



Hartman Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The arrival of November reminds us that winter is just around the corner. The weather is changing and days are certainly getting colder. As part of our healthy schools, we make sure students have an opportunity to get outside to play and enjoy the fresh air every day. Please ensure that your child(ren) come to school with the warm clothing they need to enjoy this time outside. Packing an extra pair of socks is also a very good idea as boots can sometimes leak. Morning recess is 30 minutes and lunch recess is 40 minutes.

We have some staffing changes that have occurred this month. We congratulate Mrs. Fantin Gallo as she moves into a new role within the Board. We know that her contributions to Hartman are most appreciated by staff, students and families and we will miss her very much. We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Morgan will be taking on the role of Special Education Resource Teacher and Literacy Teacher at Hartman. Mrs. Morgan brings a wealth of knowledge and tremendous dedication to students and families to the role. We welcome Mrs. Clarke to the Hartman team as a grade one teacher. She has already started and is enjoying getting to know her students and their families. Mme. Huismans, who has been teaching French at Hartman since September, will be leaving. We would like to thank her for all she has done to bring the French language to our junior and intermediate students. We welcome back M. Seto to the French team.

Our first progress reports will be sent home this month. In the next week, you will receive an invitation to meet with your child's teacher for the first reporting period. The Progress Report will be coming home on November 12th with parent/teacher conferences scheduled for November 14 and 15. The purpose of the Progress Report is to provide you with information about student work habits and learning skills and to give you an update on student academic progress to date. The conference is an important part of this communication and will allow you to meet the teacher to discuss goals and next steps.

November is the month when our grade 8 students begin to think about the transition to secondary school. Please take note of the dates of the school information nights and plan to attend those that are of interest to you and your child. The information night for G.W. Williams is January 16th. Pathways decisions can seem challenging at this age and the best advice for parents is to become filled with as much information as you can and ask questions! You can find information on the Board website <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/> (Career Cruising) and our staff is here to assist as well.

Last month we enjoyed our first Good News Assembly and were thrilled to see so many family members in attendance. We will continue to present these assemblies each month and welcome your attendance. Each year, in November, our Hartman Heroes present a Remembrance Day ceremony and we invite families to attend this as well. This year, there will be two assemblies. The first will be from 9:20 to 10:00 for students in Kindergarten to grade 3. The second will be from 10:50 to 11:30 for students in grades 4 to 8.

Our school council has been formed and we welcome several new members and many returning members. Your executive members are: Wendy Preiano (Chair), Chris House (Treasurer) and Janet Arnold (Secretary). We thank all of our council members for your dedication to Hartman and look forward to working with you this year. School council meetings are open for all to attend and we invite you to come out and join in the conversation and the planning to support our school. The next meeting is in the library on Nov. 20.

Have a wonderful month!
Your partners in education,

Tim Dunn and Lorraine Doran



Growing Together @ Hartman

We Scare Hunger

Over the month of October, Hartman has been running a campaign from Free the Children called 'We Scare Hunger.' The goal was to collect over 600 items of non-perishable food items to donate to our local food bank. Hartman went above and beyond, yet again, and donated well over 800 items with donations still trickling in. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Richardson's classes also organized a Halloween Haunt where students' admission fee was a non-perishable food item. A big shout out to those classes who participated! The grade 6's will now begin the process of boxing up the items and delivering it to our local food bank! Thank you again to those of you who helped out with this campaign! It's so wonderful to know we had a helping hand in scaring hunger for many of those in our community!

Peace Tree Conference

At Hartman P.S, we are working on our big idea of "Growing Together." One of the ways we do this is by reaching out to lend a hand to those in need, in our community. Four of our Hartman students (Luka, Kenny, Nina and Amal) along with Ms. Rubenstein, attend the Peace Tree Conference in October to deepen their understanding of how to make a difference at school and in the community.

For the month of November, Hartman will be joining the Holiday Heroes program in partnership with the Children's Aid Society. They provide food, gifts and winter clothing to over 400 less fortunate families who live in York region, each year for the holidays.

We are asking for donations of new toys and/or winter clothing for all ages. If you wish to donate, please bring in all items by Friday, November 22nd, 2013.

Community Garden

Do you like gardening? Well Mrs. Richardson's class does! The gardening season is over but you can still make a lasagna garden. You probably don't know what that is. Well, a lasagna garden is full of layers of natural ingredients layered just like lasagna. The order goes brown (coffee grinds, fall leaves and shredded paper), green (fruit and vegetable waste), brown, green and so on and at the top you put a layer of soil. You might want to put cardboard at the bottom to prevent weeds from growing. We did this in our raised bed last week and it was really fun. First we built the garden beds with wood. Then we put the layers. It was all natural like leaves and squashed pumpkins. To top it off we put on soil. Now it's ready to decompose for spring. (Written by Gohar and Amal – grade 6)

The Garden Committee would like to thank you for delivering your green and brown waste last week. Thanks to the classes that braved the wind storms on Friday, both raised beds are near completion and will soon be ready to 'cook' over the winter months.

With the snow season approaching, our garden beds may soon be out of sight, but this certainly does not mean out of mind! There are activities planned for the upcoming months, including the introduction of classroom green bins, vermi-composting, surveying what food to grow and much more.

Looking forward to *Growing Together* with you!



Eco and Healthy Schools

At Hartman, we continue to work hard to reduce the amount of garbage created through lunch waste. Parents play a very important role in making sure students' lunches are healthy and waste-free. Our goal is to generate no waste at lunches. To help, here are some suggestions for packing lunches that are healthy and eco friendly:



- Label your reusable containers and utensils to ensure they make it home each day
- A small icepack in a thermal lunch bag will keep food and beverages cool and fresh
- Only pack as much food as your child will eat to reduce waste
- Read food labels and choose products with as little saturated and trans fats as possible; limit foods and beverages high in calories, fat, sugar or sodium
- Take your children grocery shopping with you and encourage them to select their favourite fruits, vegetable and healthy food items to stock your fridge and pantry
- Remember that many of our students and staff have serious nut allergies, so don't include any items that contain nuts

Eco Club is Starting!!

All students interested in making a difference through environmental projects are invited to join the eco club. Mrs. Jefferson and Mrs. Pugh will be meeting with students regularly to help keep Hartman green.

Hartman Wee Heroes

WEE HEROES is off to a great start here at Hartman! Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at first recess primary students are encouraged to participate in fun, cooperative games like; jump rope, wall ball, ball hockey, soccer and other wide games. The purpose is to get physically fit and for older students to gain leadership skills through peer led active games at recess. It creates leadership opportunities for grades four, five and six students as they learn about conflict resolution, communication, respect, fairness, safety and how to lead students in games. Way to go Wee Heroes!



I-Walk to School

Hartman students and parents are doing a great job walking to school. The class with the most students walking to school will win the "GOLDEN SHOE AWARD!".

October's I-Walk theme was "Fall a Tree".



November's I-Walk theme is "Walk of Fame"

Students that walk to school will trace their shoe, colour it, cut it out and put it on our Walk of Fame wall.

Remembrance Day



All parents and family members are invited to our *Remembrance Day assembly* which will be held on Monday November 11th. The Primary (JK-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 army, please fill out the sheet that went home and send it back to the office and we will add it to our "Wall".

Reminder to Parents

Progress Reports go home on
Nov. 12th

November parent/teacher
interviews on Nov. 14 and 15

The next PA day is on Friday,
Nov. 15.

No school for
students on this day

Lunch Lady

The lunch lady program has begun again at Hartman. Hot and healthy lunches may be ordered for Tues and Wed, each week. Order forms are available in the office and orders may also be done online at www.thelunchlady.ca



QSP FUNDRAISING UPDATE FROM PARENT COUNCIL

We have wrapped up our at school part of the magazine fundraiser. **The total number in gross sales for our school was \$6265.89**

Hartman will profit a portion of that amount. This amount will be available in the next month or so. We have already had Twin Day to celebrate meeting our first milestone. Next Wednesday is Retro day and we have several more "Fun Wednesdays" planned. It was wonderful to see so many kids participate.

You can still order magazines all year long by using the link to QSP on our school website. Or, you can go to www.QSP.ca and log on using our school group #31961.



Volunteer Readers

We are looking for parents/grandparents in our community who are interested in assisting by reading with students. If you can spare an hour or two a week, we'd love to have your help. Please contact Mrs. Doran if interested. Our training date is Nov. 13 @ 8:45 am. Looking forward to working together to help our students grow as readers.

A reminder that all adult volunteers must provide a vulnerable sector check available from the York Region Police.

<http://www.yrp.ca/pvsc.aspx>

Adults in the Yard or Building



All visitors to the school – in the yard or in the building – must report to the office first. If you are in the building or in the yard during school hours, you must have identification from the office or you will be asked to report there. This rule is in place to ensure the safety of each child at Hartman. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Requests for conference times have gone home and will need to be returned to the teacher with your first 3 choices as soon as possible. Teachers fill their schedules as forms are returned and with siblings' teachers to ensure you receive a time that is convenient. Confirmation of conference times will be sent home with the Progress Report on November 12th.



What's Happening @ Hartman

Student success and well-being continue to be our most important goal at Hartman. To that end, we endeavour to engage our students in activities that speak to a wide variety of interests. Right now, the following extra-curricular activities are offered:

- Junior Volleyball
- Intermediate Volleyball
- Drama/Dance
- Orff Ensemble (grades 5 – 8)
- Wee Heroes (leadership for junior students and play for primary students)
- Safety Patrollers
- Lunch Monitors
- Tech team
- 1,2,3 Singers (for primary)
- Peace Tree Club (promoting positive school climate)
- Milk Monitors
- Healthy Schools Committee
- Art Team
- Eco Club and Garden Team



NOVEMBER 2013

M	T	W	T	F
				1 Pizza Lunch 
4	5	6 Twin Day Take Your Child to Work for Gr 9's	7  Picture Retake Day	8 Pizza Lunch 
11 Remembrance Day Assemblies JK-3 - 9:20-10:00 am 4-8 - 10:50 - 11:30 am 	12  Progress Reports Go Home Today	13 Retro Day 	14 Parent-Teacher Interviews (pm)	15 Parent-Teacher Interviews (am) PA DAY NO SCHOOL
18	19	20 Sports Jersey Day  School Council Mtg @ 6:30-Library	21	22 Pizza Lunch   Grade 8 HPV Shots
25	26	27 Crazy Hat and Hair Day 	28	29 Pizza Lunch 
UPCOMING DATES				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 20-Jan 3 - Winter Vacation 				

Grade 8 Information Nights

SECONDARY SCHOOLS - GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHTS (for September 2014 Enrolment)		
Alexander Mackenzie HS	December 9, 2013 November 12, 2013 - Arts Alexander Mackenzie (@ Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Aurora HS	January 16, 2014	7:00 pm
Bayview SS	January 16, 2014	7:00 pm
Bill Crothers SS	October 30, 2013 (for West/North YR) November 5, 2013 (for East YR) November 7, 2013 (for Central YR)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Bur Oak SS	January 16, 2014	7:00 pm
Dr JM Denison SS	November 21, 2013	7:00 pm
Dr GW Williams SS	January 16, 2014	6:30 pm
Emily Carr SS	January 21, 2014	7:00 pm
Huron Heights SS	January 16, 2014 November 28, 2013 - Arts Huron Heights (@ Huron Heights SS)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Keswick HS	January 9, 2014	6:30 pm
King City SS	January 16, 2014	7:00 pm
Langstaff SS	November 21, 2013	7:00 pm
Maple HS	January 9, 2014	7:00 pm
Markham DHS	January 9, 2014	7:00 pm
Markville SS	January 15, 2014	7:00 pm
Middlefield CI	January 16, 2014	7:00 pm
Milliken Mills HS	January 8, 2014	6:30 pm
Newmarket HS	December 5, 2013	6:30 pm
Pierre E. Trudeau HS	January 13, 2014	7:00 pm
Richmond Green SS	December 10, 2013	7:00 pm
Richmond Hill HS	January 9, 2014	7:00 pm
Sir William Mulock SS	January 15, 2014	7:00 pm
Stephen Lewis SS	January 9, 2014	7:00 pm
Stouffville DSS	January 16, 2013	7:00 pm
Sutton DHS	December 5, 2013	6:30 pm
Thornhill SS	December 5, 2013	7:00 pm
Thornlea SS	October 24, 2013	6:30 pm
Unionville HS	January 15, 2014 November 5, 2013 - Arts Unionville (@ Flato Markham Theatre)	7:00 pm
Vaughan SS	January 16, 2014	6:30 pm
Westmount CI	January 16, 2014 October 16, 2013 - Arts Westmount (@ City Playhouse)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Woodbridge College	November 28, 2013	7:00 pm

<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=SSA000003>



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To: School Principals, Vice Principals
From: Joe Guchardi, Manager, STSYR
RE: **School Bus Cancellation Notice**

On occasion service cancellation due to inclement weather conditions may be required.

To ensure all education partners (staff, parents and students) understand how they can be informed of any service cancellation, please take the appropriate steps to distribute the attached **School Bus Cancellation Notice**.

Suggestions for sharing the information include but are not limited to:

- Sending copies home with students;
- Sending copies home in Report Card envelopes;
- Including notice in school newsletters and/or websites.
- Posting Notice in appropriate locations (hallways, staff rooms);

A decision to cancel school bus transportation will be **region-wide** meaning all buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access local radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information. A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and 1-877-330-3001 or by following the YRDSB on Twitter.

Please note that **school bus charters will not operate when regular home to school service is cancelled.**

Student Transportation Services thanks you for your efforts to distribute this information as we continually strive to improve service levels to our schools and students.