a current vulnerable sector check completed by York Region Police.

ECO NEWS

Earth Hour

On Friday, March 28, we participated in our Hartman Earth Hour event. We powered down for a solid hour. We monitored our energy use and discovered that our energy use dropped significantly during the hour and was significantly below our average use for the rest of the day. We need to remain focused on our efforts to turn off unneeded lights and computers. A single action like Earth Hour really does impact our awareness - but it takes sustained effort.



EQAO



In May of each year, the grade 3 and 6 students participate in the province-wide EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) testing. The assessment of all students in grade 3 and 6 programs provides quality information to educators, students and parents on the achievement of students in the areas of Mathematics and Language (Reading and Writing). This assessment provides important additional information for

improving student learning and supporting school improvement initiatives. **The EQAO tests will be held during the weeks of May 27 to June 6. The grade 3's will write on May 27, 28 and 29. The grade 6's will write on, June 3, 4 and 5.** Additional information about the grade 3 and 6 EQAO tests is available through the EQAO web site at www.EQAO.com

We ask that students be present at school during the testing time period. We thank you for your cooperation in refraining from booking appointments during the school day.

SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH - MAY

We are looking for volunteers from our community to help plan a half day of celebration and

education for South Asian Heritage in May.

If you are available to assist with this or if

you have ideas to share with us, please

let the office know.

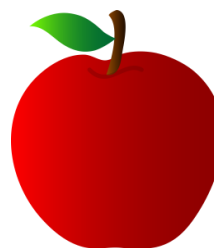
We will organize a meeting when we have volunteers confirmed.

The tentative date for the half day is May 12 in the morning.



THE BIG CRUNCH

On March 6th our Hartman Heroes took part in a cross Canada record setting event! All of our Hartman students crunched into an apple together to promote and encourage healthy eating. Every month Hartman provides healthy snack items for students to enjoy thanks to our "Healthy School Student Club!" Way to go Healthy Hartman!



CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR SEPT.

As our school begins organizing classes for September, it is valuable for parents to understand the process for student placement decisions. Our ultimate goal is to provide an optimum learning environment for each student. With that in mind, classroom teachers consider many criteria prior to placing students in classes for the next year. Some of these criteria include: learning style and personality of the child in relation to the potential teacher's teaching style, ensuring that each child has a positive social connection to the class, balancing gender and performance levels of students in each classroom as well as integrating the ESL and identified children in order to facilitate the Resource and Withdrawal programs. Parents who wish to share insights regarding their child(ren) that may be helpful in the decision-making process around class placements are asked to do so by completing the **Parental Input Form** and returning it to the office by the firm deadline of **May 23**. **Letters requesting specific staff members will not be accepted.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

DANCE-A-THON - APRIL 25 - see information flyer in newsletter

MABELS LABELS - see information flyer in newsletter

TAX RECEIPT DONATIONS - see information flyer in newsletter

JUNE 13 - 3:30 - 8:30 pm - FUN FAIR

Volunteers needed. If you are able to help out with the planning or on the day, please let the school council know. There is a volunteer sheet attached to the newsletter.

ARE YOU MOVING?

We are starting to look at enrolment for next September. If you know that you will be moving in the next six months, please let the office know as soon as possible.



APPROPRIATE DRESS POLICY

As the weather starts to warm up, we ask that you refer to the Appropriate Dress Policy section of the school policy handed out at the beginning of the year for the guidelines of what is and is not appropriate apparel for school.





HARTMAN PS Parental Input 2014/2015

Name of Student: _____

Present Homeroom Teacher: _____ **Grade:** _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

In preparation for class placement, I/we would like you to take into consideration the following factors about my/our child.

Relevant strengths (can include subjects or learning skills):

Area(s) that may require extra attention:

Types of teaching strategies to which he/she responds positively:

Students with whom he/she has a positive classroom relationships:

Other: (please do not request specific teachers, no combined/split grades, etc)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

If you wish to provide input, please complete this side of the sheet. If you know you are moving out of our area before September 2014, please complete the next page. Please return the sheet to the school in a sealed envelope, attention Mr. Dunn before Friday, May 16, 2014.

It is essential that forms be returned by May 16th to be taken into consideration.



April 2014

It's time to *pause to PLAY* April 22nd – April 25th, 2014!

Get ready to get active, eat healthy and stay safe! Children and youth are encouraged to put televisions, videogames and computers on *pause* for one full week. Instead try physically active, safe **PLAY**, eating healthy foods and other fun family or community activities. Take the challenge and see how much fun it can be!

We need to get more active.

- Only seven per cent of elementary school aged children get at least 60 minutes of heart pumping exercise at least 6 days a week
- Boys and girls are inactive at least eight hours a day
- Inactive lifestyles put children at risk for preventable health problems including Type 2 diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease

For health-related information call York Region

Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit

www.york.ca/healthyschools

HARTMAN's ANNUAL FUN FAIR

Adult Volunteers Needed

The Fair is looking for adult volunteers.

Without the help of volunteers, we cannot run a fair.

If you can help out in any of the shifts listed below, please check off and return this form to your child's teacher ASAP.

The fair is on Friday, June 13th from 3:30-9:30 and the following shifts are available:

3:30-5:30 ☐

5:30-7:30 ☐

7:30-9:30 ☐

9:30-11:00 ☐

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Thank you.

Tax Receipt Donation\$



**HARTMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING 2014**

The Hartman School Council is pleased to offer an opportunity to donate directly to the school to support School Council initiatives such as technology, sports, the arts programs and academia. We will provide a 2014 tax receipt for donations of \$25.00 and over.

100% of your money will go toward enriching the student experience at
Hartman Public School

Donate in Three Easy Steps

1. Complete the form below and cut along the dashed line
2. Write a cheque to *"Hartman Public School"*
3. Put both your form and cheque into an envelope, seal it, and write "Hartman PS Tax Receipt" on the outside and ensure the school receives it **no later than May 21, 2014.**

We can only provide a tax receipt for donations \$25 and above. We will *only* use your personal information to process your tax receipt. We will not accept postdated cheques. Your receipt will be processed in May and June for the 2014 tax year, and it will either come home with your child or will be mailed directly. **The last day to send in a donation and to get a 2014 tax receipt is May 21, 2014.**

Thank you for supporting all the students at HARTMAN!



Please complete the entire form and clearly print below:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Amount of Donation \$ _____

(Minimum \$25 for a receipt; no post dated cheques accepted)

Please make your cheque out to:

"Hartman Public School".

HARTMAN'S 1ST Annual DANCE A THON

Totally 80's, like, totally cool!

PLEDGE FORM

Date of the Dance: Friday April 25 throughout the school day

Our all inclusive Dance A Thon is meant to keep our kids healthy and active while having fun and raising funds for Hartman.

Students will be allocated approximately an hour during the day for the dance and the rest of the day they will be attending their regular classes. **Each student is asked to bring in at least \$2 for this event however each student will participate regardless of the amount raised. Students who raise \$10 or more will be entered into a draw to win a prize.** The class that raises the most donations will win a pizza party or free gym period. Pledges for \$25 or more are eligible for a Board-issued charitable donation receipt. Please note that addresses (including postal code) must be provided in full in order to receive a receipt. Students are asked to **NOT GO DOOR TO DOOR!** Please ask family, friends and neighbours that you know well.

100% of the Proceeds will support all the students at Hartman!

Thank you for your generosity!



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PLEDGE FORM

Date of the Dance: Friday April 25 throughout the school day

Student name: _____

Teacher and Grade: _____

[illegible]

Return this Pledge Form and all the collected money by Thursday, April 24 in an envelope/ ziplock bag marked DANCE . Money received after April 24, 2014 will be accepted, but entry into prize draws cannot be guaranteed. Please make all cheques payable to "Hartman Public School"

Use the back of this form for more pledges or additional information

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED & COLLECTED

\$_____

Support Our Fundraiser!

Yay! We are one step closer to eliminating our lost and found!

Hartman P.S. is fundraising with **Mabel's Labels**, the leading provider of cute, durable personalized labels that are as tough as they are cute.

Sticky Labels, Peel and Stick Clothing Labels, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more... there's a label for everything your child brings for the day.

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Easy, online ordering gets your labels dispatched within one business day to your door.

Visit www.hartman.mabelslabels.com to place your order and support Hartman's fundraising initiatives.

~ *The Hartman P.S. School Council*



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APRIL 2014

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4 Pizza Lunch 
7	8	9	10	11 Pizza Lunch 
14	15	16 School Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm in Library	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
21 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	22	23	24	25 Pizza Lunch  DANCE A THON TODAY!!
28	29 Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off	30		

UPCOMING DATES

- April 17 – Bug Detective Workshop (Ms. Jefferson's class)
- April 18 – Good Friday
- April 21 – Easter Monday
- April 23 – Arts package Kindergarten
- April 25 – Dance a thon
- April 28 – Arts presentation gr. 4 – 8
- April 28 – Jr boys bball area tournie
- April 29 – Jr girls bball area tournie
- April 29 – Jump Rope kick off 2 pm
- May 6 – Arts Package kindergarten
- Hep B/Meng/HPV Shots for Grade 7 & 8
- May 7 and 8 – Cabaret
- May 12 – South Asian Heritage Celebration
- May 14 – Girls Inc – grade 8
- May 15 – Jump Rope
- May 19 – Victoria Day holiday
- May 23 – Special Needs Track and Field
- May 26 – June 5 - EQAO
- June 6 – PA day
- June 13 – Fun Fair