



November 2014



Hartman Herald

Dear Parents/Guardians

In October we received the EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) 2013-2014 assessment results for grade 3 and 6. Our students participated in this assessment last spring. The EQAO tests are based directly on the Ontario curriculum expectations taught daily in classrooms. As on the school report card, achievement is reported according to the province's four achievement levels. The standard in Ontario is Level 3 or B. Parents of students achieving at level 3 can be confident that their children will be prepared for work in subsequent grades.

Parents of our current grade 4 and 7 students received their child's individual student reports. These results provide parents with a snapshot of how well their child is meeting the reading, writing and math expectations defined in the provincial curriculum. Parents are encouraged to discuss the EQAO results with the child's teacher related to what the teacher is seeing in the classroom and discuss how parents can best support their child's learning at home.

The school report for 2013-2014 provides a summary of the School, Board and Province's performance related to literacy and mathematics. The report also provides other important information such as data about students' enjoyment of reading, writing and mathematics, engagement in academics outside the school, out-of-school activities, and learning skills. Contextual information provides insight into enrolment, first language, and admissions data.

The release of the EQAO school results sets in motion a time of study and renewal of the school plan for improvement. The EQAO results along with other important school data about student learning and achievement is used to improve instruction and learning for all students. The results are reviewed to identify trends in student learning, identify curriculum areas that need more attention, and target resources where they are needed.

The school focus will continue to be the development of literacy and critical thinking skills in both literacy and mathematics. Our teachers are continuing to focus on effective literacy instruction with specific emphasis on understanding a variety of text forms and being able to develop and organize information in written form. Professional development at the school and the purchase of resources will address these program areas.

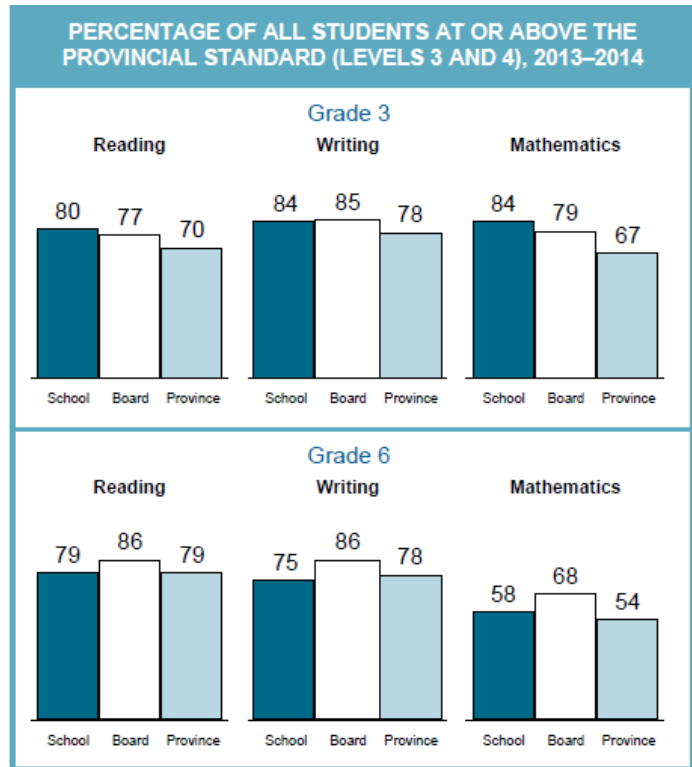
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EQAO 2013-2014 Hartman PS Results

For more information about the EQAO assessments and results, parents may wish to go to the EQAO Web site at www.eqao.com.

First Stop is the Office

The only way that we can ensure the safety of all students is with your full participation! All visitors and volunteers are required to sign in when entering the building. A "Sign-In" book is located in the office. Please sign in at the office and obtain a "visitor" sticker so that you can quickly be identified by staff in the halls. Going directly to your child's classroom only causes clutter and confusion in the hallways. Make arrangements to meet your children at specific doors. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and makes it easier for staff to identify anyone who should not be in the school!



PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

The Elementary Progress Report Card will arrive home with your child(ren) on Wednesday, November 12th, 2014.

The purpose of this report card is to communicate the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year in each subject. The progress report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas where you may be able to support your child in achieving success this year. This report is not an evaluation or a record of achievement levels. It reflects preliminary observations of your child's learning to date. It is our hope that this report will serve as a central part of rich discussions.

Interview forms will be coming home soon. Interviews will take place the evening of November 13 & November 14 (PA Day). Please complete these forms and return to your child's teacher.



LUNCH ASSISTANTS WANTED

We are looking for a few adults, on a regular basis, to be lunch assistants. That may mean each day, or just a couple of days per week. Duties include supervising students in classrooms while they eat lunch, helping them pack up their lunches and then supervising them outside while they play. This is a paid position of one hour per day (12:50 – 1:50). If you are interested in joining our fabulous lunch assistant team, please drop in to our school office to pick up an application package.

From our Caretaking Team...

If your child does not already have a pair of indoor shoes please provide them. Slippers or Crocs are not recommended as students will be participating in gym and need to be able to run. Wearing indoor shoes helps keep our school clean and decreases the wear on our floors, carpets and furniture.

Please continue to be thoughtful as you pack lunches for your children. The use of re-usable containers helps to reduce the waste our building produces which has an impact upon our carbon footprint. The school will be beginning a more inclusive green bin program very soon!

Remembrance Day

All parents and family members are invited to our **Remembrance Day assembly** which will be held on Tuesday November 11th. The Primary (1-3) assembly will be from 9:20 – 10:00 and the Junior, Intermediate (4-8) assembly will be from 10:50 – 11:30.

Poppies will be given to all students and are available for parents in the office. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation to our local Canadian Legion of any amount to help pay for the cost of the poppies. Our **“Wall of Honour”** will continue again this year, if you have any relative who served or is serving Canada in the armed forces, please fill out the sheet that has been sent home and send it back to the office and we will add it to our “Wall”.

Lest We Forget



**Grade 8 Secondary School
Information Sessions for
September 2015 Enrolment**

**Dr. GW Williams SS—
DATE CHANGE
November 27, 2014**

**Aurora HS—January 15,
2015**

Kidney Foundation Clothing Drive

Dear Hartman Families,

This year Hartman P.S is working together with the Kidney Clothes Donation Program. We are asking that each student try to bring in at least 1 bag of clothing, to help support the cause.

If your drawers are overflowing and your closets are in chaos, it might be time to consider a donation to Kidney Clothes. We will turn your used clothing donation into much needed funds for kidney research and educational programs that help fight kidney disease.

Kidney Clothes invites you to donate all cloth-based items including:

all gently used clothing
footwear and outerwear
belts, ties and purses
yarn, fabric and patterns
blankets, bedding and linens
draperies, pillows and cushions
luggage and sleeping bags



Please bring in all items to the school by November 28th, 2014 the latest.

Brrr...It's Getting Cold Outside

Dressing for the Weather

Chillier temperatures are here! Students should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. During the colder months students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, mitts or gloves. If students walk to school, bright-coloured and reflective pieces of clothing help make them visible to drivers. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.



Students are expected to go outdoors at recess and lunch time. Students benefit from short periods of outdoor exercise. We do not have supervised health room facilities, therefore students who are ill should stay at home with an adult. Thanks for keeping healthy!



Cancellation of Bus Service Because of Weather

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Since bussing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region. Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature and road conditions. Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus transportation may be **system wide** (where all buses in York Region are cancelled) **or municipality specific** (where buses in one or more municipalities are cancelled).
- Even though transportation in your municipality is running, if your child attends school in a different York Region municipality where transportation is cancelled, your child will **not** be transported to/from school.
- Even though your child attends school in a different York Region municipality where transportation is running, if transportation in your municipality is cancelled, your child will **not** be transported to/from school.
- **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM
 102.1 FM 1540 AM 1580 AM
 88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.1 FM 94.9 FM
 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM
 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 107.1 FM



TELEVISION

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

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.



Upcoming Events

*November 7th
Picture Retake Day*

*November 11
Remembrance Day*

*November 12
Progress Reports Go Home*

*November 13 & 14
Parent Teacher Interviews*

We Scare Hunger

Hunger is an issue that affects all communities and it takes a real hero to stand up to hunger! Thank you to those families who participated in our school's We Scare Hunger campaign this year by providing your child with a non-perishable food item. Food items will be accepted up until the end of the week (Nov. 7th). Thank you for helping to eradicate hunger in our community and help stop hunger in its tracks!

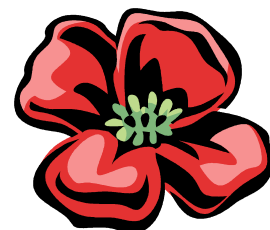


Hartman Has Spirit!

Hartman is excited to announce that we will be hosting monthly Spirit Days this year. During the last week of each month, Students and Staff will be invited to show off their school spirit by dressing up! Spirit days may coincide with seasonal themes such as Halloween, or with activities that we are running in the school, such as our Terry Fox/Hartman Colours Day. Some months the themes will just be to have fun, like backwards day, or PJ day. There will be a few times throughout the year that in addition to dressing up, we will ask students to help with a community initiative. In October we were very pleased to pair our Halloween Dress up Day, with the 'We Scare Hunger' (food drive) Campaign. Not only did students and staff scare each other with their fabulous costumes, but also brought a significant amount of non-perishable food items to help 'scare local hunger.' Keep an eye out for upcoming spirit days in your child's agenda around the middle of each month. GO HARTMAN HEROES!

I-Walk to School

November's Walking Wednesday theme is "I-Walk to Remember". Please try to wear red to school on Wednesdays and wear a poppy to school up until Remembrance Day. By walking or biking to school we help our bodies get the exercise it needs to start the day off right. We also help the environment by not polluting the air as much with our vehicles. I-Walk, Do You?



1-2-3 Singers

The 1-2-3 Singers are back for another year with Mr. Wallace. The 1-2-3 Singers is open to anyone in grades 1, 2, and 3 who likes to sing and have fun. They meet once a week during morning recess and are currently practicing a song to perform at the Remembrance Day assembly in November. It is called 'My Poppy Says Remember' and was written by Mr. Wallace for Hartman's 1-2-3 Singers.



Congratulations to our Cross Country Team!



After weeks of practice, our athletes competed against students from 11 other schools at the Cross Country Area Meet. The following students qualified to compete at Regionals based upon their individual achievement:

Meg D received 7th place and Avery D received 8th place for Tyke Girls. Edan K received 6th place, Thomas D received 9th place, Zaid S received 12th place and Riley S received 13th place for Tyke Boys. Sarah Y received 4th place for Atom Girls. Emily K received 2nd place and Melanie N received 6th place for Junior Girls and Cassidy P received 1st place and Meaghan P received 15th place for Senior Girls.

We also had 3 teams that qualified to go to Regionals based on their collective scores. The top 5 runners from our Girls Tyke team who came in 2nd place, our Boys Tyke team who came in 2nd place and our Girls Junior team who came in 3rd place also went to Regionals to represent our school. These were: Meg and Avery D, Kyra L, Sydney S and Ashley C for Tyke Girls. For Tyke Boys: Edan K, Thomas D, Zaid S, Riley S and Owen J. For our Junior girls: Emily K, Melanie N, Erin H, Emily C and Amy Z.

These students gave 100% effort and many personal bests were achieved at the Regional Meet. Of special mention are Cassidy P who placed first for Senior Girls and Emily K who placed 7th for Junior Girls. Way to go Hartman Heroes! Thank you for representing your school with dedication, commitment and perseverance!

A Message From School Council—Hartman Advisory Committee

Come out to any of our meetings and learn about what is going on throughout the school and upcoming events and join in! Please check the bulletin board in our front lobby, right next to our display case and directly across from the office, for updated council information.

Here are some potential events/ activities for the school year:

- QSP online
- Hot lunches
- Leadership team
- PRO grant - funds for school activities
- Winternational dance - last Friday in Feb
- Grade 8 fundraising
- Kindergarten and grade 8 grad
- Other fundraising initiatives
- **Fun Fair Friday June 12, 2015 - SAVE THE DATE!**

Staff appreciation luncheon: Friday June 19, 2015 - SAVE THE DATE!

School Council Meetings usually start at 6:30 and end at 8 pm; they take place in the school library/ media resource room:

- o **Thursday November 20, 2014**
- o Thursday January 15, 2015
- o Thursday February 12, 2015
- o Thursday April 9, 2015
- o Thursday May 14, 2015

**Please note: our November 20th meeting will start at 6:15pm to accommodate a speaker from Dr G.W. Williams high school. All are welcome!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

At our last Hartman PS Advisory School Council Meeting the following was decided:

Co Chairs: Wendy Preiano, Patricia Kurtes

Co-Treasurers: Tamer Mecky, Evan Nastou

Secretary: Janet Arnold

Voting Members: Humera Khan, Fariba Owraq, Amy Chau-Lee, Vidya Rao, Susan Cheong, Laila Iacoucci, Anu Bidani & Eva Ping Li & one Hartman PS Staff member

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 20, 2014

@ 6:15pm in the Library.





Attention Parents! Introducing Magazines & Memories!

Our Annual Online QSP Fundraiser is NEW & IMPROVED!

Now Offering: Magazine Subscriptions & Customized Photo Products!

We are pleased to offer you and your families magazine subscriptions and photo products at great prices. Our school community needs to raise funds for things that enrich and benefit all our students such as; guest speakers, books, computer equipment and more!

To reach our goal we would like to have all our families involved, so please consider buying magazines and photo products for yourself, your children and for gift giving. You may contact family, neighbours and close friends. EVERY order counts. Thank you!

NEW!!

To Remember This™ – Photo Keepsakes

- Think ahead of photo invitations, holiday cards, etc., you may need. Order now and create them when you need them.
- Choose from cards, calendars, stickers, posters, photo books, chore charts, and more!
- You can create your own keepsake, share your keepsake online, or give as gifts.
- Once purchased, you will receive your product redemption code to use at the website; simply upload pictures from your computer files, Facebook, Instagram or your smartphone and the finished products will be shipped right to your home.

Family Reading – Magazines

- Hundreds of titles with savings up to 85% off newsstand prices
- New and Renewal orders accepted.
- ***NEW Expanded Digital Section! Read on the go!***
- **Raise A Reader At Home! Make one of your orders a subscription for your own child.**
- Magazines make great gifts for children, relatives, friends and business associates. Each issue serves as a reminder of your thoughtfulness. Magazines can be sent anywhere in Canada.

It's Easy To Participate & Help Support Our School

SHOP ONLINE - GO TO www.QSP.ca

- It's quick, secure and easy and your order is processed instantly.
- No need for volunteers – QSP does all the work.
- Order 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
- New titles are added all the time – so check back often.
- Please use the www.QSP.ca email feature to invite out of town friends and family across Canada to visit www.QSP.ca and support our school.



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If you have any questions, call QSP at
1-800-667-2536*

Our www.QSP.ca School's Group Online Id # is: 3742772

360 Kids offers afterschool programs for Grade 6-8 Students on Monday, Wednesday & Friday



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October 31, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

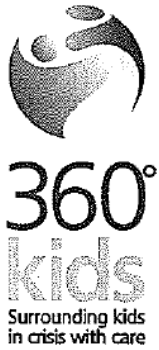
The 360°kids After School Program (360ASP) has been providing students with the opportunity to participate in program at no cost for the month of September. Many students have shown interest in the program and continue to attend our free drop in days so they can participate in program. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that 360ASP offers a subsidies on a sliding scale to all families requiring financial assistance. The process is easy! Just call our Program Coordinator and request an appointment. While you wait, your child can participate in the program fully.

Our goal at 360°kids is to leave no child behind. Our program has been running for numerous years supporting children across York Region in creating and maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. We thoroughly enjoy supporting our children and encourage you to enroll your child in our program today. Along with our daily recreation based programming, we offer workshops on leadership, self-esteem, and cooking as well as an annual year end field trip that is included in the membership fee. Spaces are limited, don't miss out on an opportunity to be part 360ASP! You can register in person during program time or online through our website at www.360kids.ca.

We look forward to continuing to partner with your family to promote healthy and active lifestyles among children. If you have any questions or concerns regarding 360ASP please feel free to contact Brittany Jimmo, Program Coordinator, at 416-873-8004.

Thank you,

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q *"How much does it cost?"*

A Membership fees are offered at a nominal rate of \$10/week a child for our 3 day program. The fee will assist us in maintaining the quality and innovative programming we currently offer, as well as providing new resources that will enhance it.

Q *"Why a fee now? What's changed?"*

A While we do receive funding for the program, it is limited. In an effort to add value and to continue to deliver high quality programming there is a need to add a small fee. This will help us ensure the sustainability of the program for future years.

Q *"Can I claim this in my taxes?"*

A Yes! Membership fees may be claimed under the Children's Fitness Tax Credit for students enrolled in 360ASP for a minimum of an 8 week period.

Q *"Can I just pay for the days I go to program?"*

A Participants must pre-pay for a month at a time. Accommodations may be made if your child is expected to be consistently absent from the program on certain days due to involvement in other extracurricular activities. Please speak with the Program Coordinator to discuss available options.

Q *"What if my child wants to try out the program before signing up? Do I still have to pay for the full month?"*

A Participants who want to try the program before registering may sign up and pay for a trial week. After which, they will be asked to register for the full month.

Q *"What if I can't afford to pay the fee?"*

A While we've tried to provide excellent value at a low cost, financial assistance is available. Please speak with your Program Coordinator to arrange an appointment.

Q *"How do we pay?"*

A Fill out the Payment Information Form and hand it into the Site Supervisor. Payments are accepted by credit card, cheque and cash.

Q *"What if my child gets sick and missed a week of program? Do we still pay for the full month?"*

A Unfortunately, refunds cannot be issued for student absences.

Q *"What if we're going on vacation?"*

A Fees may be waived for a maximum of 3 weeks during the program cycle. Advance notice is required the month preceding the vacation request.

Q *"What if my child doesn't want to attend program anymore and I've already paid for a full year?"*

A Full payment is required for the month in which notice is given. Refunds will be prorated for subsequent months which have been pre-paid.

Q *"When do I receive a receipt for my payment?"*

A A receipt for tax purposes will be issued in January of 2015 for payments made between September to December 2014. Payments made from January to June 2015 will be issued in January of 2016.

PEO York Chapter is Proud to Present:

AMD Mathletics 2014



YORK REGION STUDENTS:

You are invited to exercise your math abilities in a contest and apply your math skills to engineering problems for fun & prizes.

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Sir William Mulock Secondary School

705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2M7

AMD Mathletics has two levels of competition:

- Junior level **(9:30 AM to 1:00 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 6 and below (intended for grades 5 and 6 – based on grade 5 curriculum)
- Senior level **(2:00 PM to 5:30 PM)** – Open to Intermediate Math students that are currently in grades 7 or 8 (based on grade 7 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is \$15 per entrant. Online registration starts on Sunday October 26 at 8 AM and it ends when all seats are sold or Saturday November 8 at 5 PM whichever comes first.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link:

<http://www.peoyork.com/mathletics>





LDAYR and Evoke Learning Present: Mindfulness Meditation and Wellness Retreat PA Days

Time:

Monday, October 27, 2014
Friday, November 14, 2014
Friday, January 16, 2015
Monday, February 2, 2015

9am — 2pm

Location:

11181 Yonge St.
Richmond Hill, ON
L4S 1L2

Room: B13 (Basement)

Cost:

\$75/day LDAYR members
\$85/day Non-LDAYR members

*Workshop fees are transferable,
but non-refundable. Fee includes
snacks and afternoon
traditional tea.*

How to Register:

905-884-7933 x 23
info@ldayr.org

www.ldayr.org
www.evokelearning.ca

This workshop is for students in grades 5-8.

The practice of intentional, nonjudgmental awareness of moment-to-moment experience has been around since ancient times in both the East and West. Now science is confirming these benefits; mindfulness practice is good for your health. Mindfulness meditation can develop concentration, strengthen attention, reduce anxiety and stress, increase information processing speed and enhance empathy and compassion.

Many students experience significant stress and anxiety throughout their academic careers. This can affect learning, memory and self-esteem. Just like adults, children and youth need to unwind, refocus and learn to manage stress and anxiety.

This academic year, LDAYR and Evoke Learning have teamed up to offer **MINDFUL PA DAYS**. Students can **join us on their PA Days for some exercises in mindfulness, open discussion, light yoga, outdoor mindfulness walking, and afternoon traditional tea**. During the retreat, students will learn:

- all about the practice of mindfulness meditation and its benefits
- the science behind stress and how to manage it
- how to increase their own self-regulation, attention, and self-awareness
- how to begin their own mindfulness practice

Students are required to bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water. Snacks will be provided. In the afternoon we will enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.