

Honey Harbour Public School

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December News 2018

Principal's Message

Over the past few weeks at Honey Harbour Public School, the sound of our wonderful children's voices can be heard regularly rehearsing for our holiday concert (in-school at 2:00 pm), and our School Council fundraising event on December 13, 2018 (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.). The songs the students are singing reflect the many wonderful messages of the season. This is a time to celebrate the joy of family, friends, health, and community. What we know, as we rehearse for this event and share in the excitement of this holiday, is that the true meaning of the season exists regularly, throughout the year, in the hearts of this community. I reflect on the fact that for the past 18 years, this small community has raised well over \$21 000 dollars for the Terry Fox Run. I am astounded at the commitment this community shows to fund-raising to provide those enrichments experiences above and beyond the regular programming. I know that there are generous volunteers that come in to our school and give of their time, money and/or effort so great events can happen; all of their dedication supports a fulsome experience for the students at our school. I also know that there are many contributors who wish to remain anonymous, who fully and routinely support our school. There is no doubt in my mind that we have a wonderful support network in our parent body and in our surrounding community.

It is no wonder then, that I can thank each and every one of our students at Honey Harbour Public School for their daily commitment to working towards being great citizens, great learners and great friends. They are a reflection of their parents/families and their community and, I would hope, our school mission. It is not always an easy road to navigate our 2018 social structure and to always adopt a 'growth mind set', but as a teacher of your child, and as an administrator of your school, I feel so fortunate to be part of the many, many accomplishments our young people have achieved over, specifically, these past few months.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, and your families, a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to continuing our learning journey in 2019.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Deb Wines

Celebrating November

Remembrance Day Assembly

Honey Harbour Public School celebrated Remembrance Day on Friday, November 9th, with an assembly that began at 10:50. It was first held outside with a lowering of the flag followed by a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Murphy then played the Last Post on the trumpet. We then entered the gymnasium where students shared poems and songs about Remembrance Day.

Visit from our Fire Department

On November 27, the Georgian Bay Fire Department came to visit all of the students in our school. Students had the opportunity to sit in the fire truck, learn all the equipment and about the work our fire fighters do to keep us safe. They also had the chance to talk about what families need to do to keep safe in their own homes. We would like to extend a great big thank you to the fire department and their volunteer fire fighters for all the work they do to keep our community safe and for sharing these important messages with our students.

Anti-bullying presentation

Singer/Songwriter/Anti-Bullying activist Jayden Riley visited Honey Harbour PS on November 22nd to entertain us with her incredible voice and to share a very important message with our student body. Very clearly our students heard through song and speech that it is important to be kind every day to each other. Her inspirational message and her incredible talent at such a young age had a powerful and positive message for all that attended.

Yearley Outdoor Education Centre

On November 29th and 30th, the grade 4-8 classes took part in an overnight trip to the Yearley outdoor education centre near Huntsville. The students took part in some very rich outdoor programming that included learning about the fur trade and the ecology of the forest. A massive thank you from the staff and students go out to Mr. Bourgouin and Ms. Hobley for taking the time to accompany the class as opportunities like this would not be possible without this type of support.

Looking forward to December

Purchase of Ukuleles

Thank you to our School Council for their approval to purchase 15 Ukuleles for our school. This tool will allow a greater access to instrumental music for our students in the younger grades and throughout their time at our school. We are in the process of acquiring these instruments with the hopes that they can be part of our instructional program in the New Year.

Rocks and Rings

We are happy to bring Curling Canada, and the **Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings program to our school in January 17, 2019. The curling program** is designed to introduce the Olympic sport of curling to elementary school children. By bringing the curling rink to the school gym we reach children that would otherwise not have access to the roaring game. Curling is a highly social sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. It is a fantastic physical activity that can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities. It also promotes sportsmanship and camaraderie. They take over the gym as classes take turns visiting for 40 minutes sessions of fun and instruction. Various drills, relays and team-building activities are used to introduce students to the sport of curling. It is a highly interactive program with the emphasis on fun!

Intermediate Basketball Tournament

On December 12, our two grade 8 boys will be travelling to Gravenhurst Public School to participate in a district basketball tournament with Mr. Murphy as our lead teacher. The Glen Orchard Public School team has invited our students to be part of a Glen Orchard Public School, Honey Harbour Public School joint team. Go Huskies!!!

Battle of the Books

Honey Harbour Public School will be sending two teams of students to the Battle of the Books TLDSB competition – a junior team and an intermediate team. The Battle of the Books program has been in operation for many years. Its primary goal is to encourage students to read, read, read! It is a competition where students, on a team of four, are responsible for reading a number of books. Often the team decides how many books, and which books, each team member will read. Students will, at the minimum, read approximately three novels each and then be the 'expert' on those texts. At the competition, students are asked a variety of questions that they answer in competition with the other teams. Since we are such a small community, we have not had a competition at our school. We feel that it will be a great learning opportunity to send our students forward to have this opportunity.

Count down to Holidays

Thursday Dec. 6. Wear Red Day - Wear red clothes to celebrate the season

Friday Dec. 7 Slipper Day - Wear your cozy, warm slippers

Monday Dec. 10 Hockey Jersey Sweater, Outdoor hockey

Tuesday Dec. 11 Scarf and Toque Day – Wear your scarf and toque to stay warm all day long

Wednesday . Dec. 12 Hot Soup Day

Thursday Dec. 13 Festive Clothes Day – Wear a Christmas Sweater or some festive attire

Fri. Dec. 14 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' PJ Day – wear your PJ's to school

Mon. Dec. 17 Green Day - Deck yourself with all of your green clothing

Tues. Dec. 18 Festive Hat Day – Wear a Santa Hat, Reindeer Antlers, or even a Rudolph Nose

Wed. Dec. 19 Holiday Movie and popcorn

Thu. Dec. 20 Christmas Carols in the gym

Holiday Schedule

Our Holiday Season begins with a Board Holiday on December 21st so December 20th will be our last day of school prior to the break. We will begin school again in the New Year on January 7, 2019.

School Council

I would like to extend a huge 'Thank you' to the members of School Council and other parent volunteers for organizing the upcoming fund-raising event on December 13, 2018. Our members have organized the food preparation, supply acquisition, volunteer organization, and Silent Auction for this event. As a staff, we appreciate all of their dedication to ensuring that this event runs smoothly.

Our next meeting for School Council will be at 4:30 p.m. on February 7, 2019. We continue to welcome all parents to attend our meeting. We will be discussing allocation of funds from our fund-raising initiatives as well as our upcoming fundraising initiatives, (Little Caesar's Pizzas).

Transportation

Just a reminder that parents can Login to the BusPlannerWeb to check their child's transportation arrangements/weather related cancellations using a secure login. Visit www.mybustoschool.ca for more information. Parents require their child's OEN number (available from their report card), the child's birth date, grade and school.

Safe Arrival

Please remember to call the school, **705-756-2433**, to leave a message before 8:40 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent.

December 2018 at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 (2)	4 (3)	5 (4)	6 (5)	7 (1)
10 (2)	11 (3)	12 (4)	13 (5) Student Performance Spaghetti Dinner  Silent Auction	14 (1)
17 (2)	18 (3)	19 (4)	20 (5)	21 Board Holiday 
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26	27	28
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(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle