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From the Administrative Team

As the month of May is now upon us, this marks the beginning of a very active time of year around the office. As we put things in place to begin to close the 2013/14 school year, we begin our planning for a smooth transition into the upcoming 2014/15 school year. If you know you will be moving, or going to a different school, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Parents/guardians are asked to complete the input form included in this newsletter to provide input on class placement decisions. As a reminder, we do not accept requests for specific teachers.

This May there are a few changes in our staffing. At this time we would like to wish Ms. Paczek and Mr. Boyd well as they will be on leave for the rest of this school year. We welcome Ms. Ivory to take over for Mr. Boyd. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish Madame Corey Jackson congratulations on her retirement and thank her for the many wonderful years of service to students and their families.

In Ontario, May is recognized as South Asian Heritage Month and in Canada as Asian Heritage month. We are planning an event on May 12 where we will have the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the long and rich cultural history of Asian and South Asian Canadians. If you have some cultural/historical connections to Asian or South Asian culture and are able to assist with organization and/or running of this event, please contact the office.

We are looking forward to our Cabaret performances on May 7 and May 8. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening of music and drama performed by our wonderful cast of students from grades 4 to 8. Remember, tickets are free but must be reserved ahead of time.

Now that the weather is getting a wee bit warmer, we will be enjoying the outdoors even more. A reminder that with spring weather comes the need for rain gear and sun protection. On sunny days, students should bring hats, wear sunscreen and ensure they have plenty to drink. We are looking forward to drier weather when we can get out on the field to play. Look for a new tree to be planted in the yard this spring to add to the shade!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming community events.

Your partners in education,

Tim Dunn
Principal

Lorraine Doran
Vice Principal

Growing Together @ Hartman

Growing Together: School - Community - Earth



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

More Hartman students are walking to school thanks to our Healthy schools I-Walk program. Each month our Healthy Schools club students, along with our public health nurse, Sarah, and teachers like Mr. Edwards and Ms. Croswell come up with themes like our April theme entitled, "Earth Walk" in conjunction with Earth Day. Students found earth globes as they walked to school and coloured in earth globes to put on our wall in the hallway. Pause to Play was another initiative that got students active last month and *bike safety* is our theme for May. We are also having a teacher *pedimeter challenge* with Rick Hansen to see who will put on the most foot Kilometers. Let's stay Healthy Hartman!

STUDENT FUNDRAISER FOR AURORA UNITED CHURCH

Some of our students in Ms. Stickle's grade 4/5 class have initiated a fundraising activity to support the rebuilding efforts for Aurora United Church. They are making and selling "Rainbow Loom" bracelets for \$2.00 each Friday at morning recess. The students are very excited and proud about helping out others in their local community. We are very proud of them too.

ECO NEWS

ENERGY USE IS DOWN

The light brigade has been on the lookout for lights left on and they have been reminding us to turn off some of our lights on bright, sunny days. As a result, our energy use has decreased considerably in the month of April. We are looking to improve some more in May and June. We know that when we use less electricity we are helping to burn less fossil fuel which, in turn, helps to improve the quality of air we breathe and helps to reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses we produce. Way to go, Hartman!

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

Students will be heading outside the afternoon of Friday, May 9, to pitch in and help clean up the area surrounding Hartman. It is a great way to get outdoors and help our community!



SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Between May 20 and June 2, we will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a school climate survey. The surveys provide the Board and our school with valuable information about how you feel about the school environment and your child's education. The results will be used to identify areas that need to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. We value parent input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information parents provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Information about how to access the survey will be sent home with students later in May. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

DANCE-A-THON - The staff and students participated in a very fun day of dancing and fundraising with the assistance of our school council. This was a resounding success with over \$3000 raised. Thanks to all families who participated and assisted with the event.

FUN FAIR - School Council is busy planning for the much anticipated fun fair on **Friday, June 13**. This requires the dedication of many volunteers. If you are able to assist prior to and/or on that date, please let us know. Committees will begin meeting this month.



CLASS BASKETS - we will be putting together class baskets again this year. Stay tuned for the theme from each class.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS - we are currently collecting donations for the silent auction. Please contact School Council through the office if you have a donation or know of a company that would be willing to make a donation.

HARTMAN SHOWCASE AUDITIONS (MAY 12 3:40 - 5, MAY 14 3:40 - 5 - SIGN UP OUTSIDE the OFFICE

TWOONIE TUESDAYS will continue through May (popcorn and ice dawgs)



NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:30 pm in the Library.

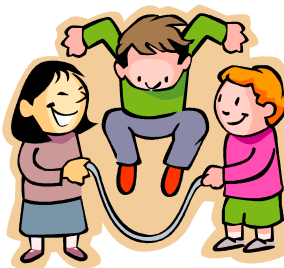
STUDENT BUSSING ELIGIBILITY

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Our school is taking part in the Jump Rope for Heart Event again this year. Jump Rope for Heart is a fun, charitable event that gets our students physically active and raises money to help children and adults across

the country in their fight against heart disease and stroke. On **Thursday May 15th** our Hartman Heroes will be jumping to raise vital funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Donations can be made online or using the donation envelopes until May 15th. The top two fundraising classes will win an ice cream party and the top individual earner will enjoy being the principal for the afternoon. Last year, Hartman students raised over \$8,000! Way to go Hartman Heroes! Together, we can make a difference!

Congratulations to Hartman's Lego Robotics Team

In mid-April, three junior teams and one intermediate team participated in York Region's Annual Lego Robotics Tournament! There were two challenges that we prepared for over many weeks. To do so, we had to both create and program robots using the Lego Mindstorm Kits that met the criteria for each challenge.

While preparing for the challenges, we were most impressed with the enthusiasm, dedication and teamwork that this group of boys demonstrated during both the weekly practices and while at the tournament. We are very proud of the Intermediate team for achieving an award for the Most Effective Design in the Speed Skating Challenge. We are equally proud of all the junior boys who showed incredible perseverance, sportsmanship and optimism when facing the tournament for the first time. Since our last meet we have been approached many times by members of the team wondering when the team will start-up again next year! This is most certainly a sign that this Club offered a positive experience for all involved!

Thanks to Ms Shillolo and Mr. Donald for all your hard work!



Our Worm Chalet

This year we got two vermicomposters to create nutrient-rich fertilizer for our school gardens. The vermicomposter is home to hundreds of red wiggler worms that break down our fruit and vegetable waste and turn it into castings (worm poo)!



Some things about the vermicomposter.

- we call the large, fancy vermicomposter a chalet.
- there is one pound (800 - 1000) of red wigglers inside
- a group of worms is called a squirm

Adopt-a worm program

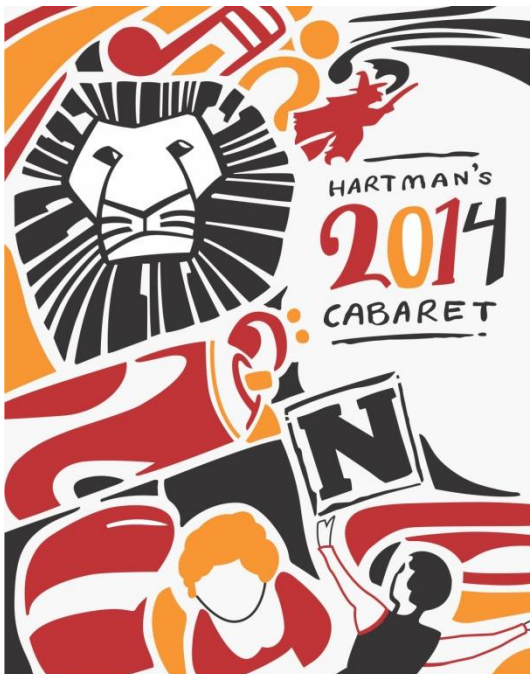
Our class decided to let our school community adopt worms to raise money for our vermicomposters. We raised \$167.75 - this was more than double our goal! Congratulations to Ms Dibratto's class for adopting more worms than any other! Her class adopted 75 worms and in total our community adopted 445 worms!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Adopt-a Worm program!

Written by Spiro and Reuben (with help from the rest of Ms Shillolo's class)



CABARET - MAY 7 AND 8TH



Design by Brandon N.

"Life is a Cabaret old chum, so come to the CABARET!"
~John Kander

On May 7 and 8 at 7 pm we are hosting a musical production featuring grades 4 - 8 students performing some of Broadway's best loved music. Tickets must be purchased in advance and they are FREE. Very limited seating still available.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming Welcome to Kindergarten session for new Kindergarten children and their parents.

This will take place on May 22nd from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This session is for both the student and parent(s) to attend. A hands-on workshop and a classroom orientation/tour will take place this evening.

We will also be inviting some of our community partners (Aurora Public Library, Ontario Early Years, etc) to attend with information on programs for

kindergarten students. We are looking forward to meeting our future students!



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 26-June 5, 2014.** Additional information about the grade 3 and 6 EQAO tests is available through the EQAO web site at www.EQAO.com. Grade 3's will be writing on May 26, 27 and 28. The grade 6's will be writing on May 29, June 2 and 3.

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.

ARE YOU MOVING?

We are looking 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.



CLUBS AND TEAMS IN MAY

- Cabaret
- Badminton
- Quilting
- Track and field
- Eco club
- Healthy Schools
- Orff ensemble
- Choir
- Art club
- Tech team
- Chill zone
- Poetry club
- Walking Wed
- Go Girls
- Crochet Club

BASKETBALL

JUNIOR BOYS

The Junior Boys Basketball team had a fantastic season this year. The players developed a lot of skill and learned many new plays from their coaches, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Donald. They competed in many exhibition games and two tournaments, one at King City P.S. and one at the area's at Aurora Senior P.S. The Players were; Harrison, Gabe, Timothy, Carlin, Matthew, Mohammed, Tigran, Tarik, Daniel, Ervin, Ideen, Derrick and the manager, Nima.



Well done boys on a great season! Thanks to Mr. Edwards and Mr. Donald for all your hard work.

JUNIOR GIRLS



Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team on a fabulous season. They learned a lot about basketball and about playing as a team and ended up placing second at their Area tournament last week. All ten team members showed amazing talent and teamwork in their pool and playoff play. The players were:

Haymond, Ricky, Brooke, Cavel, Melanie, Sadie, Solana, Elizabeth, Amal and Daniella.

Well done girls!

Thanks to Ms. Stickle for coaching and to Ms. Bell for supporting at games and tournaments.



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5	6 Hep B/HPV Shots Grade 7 & 8	7 CABARET 7 pm	8 CABARET 7 pm	9 Pizza Lunch
12 Asian/South Asian Heritage Day	13	14 Gr 5 Trip to the Science Centre Air Project Gr 7 & 8	15 Jump Rope for Heart Event Air Project Gr 7 & 8	16 Pizza Lunch
19 VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL	20 Air Project Gr 7 & 8	21 Air Project Gr 7 & 8 School Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm	22 Badminton Regionals Welcome to Kindergarten 6:30 - 7:30 pm	23 Pizza Lunch Track & Field Day at Hartman Special Needs Track and Field
26 JK/SK Reptilia Trip	27	28 JK/SK Reptilia Trip Good News Assembly @ 2:00 pm	29	30 Pizza Lunch JK/SK Reptilia Trip

Upcoming Dates

- May 26 - June 5 - EQAO
- May 27 - Orff Ensemble to Wonderland
- May 28 - Good News Assembly pm
- June 2/3 - McMichael Art Gallery trip grades 3,4,5 and 5/6
- June 6 - PA day
- June 9 - Track and Field at Hartman rain date
- June 13 - Fun Fair
- June 16 - pm MADD assembly for grade 7 and 8
- June 17 - Volunteer Tea
- June 20 - Garden Party 2 pm
- June 24 - Graduation
- June 27 - final day (half day)



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.



hARTman's 7th Annual Fun Fair!!!

Friday June 13th 2014

3:30pm – 9:00pm

Rain or Shine

We are excited to offer Hartman families the opportunity to purchase an individual

“ALL DAY PASS”

April 1- May 30th 2014 for only \$15 per person

Pass includes UNLIMITED access to all
bouncers and sports zone.

SAVE up to \$5 per pass!

All forms must be processed by May 30th 2014.

*****NO EXCEPTIONS!!!*****

Passes will be sent home the day of the fair.

*All day passes will be available April 1-May 30 for \$15 per pass, June 2- June 13 for \$20.

All forms will be date stamped as they are received. Forms received in the office after cut-off with insufficient funds will be returned home.

Individual ride tickets will also be sold. NO REFUNDS*

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐

Please fill out ONE form for each child.

Please make cheques payable to Hartman Public School.

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.