



# Hartman Public School

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## December 2013



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### Administrative Team Message

As we approach the end of the 2013 calendar year, we take time to reflect upon the success of our school and our work to improve student achievement and promote well-being for all. For those who are new to the Hartman school community, our school has an *'Arts Focus'*. This simply means that the arts are used as an approach to effectively engage students with the curriculum. The Arts are fundamental components of all cultures. Therefore, it can also provide students with an opportunity to see themselves reflected in the curriculum. When the Arts are integrated into the curriculum, this allows students to make connections with the curriculum and to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in different ways! This is why, as you walk through the hallways at Hartman or enter classrooms, you will see beautiful art work posted! This is also the reason for bringing quality arts performers into the school, so that students get many opportunities to view, discuss and learn from artists in the community. For those who have attended our assemblies and special events, you will have noticed how our children shine as a result of the incredible music, dance and drama programs and the many ways in which the regular homeroom teachers also integrate art into many aspects of the curriculum (e.g. language, math, science). Most importantly, research continues to show a positive correlation between the integration of the arts and improved student achievement. Many of our grades 1 – 8 students and staff are working on performances to share at our Holiday Concert on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us for that. We look forward to the kindergarten presentation on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

In November, students and staff were very busy. We hosted some visitors from Holland, two Remembrance Day ceremonies and a Good News Assembly. Our junior and intermediate students have been busy playing volleyball. Our Wee Heroes finished off the fall session of games. Safety Patrollers are out on duty. The Peace Tree group, along with some of the classes, has organized a winter clothing and toy drive. The primary students are singing away with the 1-2-3 Singers and junior and intermediate students are making music in the Orff Ensemble and the choir. The art club, the tech club, the eco club, the math club and the healthy schools club are in full swing and the French student committee is beginning. The community garden is started and Ms. Shillolo's class is working on plans for the rest of the school year. They will be assisting the eco club in starting our green bin program and also are planning to start a vermicomposter.

As Hartman continues to grow, we continue to welcome new members to our school community. We would like to welcome back Linh Van as DECE in room 104 and we say good-bye and thank you to Insia Kanchwala who has worked with the kindergarten students in room 104 since September.

The School Council has been busy with our school events this fall. We are looking forward to seeing many of you this week at our Internet Safety Presentation. The need to understand social media to assist our children in being safe and responsible users has never been greater. Please join us for this FREE and important seminar. We are beginning to make plans for our second Winter Gathering and Dance scheduled for February. We would like to remind all of our community members that you are always welcome to attend school council meetings and we are always looking for volunteer support for our many initiatives. Please leave your name at the office if you would like to help out.

Partnership between home and school plays an important role in student improvement and achievement. Communication between home and school is an essential element of student success. We would like to thank all parents for attending the parent-teacher

conferences that were held in November. We appreciate your ongoing involvement in your child's education and the time you have spent communicating with staff. We look forward to strengthening our partnership in the upcoming year.

As the holiday season begins, we would like to thank School Council member, Sarah Martins, for the beautiful urns placed at the school entrance, the Christmas trees in our front foyer and office, and the Kwanzaa, Chanukah and Christmas display in the front cabinets. Finally, on behalf of our entire staff, we hope that your family enjoys peace and joy over the two week break.

*Have a safe and happy holiday.*

*Your partners in Education, Tim Dunn and Lorraine Doran*

# Growing Together @ Hartman

## Winter Clothing and New Toys Holiday Heroes Drive

We at Hartman Public School are working towards our goal of creating a community that grows together. In order to accomplish this goal, we are **collecting new toys and winter clothing (hats, mitts, and scarves)** for families in York Region, through the Holiday Hero Program that is affiliated with the York Region Police. If you are interested in helping these families we ask that all new donations be dropped off to our school office by Friday, December 13, 2013. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. The winter clothing can be seen hanging on our tree at the front door.

Together we can help families in our community have a warm and enjoyable holiday. Thank you for helping our community grow together,



## Helping Hands for the Philippines

Thank you to all families who donated books and came in to buy used books in support of hurricane relief in the Philippines. We raised over \$750 in one day. This was sent to the Canadian Red Cross and the government matched the donation to make our total gift over \$1500. Thank you so much!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR HOLIDAY CONCERT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6:30 PM.**

## Eco and Healthy Schools

Hartman Healthy Living Tip of the Month:



### Cook up some fun in the kitchen with your family!

The Dietitians from York Region Public Health are pleased to launch *Cook Up Some Fun!* - a campaign designed to help families with children aged 2 to 14 years plan, shop, cook and enjoy eating meals together. The campaign provides valuable how-to information, tips and resources to families about cooking together. It also provides lesson plan ideas for how teachers can introduce food skills into the curriculum. When families have fun cooking together and developing food skills, they tend to eat together more often.

Research shows that children who eat with their families are more likely to have healthier eating habits and better nutrition, be a healthy weight and have less chance of developing eating disorders. Eating together not only provides an opportunity to teach manners and social skills but it's linked to better language and literacy development as well as improved school performance. Teens are less likely to participate in risky behaviours such as smoking and drinking when they eat with their families more often.

If you're a parent or caregiver of children between the ages of 2 to 14, register today at the [Cook Up Some Fun!](#) website to receive monthly emails with recipes, practical ideas and suggestions.

## Eco Club News

Boomerang lunch is back at Hartman! Starting this week we will be promoting boomerang lunch every day. This means that all students will be taking home all of their non-recyclable and non-compostable waste (example: wrappers, containers, bags etc.). All fruit and vegetable waste will be going into the green bins and blue bin recycling will continue as it already does.

Thank you for your support and cooperation,  
The Eco Club

## Roots of Empathy

Our school has been invited to participate in a program called Roots of Empathy (ROE). Roots of Empathy is an evidence based program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression among children while raising social competence and increasing empathy. This year the program is running in our three kindergarten classes by our DECE'S Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Rahman and Mrs. Riddell who have been trained as ROE instructors. This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, a baby and her parents will visit the classroom. A ROE instructor will gather the children in the classroom around a green blanket and together they watch the baby grow.

The children predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the 'developmental milestones' of the first year: "She can roll over!" "She can crawl!"

The ROE Instructor also coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling: "Is the baby happy or sad?" "How can you tell?" And we use this discussion as a lever to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel: "Do you smile when you're happy?" "How can you tell if your friend is happy?" Being able to understand how other people are feeling is called **empathy**. In this experiential learning, the baby is the "Teacher" and a catalyst the instructor uses to help children identify and reflect on their feelings and the feelings of others. The ROE instructors will be teaching using specialized lesson plans for the nine themes of the program.

We are excited that we have been chosen to participate in Roots of Empathy, and we hope you are, too. If you have any questions please let us know or visit the program's website:

[www.rootsofempathy.org](http://www.rootsofempathy.org).

Check out more about Roots of Empathy in this article on [the Toronto Star website](#).



## Walking with Bells On - I-Walk for December



I-Walk theme for December is called *"Ring in the Holidays"*. Each Wednesday in December let's make walking fun for the whole school by wearing bells, wearing festive colours and being festive. What do you celebrate in December: Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, 2 weeks off school? Students, parents and teachers can walk to school wearing bells and singing seasonal songs like "Jingle Bells". Bells can be attached to chains or string and put on student's backpacks. So come out starting Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> and sing your way to school! I-Walk... Do You?

## Internet Safety Seminar

Parents are invited to attend our internet safety seminar on Wed. Dec.



**5 from 7 - 8:30 pm.** Our children are spending more and more time on the internet and social media. They need to know how to navigate it safely and we, as parents, need to know how to help. Please join us for this very important learning opportunity.

## Kindergarten Registration to Commence Jan. 17

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 17<sup>th</sup> for the 2014-15 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact the school.

## Volleyball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball team who had a great season. They worked very well together and did a fabulous job representing Hartman P.S. at the Area Tournament on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. The girls tied for third in their pool and tied for 5<sup>th</sup> overall. I am very proud of the team and I want to thank them all for making coaching so much fun. Thanks to Jacey, Sage, Viveka, Sathana, Mwabi, Mahma, Cassidy, Paria, Dina, Meaghan, Hannah, Emily and Samantha. Thank you to Mrs. Leonard and to parents for all your support.



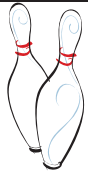
Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team who played very well against tough opponents. Team members were; Trevor, Noel, Aaron, Harrison, Ben, Brendan, Lucas, Ethan, Nabil, Hunter, Gerry, Jin and manager, Sabir. The team showed skill, effort and determination throughout the tournament. Special thanks to Ms. Hunter for helping coach with Mr. Edwards and our drivers; Ms. Chow, Ms. Fleischaker, and Ms. Smith. Thanks so much.

## Handicap Parking

Our school has two spots reserved for handicap parking and should not be used as overflow parking. Please ensure that these spots are available for members of the community who require them. Thank you for your kind consideration.







## ELECTIVES @ HARTMAN



We are pleased to announce that Winter Electives will be running on January 30<sup>th</sup> (Sports Day) and March 5<sup>th</sup> (Arts Day). On Sports Day, students from grades 1-8 will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities such as: skating, mini golf, laser tag, tubing, skiing, bowling, and indoor park play. As always we wish to encourage healthy living and daily physical activity at Hartman, and Sports Day is a fun and unique way to do so! In addition to participating in physical activities we recognize the importance of fostering the arts, and therefore will once again have an Elective Day dedicated entirely to the Arts. Students will participate in a variety of activities such as drama, dance, and art. The Elective Registration forms will be sent home this week. Most Options have limited space, and will fill up on a first come, first serve basis. So please send back forms with payment ASAP in order to avoid disappointment. Please note that the Kindergartens will be participating in their own Elective Program, and information will be sent home soon.

### Lost and Found

We have accumulated a lot of articles in our lost and found. We will be putting these items out for display in the hall on the main floor during the week of Dec. 9th. Please take a moment to look through the items and to retrieve items that belong to you. Unclaimed items will be bundled for the Goodwill at the end of that week.



### Substitute Peanut Butter

A substitute peanut butter product is being marketed to consumers as a safe alternative for children to bring to schools in place of peanut butter. We ask that parents refrain from including these kinds of products in your child's lunches or snacks. These products tend to look, taste, and smell very much like peanut butter. While the product is nut free, it mimics a known allergen that causes anaphylaxis in some children to the degree that it is indistinguishable from the allergen. It is a convincing substitute, opening up the possibility that it can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product.

The safety and well-being of our students is our first priority, which is why our schools have procedures in place to minimize risk of anaphylaxis reactions in our students.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in avoiding the use of these products to assist in our continued efforts to create a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment for all students.




## REMEMBRANCE DAY @ HARTMAN

On November 11th, Hartman hosted our Remembrance Day ceremonies to honour those soldiers past and present who have served to protect our country and our freedom. Poppies blossomed on the shirts of our students, staff and community during our Remembrance Day ceremonies. A Hartman "Wall of Honour" was displayed again this year to pay tribute to all of the soldiers in our community who have or are presently serving our country. It was so moving to see so many relatives who showed their bravery, loyalty and contribution to peace. Thank you to all who added to the wall. Hartman students honoured those soldiers through drama, song, dance, poems, video, marching cadets, and speakers. A special thank you to *Veteran Affairs Canada*, for their donation of newspaper articles, DVD's and posters, *the Department of National Defence*, for providing our speaker and to the *Aurora Legion*, for donating poppies and providing our wreath. An additional thank you to Mrs. Phillips for playing the trumpet for the Last Post.



LEST WE FORGET

## Extreme Weather Conditions

[Policy and Procedure #152.0, Inclement Weather Days](#)  outlines the commitment of the York Region District School Board to having each school within the Region open every instructional day. Recognizing that emergencies such as the breakdown of essential services or inclement weather can occur, the safety of students and staff shall be the prime consideration when decisions are made.

If road conditions force the cancellation of bus services, the following stations will be informed as early as possible, and will broadcast pertinent information to the community.

### RADIO


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|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 640 AM        | CHAY 93.1 FM  | NEWS 680 AM  | CHIN 1540 AM  | CJEZ 97.3 FM |
| CJBC 860 AM   | CHUM 104.5 FM | CHFI 98.1 FM | CFRB 1010 AM  | CKDX 88.5 FM |
| CKFM 99.9 FM  | CHUM 1050 AM  | CBC 99.1 FM  | CHIN 100.7 FM | JACK 92.5 FM |
| Q107 107.1 FM | Z103.5 FM     | CJCL 590 AM  | CJKX 89.9 FM  | 95.9 FM      |

### TELEVISION

CFTO TV CITY TV GLOBAL NEWS A-CHANNEL THE WEATHER CHANNEL

You can also visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) or contact the York Region Student Transportation Services School Bus Information Line at 1-877-330-3001 for bus cancellation information.

*As outlined in the Inclement Weather Days policy and procedure, parents/guardians are responsible for:*

- being aware of where they can obtain information about bus and/or school cancellations, such as, but not limited to, radio, television media, the [Student Transportation Services](#) website, and on the school's voicemail recording;
- using their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on inclement weather days when buses are cancelled but schools remain open;
- understand that if they choose to send their child to school on an inclement weather day, that their child should remain at school for the day and not request to leave through the main office during the day, unless due to a real emergency;
- being aware of the [Extreme Hot and Cold Weather and UV Protection Guideline](#)  and ensuring that their child(ren) are prepared for the weather conditions;
- following the school's safe arrival procedure on inclement weather days if their child is not planning to attend;
- recognizing that on inclement weather days, there are no lunch service arrangements, special lunches or special events/field trips and therefore should send a lunch with their child;
- making arrangements to have their child picked up at the end of the school day, if they transport their child to school, on days when school buses are cancelled; and
- making every attempt to ensure their child knows where they are to go if they arrive home early and cannot enter his/her home.

## Litter Round-Up with the Grade 5 Class

The York Region Litter Round-up Campaign for students in Grade 5 was held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and students from Ms. Kapustin's and Mrs. Long's classes participated in clean-up activities around the school property. The goal of a litter prevention program is to educate people that littering is unacceptable. Hartman students are **making a difference** in keeping our school and environment clean for all to enjoy.





### What's Happening @ Hartman

Student success and well-being continue to be our most important goal at Hartman. To that end, we endeavour to engage our students in activities that speak to a wide variety of interests. Right now, the following extra-curricular activities are offered:

- Junior Volleyball
- Drama/Dance
- Orff Ensemble (grades 5 - 8)
- Safety Patrollers
- Lunch Monitors
- Tech team
- 1,2,3 Singers (for primary)
- Choir (Junior/intermediate)
- Peace Tree Club (promoting positive school climate)
- Milk Monitors
- Healthy Schools Committee
- Art Team
- Eco Club and Garden Team
- French Council
- Math Club (grade 3)



# DECEMBER 2013

| M  | T                                  | W   | T   | F   |
|----|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 2  | 3<br>Mayhem Brothers<br>Grades 1-8 | 4<br>Jingle Bell Walk to<br>School<br><br>Mayhem Brothers<br>Grades 1-8 | 5<br>Social Media/Internet<br>Safety @ 7-8:30 pm<br><br>Mayhem Brothers<br>Grades 1-8 | 6<br>Pizza<br>Lunch<br>  |
| 9  | 10                                 | 11<br>Jingle Bell Walk to<br>School                                     | 12<br>Holiday Concert<br>6:30 pm  | 13<br>Pizza<br>Lunch<br> |
| 16 | 17                                 | 18<br>Jingle Bell Walk to<br>School                                     | 19<br>Good News Assembly<br>11:10 am  | 20<br>PA DAY<br>NO SCHOOL   |
| 23 | 24                                 | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 30 | 31                                 |   |   |   |

## UPCOMING DATES

- Dec 20-Jan 5 - Winter Vacation
- Jan. 14, 21, 28 - Girls Inc presentations (grade 3)
- Jan 17 - PA Day
- Jan 17 - JK Registration Begins
- Jan. 22 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30
- Jan. 28 - Jr Author - Liam O'Donnell (am)
- Jan. 29 - Int. Author - William Bell (am)
- Jan. 30 - Sports Electives Day
- Feb. 3 - Grade 9 course registrations due
- Feb. 4 - Grad Photos
- Feb. 12 - First Term Report Cards
- JK/SK Presentation



## Grade 8 Information Nights

| SECONDARY SCHOOLS - GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHTS<br>(for September 2014 Enrolment) |  |                               |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Alexander Mackenzie HS   | December 9, 2013<br>November 12, 2013 - Arts Alexander Mackenzie<br>(@ Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre) | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm            |
| Aurora HS  | January 16, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Bayview SS   | January 16, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Bill Crothers SS   | October 30, 2013 (for West/North YR)<br>November 5, 2013 (for East YR)<br>November 7, 2013 (for Central YR)  | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm |
| Bur Oak SS   | January 16, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Dr JM Denison SS   | November 21, 2013  | 7:00 pm                       |
| Dr GW Williams SS  | January 16, 2014   | 6:30 pm                       |
| Emily Carr SS  | January 21, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Huron Heights SS   | January 16, 2014<br>November 28, 2013 - Arts Huron Heights<br>(@ Huron Heights SS)                           | 7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm            |
| Keswick HS   | January 9, 2014  | 6:30 pm                       |
| King City SS   | January 16, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Langstaff SS   | November 21, 2013  | 7:00 pm                       |
| Maple HS   | January 9, 2014  | 7:00 pm                       |
| Markham DHS  | January 9, 2014  | 7:00 pm                       |
| Markville SS   | January 15, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Middlefield CI   | January 16, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Milliken Mills HS  | January 8, 2014  | 6:30 pm                       |
| Newmarket HS   | December 5, 2013   | 6:30 pm                       |
| Pierre E. Trudeau HS   | January 13, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Richmond Green SS  | December 10, 2013  | 7:00 pm                       |
| Richmond Hill HS   | January 9, 2014  | 7:00 pm                       |
| Sir William Mulock SS  | January 15, 2014   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Stephen Lewis SS   | January 9, 2014  | 7:00 pm                       |
| Stouffville DSS  | January 16, 2013   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Sutton DHS   | December 5, 2013   | 6:30 pm                       |
| Thornhill SS   | December 5, 2013   | 7:00 pm                       |
| Thornlea SS  | October 24, 2013   | 6:30 pm                       |
| Unionville HS  | January 15, 2014<br>November 5, 2013 - Arts Unionville<br>(@ Flato Markham Theatre)                          | 7:00 pm                       |
| Vaughan SS   | January 16, 2014   | 6:30 pm                       |
| Westmount CI   | January 16, 2014<br>October 16, 2013 - Arts Westmount<br>(@ City Playhouse)                                  | 7:00<br>7:00 pm               |
| Woodbridge College   | November 28, 2013  | 7:00 pm                       |

# Grade 8 Course Selection Information Evening and Open House



## Alexander Mackenzie High School

300 Major Mackenzie Drive West, Richmond Hill

**Monday, December 9, 2013**

**7:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.**

### AGENDA

#### **Welcome:**

Debra Conrad-Knight, Principal and Otilia Olteanu, Vice-Principal

#### **Guidance Presentation:**

Programming @ AMHS and diploma requirements

#### **Department Visits:**

Subject Department Heads will share information about grade 9 courses and curriculums

#### **To be submitted to Grade 8 homeroom teachers:**

Registration Forms are due before Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Signed course selection forms are due before Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.



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