



Hartman Public School

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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. Noumtinis, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Moffitt) 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:

Mrs. Bell (Community Class)

Ms. Jefferson (grade 2)

Ms. Pugh (Kindergarten)

Ms. Hynes (Child and Youth Worker)

Mr. Akinmurete (Early Childhood Educator)

Ms. Hunter (Early Childhood Educator)

Ms. Kanchwala (Early Childhood Educator)

We are pleased to welcome back the following people to our staff: Evelyn Morgan, Jennifer Grant and Heather Paczek.

We say a short good-bye to Mr. Seto and Mr. Clarke and welcome Mrs. Huismans and Ms. Kapustin to Hartman while they are away.

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 'Book of Forms' 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 partners in education,

Tim Dunn and Lorraine Doran

這是重要文件，若不明白，請找人翻譯。 இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதை வாசித்து விளங்குப படுத்தல் அடியை ஒருவர்லும் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவும்.

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Student Drop Off and Pick Up

As an environmentally focused school, our hope is that our students walk or ride bikes to school.

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.

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 kg 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. 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 and 122 should meet their children outside the north door at the back of the school where staff will dismiss students to your care. Again, parking is not 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.
- Enter and drive around to the Kiss n Ride area.
- Drop students off in the Kiss n Ride area and follow the driveway out to the exit



- 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 you to help us account for all the children quickly and

efficiently each school day.
Safety is our priority

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.



<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 30 - Oct. 4

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



To support this endeavour, the week of Sept. 30 - Oct. 4 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.



Curriculum Night & Community BBQ

Thursday, Oct. 3 is the night to come out to Hartman to meet your child's teacher, to find out about the curriculum and to meet other members of the community. The BBQ will start at 5:00 and food must be pre-ordered. More information will be sent home with students and posted on our website.

Nut Safe

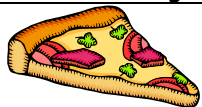
In order to help ensure a safe learning environment for all, we remind all members of our school community to avoid bringing products that contain (or may contain) nuts. Many of our students have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts and even non-physical contact can lead to an anaphylactic reaction.

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.



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 - 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 27 in the pm
- Snack Program Assistants - ongoing
- Primary Reading program - ongoing with training starting in mid to late October

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.



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

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 your assistance with this.



Terry Fox



Our Terry Fox Walk for kg - 8 students will be on Sept. 27. 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. 25 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the media resource centre (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. 16.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Meeting/Elections - Sept. 25
- QSP fundraiser - October. 4

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 2, 2013
- Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 14, 2013
- Christmas/Winter Break Friday, December 20, 2013 to Friday, January 3, 2014 inclusive
- Family Day Monday, February 17, 2013
- Mid-Winter Break Friday, March 7 to Friday, March 14, 2014 inclusive
- Good Friday, April 18, 2014
- Easter Monday, April 21 2014
- Victoria Day Monday, May 19, 2014

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY & TRAINING DAYS - NO SCHOOL

Elementary:

- Monday, September 23, 2013
- Monday, October 11, 2013
- Friday, November 15, 2013
- Friday, January 17, 2014
- Friday, June 6, 2014
- Friday, June 27, 2014

Fall 2013 Social Skills Program

Designed for children ages
5 through 16 years with a
primary diagnosis of a
Learning Disability
and/or ADHD



**Idao • Learning Disabilities
Association of Ontario**

The right to learn, the power to achieve

For Programs in Richmond Hill and Newmarket,
on-site **Registration: Monday, September 9th, 2013**
4:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.
11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
(Loyal True Blue and Orange Home)

\$200.00 for members
\$250.00 for non-members
(Includes program supplies
and tax)

**** First time participants please bring your
child's IEP or IPRC ****

Children will be placed in the appropriate age group.
Class size is limited to 8 participants per class.

Richmond Hill

Classes are held ***Mondays or Thursdays*** at 11181 Yonge Street
starting September 16th, or 19th, 2013

Newmarket

Classes are held ***Tuesdays*** at Trinity United Church
Starting September 17th, 2013

Parent Information Session — (For Parents of Registered Participants Only)

Thursday, September 12th, at 7pm at 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
Thursday September 12th, at 7pm at Trinity United Church, Newmarket



SEPTEMBER 2013

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2 LABOUR DAY NO SCHOOL	3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	4	5	6
9	10 CROSS COUNTRY MEETING (GRADES 4-8) 	11	12	13 BOOK OF FORMS DUE BACK TO OFFICE SIGNED
16	17	18	19	20
23 PA DAY NO SCHOOL	24	25 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6:30-8:30 (Library)	26 PICTURE DAY 	27 TERRY FOX WALK 
30 BUS SAFETY VISIT 		SAFETY WEEK SEPTEMBER 30-OCT 4		

Upcoming Events

September 30 - October 4 - Safety Week

October 3 - Meet the Teacher and Community BBQ

October 4 - QSP Kickoff

October 9 - Area Cross Country

October 10 - Hep B/HPV Shots Grade 7/8

October 11- PA Day - No School

October 14 - Thanksgiving Holiday

November 7 - Picture Retake Day

November 17 - Regional Cross Country

November 18 - Rain Date Regional