



May 2015



# Hartman Herald

Dear Parents,

This is the time of year when we begin to make decisions for next school year. The Ministry of Education has maintained a cap for primary class sizes (students in grades 1-3). We anticipate having combined classes, as we organize the school based on enrolment projections and ministry guidelines. When organizing classes, we take into account a number of important factors to provide an optimum learning environment for your child for their class placement. These include: class size, a range of student performance levels, gender balance, special needs and promoting positive social relationships, in order to develop ideal learning environments at Hartman PS.

Should you have any information that you believe is relevant to your child's placement next year (e.g., conflict with other students, learning styles, twins' placements), please contact the school office and / or submit a brief letter to the principal. Teaching assignments see continual adjustments to the end of the school year and sometimes into the summer months, so we ask that you do not make a specific request for a staff member. Thank you for understanding the criteria we consider for all of our students to achieve the best learning environment for all of our students.

## Parking Reminders

The front of our school is our Kindergarten Kiss and Ride. We have a number of spots for parking out front and we would encourage you to use these if you are picking up or dropping off your child and need to park. The Town of Aurora has been issuing tickets to vehicles parked in the fire route.

If you enter our parking lot, please remember it is a one way only driveway. We have had a number of collisions in our parking lot because people are going the wrong way and when trying to turn around have backed into parked cars. Thanks for your help in this matter.

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## Upcoming Dates

May 13th—Jump Rope for Heart  
May 18th—Victoria Day  
May 21st—Track and Field  
May 28th— Welcome to Kindergarten  
May 29th—Good News Assembly  
June 5th— PA Day (No School)  
June 24th—Graduation  
June 25th— Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

## Hartman “Paused to Play”

During the week of April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> Hartman students were encouraged to be active and exercise instead of using their electronic devices. That meant no iPads, no video games, no T.V., and no electric devices for one week and be active instead. Students were asked to fill out a log sheet of the activities (scootering, biking, playing at the park, etc.) they did at home. The log sheet records how many hours of screens they watched, what activities they did and what healthy foods they ate. The week after Pause to Play, we had more than 135 completed log sheets submitted.

For each division there will be 2 potential prizes:

- a free gym period for the classes with the highest percentage of COMPLETED log sheets
- a draw from all the COMPLETED forms for a prize

Each morning we did the “Health Hustle” over the PA to encourage movement and activity.

DID YOU KNOW?.....

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](http://www.york.ca/healthyschools)

## April’s I-walk theme

Our April “I – Walk” theme was the *Pan Am Games* that are coming to Toronto this summer! We learned about the 41 countries, the 36 sports, and the 7600 athletes that are expected to compete for medals. Students have been doing an amazing job decorating their classroom doors with one sport and one country from the games.

**Also, please remember - Bike to School Week is May 25-29<sup>th</sup> this year.**



## Hartman is a Healthy School

### Wacky Walking "Km" Club



Healthy schools club organized a Wacky Walking "Km" Club whereby students get one popsicle stick for each lap around the school. 4 times around equals 1 km and for every 5 km's they will earn a cool foot charm.

### Play Leaders and Wee Heroes



Play leaders are leading sports again on the west tarmac at first recess for grades 1 to 3. Wee Heroes provide fun games like; velcro ball, blong ball, parachute and tennis so the primary students can be more engaged and active at recess.

## Junior Basketball

Congratulations to our Junior Boys basketball team who finished third in their pool in the Area Tournament held at Aurora Senior. The team improved immensely both defensively and offensively. They learned many new skills and plays that will help them be better players in the years to come. This year's players were; Daniel T., Nicolas, Timothy M., Ryan W. Daniel J., Travis, Johnny, Sameen, Ben F., Holden, Brian and Jon-Michael. Way to go Hartman Hoops! Nothing but Net!

Congratulations to the Junior Girls basketball team on a wonderful season of growth and success! Our girls developed their basketball theory throughout the course of the year, learning a variety of offensive plays and defensive strategies. By applying all their skills, the girls cruised to an undefeated exhibition season of 5-0. Their success continued through the Area Tournament where we again went undefeated in our pool. On Championship day, the team came back to win a challenging semi-final in the very last minute, and advanced the finals. In the finals, our girls competed right up to the buzzer, ultimately finishing second in our Area.

Throughout the season, Hartman's Junior Girls Team exemplified sportsmanship, character, strength and dedication. Their coaches could not be prouder of them. Congratulations to Payton, Grace, Brooke, Haymond, Holly, Hannah, Thandie, Emily, Melanie, Erin (our Most Improved Player) and Rickel (our Most Valuable Player). *Hartman Hero Hoops - Nothing But Net!*

## Autism Awareness—Autism Speaks, Hartman is Listening

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Hartman students & staff wore blue and we proudly raised the Autism Ontario flag all in honour of Autism Awareness Day. We set a goal of raising \$250 for Autism Awareness and our school surpassed our goal by raising over \$1100. Way to go Hartman! Leading up to April 2<sup>nd</sup> students attended of 2 presentations about Autism. Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students heard from a member of Autism Ontario as well as a parent of a student at Hartman who has Autism. Our Junior and Intermediate students had the opportunity to meet a young man, Daniel Share-Strom, who spoke about living with Autism. Thanks to Ms. Kodnar, Mr. Donald, Mr. Akinmurete and Ms. Griesse for their leadership with this initiative as well as their students.



## Dance-a-thon

On April 17<sup>th</sup> Hartman was hopping to lots of great music and students were showing off their dance moves at our second annual Dance-a-thon. The Dance-a-thon was a School Council Fundraiser and it was a great success. Students were encouraged to bring in pledges and we set a goal of \$3000. All incentives were met by the students including no homework day, extra recess and Mr. Helston and Mrs. Lue-Kim dyeing their hair BLUE. Our Hartman community raised over \$4700! School Council will be using this money towards enhancing our Arts, Phys. Ed, Environmental and Technology Programs.



## Hartman's Edible Garden

Our Gardening Group, led by Ms. Shillolo has been very busy getting our garden ready for the spring. Our classes, thanks to a generous discount from Home Depot and donation from School Council, provided each classroom with a mini-greenhouse and a package of seeds for our edible garden. These seedlings will be transplanted into our garden later in May. It's great to see all the different plants growing around the school.

### Would your family like to volunteer over the summer?

Growing vegetables is such a rich experience. Not only will your children learn about how to care for a garden, it's a great way to be a part of a community activity. Plus, the fresh fruits and veggies are not only delicious, but nutritious!

If you are interested in helping with the maintenance of Hartman's edible gardens, please contact Ms Shillolo for details at [gina.shillolo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:gina.shillolo@yrdsb.ca) . No gardening experience necessary.



## Hot Weather is Coming—Appropriate Dress and Sun Safety

The hot weather is upon us and we want to take the time to remind our community of a few sun safety tips. In order to stay safe in the sun all students should wear clothing to cover their arms and legs, wear a wide-brimmed hat and apply sunscreen SPF 30 or higher before coming to school in the morning. Students are encouraged to drink lots of water and to bring a reusable water bottle to school. This year we have now installed 3 water bottle filling stations at Hartman.

We remind students they should not wear clothing to school that is revealing or provocative. Midriffs and undergarments must remain covered at all times and shorts should be mid-thigh in length. Tube tops, halter tops, and other tops with narrow straps are not appropriate at Hartman.

## Arts Electives—York Dance Academy

A Big Thank You to Rodin from York Dance Academy who came to instruct 3 hip hop sessions for the primary division for Arts Electives Day. The day was a great success!



## EQAO—Save the Date

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



This year the Primary and Junior provincial Assessments (EQAO) will take place from May 25—June 5th. If your child is in Grade 3 or 6 please avoid booking any vacations for appointments for these weeks. Thanks for your support.

## Summer Learning Advantage Program


This spring, our school will once again participate in the Learning Advantage program. These books are a great resource to prepare your child for the next grade level! Please order the grade level that your child is advancing to and they will get a head start on the new school year! There is one 192-page fully-coloured activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. Also please note, new to the order form for grade 8 students is the grade 9 EQAO Math Toolkit. The books can be viewed on the web-site: [www.learningadvantage.ca](http://www.learningadvantage.ca) for further information and a tour of the books.

All books are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations for each grade, and provide units on mathematics, science, health and English that are fully Canadian (with regard to money, measurement, social studies, spelling etc.).


Orders must be received by **JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**. Please submit your orders to the school with your payment (cash or cheque). Cheques must be made payable to Learning Advantage. The cost of each book is \$20 including tax. This is a savings of \$6 from retail stores and online. You will receive a savings of **\$6 per book**. The EQAO Prep Books are \$10. If you order online you will pay \$24.99 plus HST and shipping. Please submit your orders through the school to save \$\$\$\$. Any orders submitted after our delivery in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June will not be accepted. You will have to order online after this point.

We suggest you visit their web site [www.learningadvantage.ca](http://www.learningadvantage.ca) for further information, and a tour of the books. **ORDERS DUE DATE ... JUNE 5TH**


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- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLE-FIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS OF CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. South of Highway #7	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. Warden Ave. & Highway #7	September 22, 2015 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

**Register online via Career Cruising commencing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions

Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval

Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September

Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet

Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class