



# Hartman Public School

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## Feb/March 2014



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## *From the Administrative Team*

One of the most important jobs we have at school is to engage and empower our students; we encourage students to explore new opportunities, to think critically and take action to improve their community and to pursue their interests and dreams. This is done in and out of the classroom. We have tried to capture some of the experiences in which our students are currently engaged.

So far, February has been an active month at Hartman. Our students have been engaged in a wide variety of learning experiences. We have intermediate girls and boys' basketball teams in full swing. In fact their area tournaments are this week. There are lots of clubs like lego robotics and quilting, choirs and drama groups; our primary students have had some wonderful artistic experiences, the whole school experienced a multi-media presentation that focused on Black History and we turned down the heat and participated in National Sweater Day. Students, parents and staff shared the love through candy-grams during the week of Valentine's Day. That was a lot of fun and helped to raise some money to support the grade 8 graduation. Thank you to Mrs. Martins, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fleischaker for your work organizing the event and to the intermediate students who assisted.

The kindergarten students and their teachers hosted their "Enchanted Evening" last night. Our youngest students shared the joy of learning with their families. To celebrate the Olympic spirit, our primary students are planning to take to the snow for their own outdoor Olympics on Monday.

Our first term report cards have been completed. We would like to remind parents, that while there were not specific interview days assigned to this set of reports, parents are encouraged to make a phone call or book an appointment to discuss their child's progress.

Hartman will continue to hop as we move through February and into March. Junior and intermediate students are busy helping M. Séto and Mme. Jackson to prepare for our week of Carnaval du français which will occur during the last week of February. Students in grades 4 to 8 will be involved in many activities including presentations in the gym, crêpe lunches, outdoor activities, hot chocolate and many visits from Bonhomme. They will have a lot of fun while learning about French Canadian culture and the French language along the way. Many, many thanks go to the parents who are assisting with donations and with the actual events. Your support, as always, is most appreciated.

Our School Council is very pleased to invite families to our Winter Wonderland Family Night, Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. We invite all families to join us for an evening to celebrate our community. There will be a dance in the gym, a book fair in the library, family games and crafts and some pizza and snacks as well. Later on in the evening, we will be sharing our favourite bedtime stories. We hope to see you there. Please note that advance tickets are available now. See the flyer later in the newsletter.

Our March calendar is full of great events. Arts electives day is March 4<sup>th</sup>, an author visit is in store for our primary students on the 5<sup>th</sup> and our Good News Assembly is on the 6<sup>th</sup>. There are several Arts events, funded through our Arts Packages in March. Our grade 2, 4 and 7 students visit the Vivian Outdoor Education Centre. We will be participating in our own Earth Hour activities on March 28<sup>th</sup> and invite you to participate on March 29<sup>th</sup> at home.

In the classroom, we continue to provide students with rich and meaningful learning opportunities. A focus this year, is to help students develop structures to organize and share their thinking across all subject areas. One of the key questions we ask students is "What makes you think that?" We encourage you, as parents, to look for ways to make your thinking visible for your children and to help them to do that for you as well.

With all this learning, we are grateful that March also includes a much deserved holiday for our students and staff. March Break occurs from March 10 to 14<sup>th</sup>. March 7<sup>th</sup> is a PA day for staff to build on our knowledge and skills, so students do not come to school that day.

We extend warm congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer Capone on the birth of her daughter and we welcome Mrs. Jane Cornelius as she takes over in the grade one class. Welcome back to Mr. Tomoya Tsutsumi. Thank you to Mrs. Sue Linley and Mrs. Sandra Ivory for filling in so capably in his absence.

Your partners in education,

Tim Dunn  
Principal

Lorraine Doran  
Vice Principal

# Growing Together @ Hartman

The staff and students at Hartman are focusing on the many ways we can grow together as a community. Creating our community garden is just one way we are growing together.

## National Sweater Day

On Thursday, Feb. 6, Hartman participated in our fourth annual National Sweater Day. We turned down the thermostat and put on our sweaters in an effort to save energy. It was an extremely successful day and our energy graphs showed a significant drop in usage. Way to go, Hartman!

## Earth Hour 2014

At Hartman, we will be participating in Earth Hour on Friday, March 28 from 9:30 - 10:30. At that time, we will be shutting down all energy-use items. Our lights, computers and electronic devices will be turned off during that hour in order to show our commitment to responsible environmental stewardship. This is a worldwide movement, and the actual hour occurs on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. We invite you to participate at home. Send us your stories and we will post them on our community bulletin board. Let's see how much we can impact the environment in just one hour. For more information visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)



## IWalk - Olympics

Our walking theme this month is **Olympic Walk**. Students are asked to walk to school with any 'Olympic' Wear they may have. They may also want to make and bring a torch, handmade or otherwise, etc.

We will be having a **Medal Chart** up by the I Walk Tree that will keep record of what we have won! Friday Feb 7th was the first official day of events.

Students and staff have been exploring the character traits displayed by athletes from all around the world and have been following Canada's athletes as they go for Gold in Sochi. Go Canada!!

Thanks to all families for walking to school to support healthy, happy students.



# Safety is Everyone's Responsibility

Please be reminded that at Hartman we work to ensure each child's 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.

Driving tips:

- Please do not use cell phones when driving through the parking lot or kiss n' ride. Little ones can dart out of no-where so you need to be alert.
- SLOW DOWN - we recognize that you may be rushing to get to work, however, student safety must be the most important consideration while in the parking lot.
- Avoid left hand turns out of the parking lot during busy morning drop off. It will be much safer and likely quicker in the long run to turn right.



At Hartman there are 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.** By-law enforcement officers have been monitoring these areas and are ticketing cars parked in these areas. In the morning staff members 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. If your child needs you to walk them to the kindergarten area, please park in the parking lot to the east of the building or on a nearby side street and walk them in. The Kiss n' Ride areas are far too busy to have cars parked for any period of time.

When you are pulling up to the curb in the the Kiss n' Ride areas to drop off or 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 on the curb side and that you proceed forward while merging with the traffic. At all times, but especially after school, please do not stop or park in the bus loading zone directly in front of the school doors. This location is reserved for pick up of bussed students only.

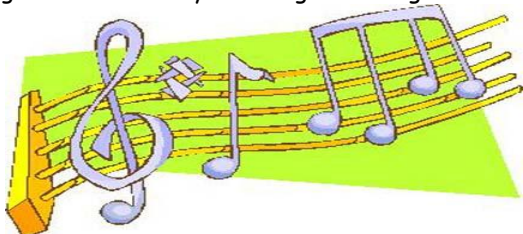
Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.

## Hold the Date Thursday May, 8

"What good is sitting alone in your room, come hear the music play! Life is a CABARET old chum, so come to the CABARET!"

On May 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> come watch students in Grades 4-8 perform songs from some of Broadway's best loved musicals along with a few other favorites. You are sure to be entertained and taken back down memory lane by songs from "Annie", "The Sound of Music", "Wicked", "The Lion King", "Hair Spray", and "Oliver", just to name a few.

Bring the whole family for a night of song and dance



On Thursday, March 6, Hartman Public School students and staff members will take part in The Great Big Crunch. This event is happening in classrooms and schools all across Canada to celebrate March as Nutrition Month. The emphasis is to promote the apple as not only a highly nutritious food but also a locally grown product. We will be participating as an entire school and, after a countdown, we will all crunch down on our apples at the same time.

What delicious fun!

## Junior Co-ed Volleyball

The team, comprised of both boys and girls in grades five and six, has been practicing since November. Many exhibition games against other Aurora schools were played throughout the season, providing our players with the opportunity to further develop their volleyball skills in a fun, yet competitive game environment. Regardless of whether the team was winning or losing a game, members demonstrated great sportsmanship and positive attitudes.

On January 22, the team participated in the Central Area Volleyball Tournament at Aurora Senior PS with a total of 13 schools. Hartman faced some tough competition and played well throughout the day. They won 2 games and lost four.

The players are thankful for the many parents who drove them to games and cheered them on. Ms. Bazos (coach) would like to congratulate the following students for a wonderful season: Ryan W., Melanie N., Harrison F., Daniella F., Daniel T., Sadie B., Ideen S., Alexa D., Mohammed H., Jenna L., Kenny C., and Lily S.





**REMEMBER !**  
**Daylight Savings Begins**  
**March 9th.**  
**Spring forward !**  
**Turn your clocks ahead**  
**an hour.**



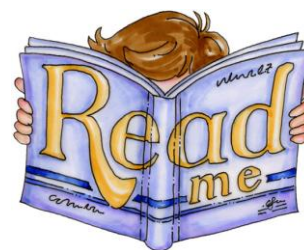
**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - Don't Delay**  
 Kindergarten Registration for Sept., 2014 is underway.  
 Registrations forms are available on the Board's website:  
[www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) or in the school  
 office.

Children who turn four or five years  
 old during 2014, and live within the  
 school boundary should come to  
 register between 9:15 am and 4:00 pm.



## @ HPS Library

Scholastic book fair will be held in the library from Tues. Feb. 25th to Fri. Feb. 28th. It will be open during Winter Wonderland event. The library is a busy place with 8039 books being signed out so far this year. If a book is damaged please return it to Ms.. Allen for repair as there is special tape that is used for repairing.



Did you know that when you order Scholastic books that the classroom receives bonus points that help the teacher create a classroom library. Something to keep in mind for next month.

### Search and Seizure

As per the protocol between the York Region District School Board and the York Regional Police, please be aware of the right of school administration to search school property, such as lockers, desks and backpacks, without notice to or permission of any person. Also, from time to time, police may be invited onto any school premises to conduct their own searches without notice to or permission of any member of the school community other than the school principal.

### EQAO NOTICE

All grade 3 & 6 students in publicly funded schools throughout Ontario will be participating in Language and Mathematics assessment activities during a two-week period.

The subtests are to be completed in a specific order so student absence during the testing period is challenging. We respectfully request that parents make every effort to avoid absences or arranging medical and dental appointments during this time.

The assessments must be conducted from **May 26th - June 6th.**

## Battery Recycling

At Hartman, we offer a depot for battery recycling.  
 Black electrical tape is being placed beside the battery recycling container. **For safety reasons**, staff and parents are required to tape the terminal ends on 6-volt and 9-volt batteries **BEFORE** placing them in the container. These batteries can be a fire hazard if the terminal ends come in contact with anything metal.



## Parking Lot Information

Please ensure that the parking spaces designated for disabled members of the community are reserved for those who need them. All vehicles parking in the identified disabled parking should have a permit showing on the front dash.

Several people have reported damage done to their vehicles while in the school parking lot. If you happen to witness any incident, we would appreciate it if you could notify the office. We also appreciate everyone taking extra care in the parking lot. Thank you.



## **What's Happening at Hartman - Clubs and Activities**

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

## **Lunch Assistants Needed**

We are in need of lunch assistants on a casual basis. This paid position is available to members of the Hartman school community. If you are interested in an on-call position for one hour a day, please visit the school office for more information.

### **Crochet Club Needs.....**

The crochet club is looking for any balls of yarn that you could donate. Please bring donations to the office. Thank you

# MARCH 2014

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5 Primary Author Visit	6 Good News Assembly 11:15 am	7 PA DAY NO SCHOOL
10-14	MARCH BREAK			
17	18 Dental Screening	19 Dental Screening	20	21 Pizza Lunch 
24	25 Arts Pkg Performance Gr 4-8	26	27	28 Pizza Lunch   Earth Hour @ Hartman  JK/SK Arts Pkg Storyteller
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## UPCOMING DATES

- Feb. 24 - 28 - le carnaval de Quebec
- Feb. 25 - 28 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 28 - Winter Wonderland Family Night at Hartman (dance, games, bedtime story, book fair) 6:30 - 9:00
- Mar. 5 - Primary Author - Lana Button (am)
- Mar. 6 - GNA 11:15
- Mar. 7 - PA Day
- Mar. 10 - 14 - March Break - holiday
- Mar. 20 - Vermi-composting workshop
- Mar. 21 - Vivian Outdoor Ed trip (Grade 2 - Croswell/Jefferson)
- Mar. 24 - Vivian Outdoor Ed trip (Grade 4 Mayer)
- Mar. 25 - Vivian Outdoor Ed trip (Grade 2 - Nicitopoulos/Nicitopoulos)
- Mar. 25 - Arts Package performance in gym grades 4 - 8 (am)
- Mar. 26 - Vivian Outdoor Ed trip (Grade 4 - Leonard/Stickle)
- Mar. 27 - Vivian Outdoor Ed trip (Grade 7 - Paczek)
- Mar. 28 - Vivian Outdoor Ed trip (Grade 7 - Carvalho/Richardson)
- Mar. 28 - Arts Package - Storyteller Natalie Vachon (kg)
- Mar. 28 - Earth Hour at Hartman (9:30 - 10:30)
- Mar. 29 - Earth Hour International

# YORK SIMCOE MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

A premier organization delivering football programs to York and Simcoe Regions

*Respect • Honesty • Integrity • Fair Play • Discipline • Perseverance*



House League for players 6–12 years of age.

AAA OVFL for players 8–19 years of age.

## Spring House League

House League Tackle Football is offered for boys and girls of varying ages and focuses on the introduction of football and player development. **The Mite** division is for ages 6, 7, and 8; **Atom** for ages 9 and 10; and **Peewee** for ages 11 and 12.

The season runs from March – July with two weeknight practices and Sunday afternoon games. Equal playing time is encouraged and players will learn both an offensive and defensive position.

## Equipment

Upon registration, every player is provided with a certified helmet, shoulder pads, mouth guard and protective foam pads for the knees, thighs and kidneys. They are also outfitted with practice and game jerseys and pants. All equipment is loaned to the player and must be returned at the end of the season. Players keep their game jerseys. The only item that players provide is cleats.

## Injury Prevention

Tackle football is a high-contact, high-intensity sport and it is vital for the York Simcoe Bucs to understand the steps that have to be taken to prevent injury. Proper warm-ups and equipment protection are key, as is providing solid fundamental skills for our players.

*For more information and to register visit:*

**[www.bucsfootball.ca](http://www.bucsfootball.ca)**



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## AAA Summer & Fall League

The York Simcoe Bucs are proud to be playing in the Ontario Varsity Football League (OVFL). The OVFL's objectives are the same as the York Simcoe Bucs': To teach and encourage fair play, good character, social responsibility and sportsmanship among young athletes.

The OVFL allows the York Simcoe Bucs to play at a competitive AAA level. This is offered to players from ages 8–19.

## Coaching

The York Simcoe Bucs selects coaches that will have the greatest benefit to our teams/players and meet the coaching requirements and mandate of our organization. We provide free coaching clinics and will also cover certification courses for every coach.







**It'll be an Exciting Evening of Crafts, Games, Dancing  
and a Book Fair!**



**Pizza, Drinks and Snacks Available!**



**Storytelling with Mr. Dunn & Ms. Doran at 8 pm!**

*~ Please Join Us For ~*

# **Winter Wonderland Family Night @ Hartman!**

**When: Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Time: 6:30 pm- 9pm**

**Advanced tickets \$5.00 per Family**

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**\$2.00 per Person**



**ALL HARTMAN FAMILIES WELCOME!**



As advanced tickets are limited, kindly return this form back to your child's teacher no later  
than **Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> 2014**.

Presold Family Passes/Individual Tickets will be sent home Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Evening of Ticket Sales: \$3.00 per person (space permitting).

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**Childs Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Pass (\$5.00)**



**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Tickets:**  
**(\$2.00 x \_\_\_\_\_) = \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dancing:**      **YES**       **NO** 

**Total Number of  
Persons Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Supervision Required, Cash Only Please!