



# Hartman Public School

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## September 2015



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Stephen Helston

### Vice Principal:

Lynne Girdler

### School Office

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[www.hartman.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.hartman.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to another exciting year at Hartman Public School! We would like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful office staff (Ms. Bailey and Ms. Vanderveeken) and our fantastic caretaking team (Mr. Taylor, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Yolkowski and Ms. Allen) for their hard work and preparation to ensure that the school is clean and that everything is in place so that our first few days of school go smoothly. We would also like to thank the many teachers and support staff that were hard at work over the summer months preparing for the new school year!

We welcome the following staff members to Hartman:

- Ms. Girdler – Vice-Principal (newly appointed!)
- Ms. Cane – FDK
- Ms. Trevedi – FDK
- Ms. Currie – Gr. 2
- Ms. Jimenez – Gr. 6/7
- Ms. Marosan – SERT / Prep Coverage
- Ms. Hancock – Gr. 7
- Mr. Anderson – Jr. / Int French
- Ms. Robinson - CYW

We are pleased to welcome back the following people to our staff: Ms. Rahman (DECE), Mr. Nicitopoulos (Gr 1), Ms. Aldrich (Gr.4)

As always, the members of the Hartman staff work diligently to ensure a safe learning environment for all. In order to do this, teachers will be reviewing behavioural expectations and establishing learning goals for the upcoming school year with all students. We encourage parents/guardians to review information provided in this regard much of which is available in the packages that come home in the first week. Agendas are available for purchase at \$5.00 per book. While these are optional, they are a very helpful organizational and communication tool.

To those families who are joining our school community for the first time, we welcome you and feel confident that you will enjoy the warm and inclusive atmosphere which has been created at Hartman Public School. At Hartman P.S. we believe a strong partnership between home and school is essential for a child's development. We encourage you to

become involved in the many activities and events at the school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review and complete the annual 'Start Up Package' that has been sent home with each child. In addition, we encourage families to review and consider the Arts Package which is designed to support our Arts focus at Hartman. We look forward to working together with you and your children to ensure your child's academic success in the upcoming year.

Your Administrative Partners in Education,  
Stephen Helston (Principal) and Lynne Girdler (Vice-Principal)

## Student Drop Off and Pick Up

**As an environmentally focused school, our hope is that our students walk or ride bikes to school.** Please do not leave your car idling to cut down on unnecessary global warming!

Staff will be on duty to meet students arriving in the Kiss 'n' Ride areas and to supervise students on the tarmac behind the school. If students must be driven to school, please follow the expectations below in order to keep our students safe. PLEASE – NEVER USE YOUR HORN – IT SCARES THE CHILDREN!!!

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP (Kindergarten)

- The front bus loop is a drop off area for **kindergarten** students only. Parents are asked to pull as far ahead in the bus loop as possible and to allow staff to assist your child out of the vehicle and into the Kdgn area. Parents are not to leave the vehicle in the bus loop. If parents wish to accompany their child(ren) to the kg area, they are requested to park in the parking lot, or only on the left side of the loop. Children are to be dropped off outside the of the fenced kindergarten area. For student safety, no parents will be allowed in the fenced area.
- At the end of the day, parents of kindergarten children in rooms 102, 104, 105 and 110 should meet their children outside of the kindergarten area at the front of the school where staff will dismiss students to your care. Parents of kindergarten students in rooms 121 should meet their children outside the north door at the back of the school where staff will dismiss students to your care.  
**Again, minimal parking is available in the bus loop, so parents are asked to park their cars in the parking lot or walk.**

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP (Gr. 1 – 8)

- The Kiss n Ride is accessed using the north end of the parking lot, and is a one way loop
- Enter and drive around to the Kiss n Ride area at the northern most part (It is signed and staffed)
- Drop students off in the Kiss 'n' Ride area and follow the driveway out to the exit
  - Do not park and block other cars in
  - *Do not bump, touch, re-locate or damage any pylons – they are there for safety !*
  - **At the end of the day, parents are asked to meet students outside at a pre-determined meeting spot.**



### Attendance

Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child will be away from school or late for classes. A message can be left on our voicemail at any time. The number is (905) 727-5938. We rely on



### School Communication

For newsletters, links to teacher websites and information about the school please visit our school website regularly. The newsletter will be posted at the beginning of each month and contains valuable information.



you to help us account for all the children quickly and efficiently each school day.

Safety is our priority

<http://www.hartman.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please notify the office.

## Safety at Hartman

The safety and well-being of your child(ren) is of paramount importance. In order to maintain a safe environment for all students we must know at all times who is in our building. You can help us by:

- Dropping students off at supervised areas outside the building after 8:45 am (Supervised areas are inside on rainy days - please do not accompany your child into the school.) **This includes the portables!**
- Waiting at an agreed upon meeting spot **outside** when picking children up from school
- Signing in (and out) at the office whenever you do come into to the school (**please note: adults who are not wearing a Hartman visitors badge will be questioned by a Hartman staff member and asked to report to the office immediately.**)
- Signing your children in and out whenever you take them from the school during the school day.



We need your help and cooperation to ensure that your children are safe.

## Safety Awareness Week

September 25 - Oct. 2

The York Region District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students.



To support this endeavour, the week of Sept. 25 - Oct 2 has been designated as Safety Awareness Week. All public and secondary schools across the region will be featuring activities intended to increase awareness of safety hazards and how to avoid them. Safety Awareness Week will also include emergency preparedness exercises. To ensure that all members of the school community are familiar with the emergency procedure, we will be conducting a practice lockdown drill. In advance of the drill, we will review protocols and expectations with all students, staff and affected partners.

Families are encouraged to extend the conversations around safety at home by discussing street safety and safety at home.

## Nut Safe

In order to help ensure a safe learning environment for all, we remind all members of our school community to avoid bringing products that contain (or may contain) nuts. Many of our students have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts and even non-physical contact can lead to an anaphylactic reaction.



Thank you for your support in monitoring food products that are brought into the school.

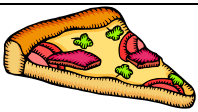
## Freedom of Information

Activities throughout the school year may require the use of student names, age, grade, etc. and while notices will be sent for most events, parents are welcome to discuss any restrictions they require with the school principal.



## Picture Day

Be sure to bring your best smile on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> when Hartman hosts our annual Picture Day.



## Pizza & Milk

Once again we will be offering milk and pizza for this year. Order forms will be coming home shortly. Milk will be available Mondays to Thursdays and Pizza will be on Fridays.



## Lunch Assistants Wanted

We are in need of lunch assistants on a casual basis. This paid position is available to members of the Hartman school community. If you are interested in an on-call position for one hour a day, please visit the school office for more information.



## Parents in the Yard

Parents who walk their children to school in the morning often wish to stay with them until the bell rings. Please be aware that supervision is provided by the school starting at 8:45 am and you may leave at this time. If you do stay until the bell, please remember the following:

- Remain on the tarmac and removed from the line up areas.
- Many children are frightened by dogs. All dogs must be on a leash and should not interact with our students. Please keep your dog away from other children and be sure to clean up any waste.
- Students should line up on their own for entry. Parents should say their goodbyes before students line up.

The same rules apply at the end of the day for pick up. Thank you for your continued support.

**We ask that parents do NOT enter the school yard during the school day (9:00 - 3:30).** Always check in at the office.

## Volunteers

Are you interested in volunteering at the school? There are always many opportunities. Some are ongoing and some for special events. Right now, we are looking for the following volunteers:

- Terry Fox Walk helpers - Friday, September 25 in the pm
- Snack Program Assistants - ongoing
- Primary Reading program - ongoing with training starting in mid to late October
- Selling and ordering Spirit Wear for the school (samples and sizes already done!)

If you are available to assist with any (or all 😊) of these opportunities, please let us know in the office.

Please note: all volunteers are required to obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check with York Regional Police.

Information for this is available at <http://www.yrp.ca/>. School volunteers can seek reimbursement for the fee at the end of the school year.

## Book of Forms

A booklet of important forms is coming home with each student this week. Please complete these forms and return to the classroom teacher ASAP.

## Dropping off Lunches

Parents dropping off lunches for students are asked to leave them on the table inside the front doors. Please use the labels provided.

Office staff will ensure that all lunches are picked up. As well, please do not cross through or open the extendable yellow gate!



## Office Index Cards

Next week, you will receive the Student Office Index Card. We ask that you review this information and make any changes to the form as required. This form is used on a daily basis to relay important messages to parents, contact emergency numbers and contact parents at work when your child is too sick to stay at school. Please help us do our job well by adding any pertinent information and all essential contact numbers. Please return the completed forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

## Agendas

Students in grades 1 - 8 have the opportunity to purchase an agenda. An agenda can be an important communication tool to be used between parents and teachers. It is also an excellent organizational tool for

## Indoor Shoes

All students are asked to change into a pair of indoor shoes each day. This helps to keep our floors clean and safe. Dirt, dust and moisture on our floors lead to slips and falls. Thank you for

students. Students should have a place to record important information and assignments daily. The cost of the agenda is \$5.00.

your assistance with this.



## Terry Fox



Our Terry Fox Walk for FDK - Gr. 8 students will be on Sept. 25. Parents are invited to participate with

us. Look for more information from your child's teacher and on the school website.

## School Council

School Council will host the first meeting on Wed. Sept. 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Learning Commons (library)

### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

If you are interested in running for a position on the executive, please complete a nomination form found in the "Book of Forms" and submit it to the office by Monday, Sept. 21.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Meeting/Elections - Sept. 30

## Substitute Peanut Butter

A substitute peanut butter product is being marketed to consumers as a safe alternative for children to bring to schools in place of peanut butter. We ask that parents refrain from including these kinds of products in your child's lunches or snacks. These products tend to look, taste, and smell very much like peanut butter. While the product is nut free, it mimics a known allergen that causes anaphylaxis in some children to the degree that it is indistinguishable from the allergen. It is a convincing substitute, opening up the possibility that it can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product.

The safety and well-being of our students is our first priority, which is why our schools have procedures in place to minimize risk of anaphylaxis reactions in our students. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in avoiding the use of these products to assist in our continued efforts to create a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment for all students.

## School Holidays/PA Days

### **HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL**

- Labour Day Monday, September 7, 2015
- Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 12, 2015
- Christmas/Winter Break Friday, December 19, 2015 to Friday, January 1, 2016 inclusive
- Family Day Monday, February 15, 2016
- Leap Year! - Don't forget about Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>!
- Mid-Winter Break Friday, March 14 to Friday, March 18, 2016 inclusive
- Good Friday, March 25, 2016
- Easter Monday, March 28, 2016

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY & TRAINING DAYS - NO SCHOOL**

#### **Elementary:**

- Monday, September 28, 2015
- Friday, November 27, 2015
- Friday, January 15, 2016
- Monday, February 1, 2016
- Friday, June 3, 2016
- Friday, June 30, 2016



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| 7<br>LABOUR DAY<br>NO SCHOOL                       | 8<br>FIRST DAY OF<br>SCHOOL   | 9   | 10<br>WELCOME BACK<br>ASSEMBLY | 11<br>BOOK OF FORMS<br>DUE BACK TO<br>OFFICE SIGNED   |
| 14   | 15<br>CROSS COUNTRY<br>MEETING<br>(GRADES 4-8)<br><br> | 16  | 17                             | 18  |
| 21<br>SCHOOL<br>COUNCIL<br>NOMINATION<br>FORMS DUE | 22  | 23  | 24                             | 25<br>Terry Fox Run<br><br> |
| 28<br>PA DAY<br>NO SCHOOL                          | 29<br>SAFETY WEEK<br>BEGINS   | 30<br>SCHOOL COUNCIL<br>MEETING<br>6:30-8:30 (Library)<br>PICTURE DAY !!! |                                |   |

## Upcoming Events

September 25 - October 2 - Safety Week

TBD - Meet the Teacher and Community BBQ

- Picture Day

October 12- Thanksgiving Holiday

November 7 - Picture Retake Day

November 17 - Regional Cross Country

November 18 - Rain Date Regional