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Hartman Herald

Greetings Hartman Families,

Let me begin by saying how thrilled I am to be the new principal of Hartman PS. I look forward to getting to know all of our students and their families as we support the learning of all our pupils. My on-going focus is twofold: safety and learning. It is imperative that we all work together to ensure the safest and most effective learning environment each and every day at school. I am impressed with how welcoming everyone is here, and how people have made me feel a part of the Hartman community since my first day.

Please take note of the following regarding the safety of our students if you are dropping them off or picking up. With the cold weather last month, I realize our traffic congestion has been greater than it usually is:

The front of the school loop is only for kindergarten students or daycare drop offs, and for a few board vehicles delivering students

Parking in the front school loop is only for parents delivering children to the daycare

Any student in grades 1-8 should be dropped off in the Kiss'n'Ride in the parking lot at the north end of the lot as designated by the signs

Please respect the pylons that are in place for safety and order – they are not to be moved at any time!

There must always be a lane for cars to pass through – do not leave your car if you are blocking anyone from moving their vehicle

Please do not use your horn on board property – it only serves to scare children

Thank you for being patient – our goal is the safe arrival and pick up of all students who are arriving via an automobile

Staff are on duty to receive students between 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. each day

On another note, we are proud of the cultural celebrations that went on in our school during the month of February. Some of these were a trip for the grade seven and eight students to Newmarket Theatre in celebration of Black History Month, artwork and dance in celebration of Lunar New Year, and special projects in many of our classrooms, including the photo below of the gorgeous dragon created by some of the grade three and four students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding Hartman PS. I look forward to getting to know everyone.

Respectfully,

Steve Helston



The BIG CRUNCH—What an *a-peeling* way to spend the day!

March is Nutrition Month and Hartman is a Healthy School! We were proud to host our annual Great Big Crunch Day on Thursday March 12th at 2:30! We had a synchronized ‘great big crunch’ of a locally grown apple with our friends, teachers and colleagues.



A message from the Office

If you will not be attending Hartman PS in September, please notify the office in writing as soon as possible.



School Council News—Winter Wonderland A Huge Success

The Hartman PS School Council wants to thank all those families who came out to our Winter Wonderland Event on February 27th. Families enjoyed many different activities including dancing, games, crafts, story telling, raffle prizes and a book fair. We had such a great turn out and this wouldn't have been possible without all of the volunteers who helped in the set up, running and clean up of the event.



Say My Name Campaign—**PINK SHIRT** day

On February 25th, The Auroran newspaper stopped by to photograph the enormous support shown by the staff and students wearing their pink shirts. The significance of the Pink Shirt is in collaboration with the “Say My Name” 30 day kindness challenge. The focus of this challenge is on building a safe, caring and inclusive environment at Hartman.

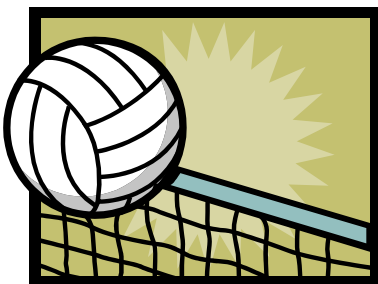


Hartman Heroes—Sports Update

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Basketball Team on another successful season. The boys had a series of strong exhibition games, where they defended their home court with grit and determination. At the Area Meet they continued their solid offense and every game was decided by two baskets or less. We congratulate all our team members on their strong work ethic and great sportsmanship. We wish our graduating players all the best, and look forward to another great season with the returning players. Hartman Hero Hoops - Nothing But Net!

The Intermediate Girls Basketball Team had an incredible season this year. After winning the Tier Two Division last year, the girls came into 2015 ready to move up to the more competitive Division One Bracket. The girls played several exhibition games in the pre-season and remained undefeated due to their tremendous teamwork, and the continuous development of their skills. At the Area Tournament the girls continued their winning streak, and easily advanced to the semi-finals, which took place on the second day of competition. Hartman demonstrated tremendous heart in the semi-finals against the very skilled Aurora Senior team, and fell just short of making it to the finals. However, like true Heroes, the girls shook off the loss and came back to clinch third place in the Area with their big win against Aurora Grove. Ms. Stickle was so proud of her ten star players, who not only demonstrated amazing skill, but also excellent leadership, teamwork, and perseverance. The seven graduating players will be missed! Way to go Heroes!

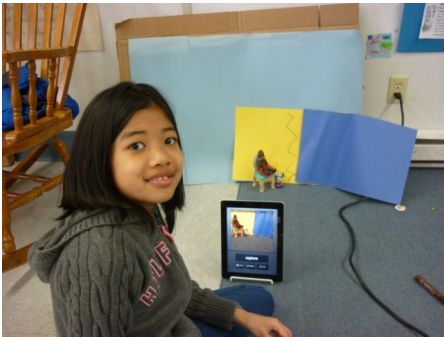
Bump! Set! Spike! The junior volleyball team competed at the area tournament on January 28. Of thirteen schools, Hartman came in an impressive fourth. The team devoted many lunch hours and much after school time to practise their skills, making excellent improvement. Coaches Leonard, Spinelli and Huisman are very proud of each and every member of the team.



Arts Electives Day



On March 10th, students from Grades 1-8 put the **ART** in **HART**man! Students participated in a number of Art activities including tie dye crafts, hip-hop dance, claymation and watercolour painting just to name a few.



Autism Awareness

Over the month of March our Hartman Heroes will be educated about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the day to day successes and challenges of individuals with Autism. Autism Ontario has invited Hartman Public School to participate in their 2015 **Raise the Flag campaign**. The Raise the Flag campaign is a powerful way of helping our Hartman community learn more about Autism. Autism Ontario is the province's largest provider of services for helping individuals with Autism as well as their families. Autism Ontario is dedicated to providing ASD information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for individuals with Autism as well as their families. Autism Ontario works towards increasing public awareness about ASD.

April 2, 2015 is *WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY!* Over the month of March our Hartman Heroes will be exposed to a variety of educational experiences which will enhance their knowledge and awareness of ASD. Our Hartman Heroes will be raising money for Autism Ontario by donating a toonie for Autism. When our school raises over \$250, we will fly our Autism Awareness Day flag on April 2, 2015 and be a part of a province-wide celebration. Our flag will be visible for all to see on Hartman's flag pole outside.

If students choose to bring in a toonie for Autism, they will receive a blue puzzle piece to display on their classroom door. The puzzle piece represents the Hartman students coming together to support Autism Awareness. The class that has the most amount of participation will **win a pizza party** to celebrate their wonderful achievement. Also, on April 2, 2015 we will be having a spirit day where students will be asked to wear blue, as blue is the colour to show our support for Autism Awareness! The divisions (Kindergarten, Primary, Junior or Intermediate) that wear the most amount of blue will receive a treat to show our gratification. We appreciate all of your support and enjoy any opportunity to bring our school community together!

Sincerely,

Hartman's Community Class, Support Staff, and SERT team

