

# Honey Harbour Public School

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## February Newsletter



### Principal's Message

Hopefully the deep freeze of January has left us for the rest of the winter and we will be able to enjoy the remainder of this season and all that our beautiful area has to offer with respect to outdoor activities.

Report Card Number One will be coming home on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We support on-going communication between home and school and encourage you to come in and see your child's classroom teacher or feel free to make that communication via phone or email. We are always happy to meet with parents and students to ensure a high degree of student success for all students.

### Looking back at January

#### **Snowshoeing**

On Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, students and staff enjoyed our playground on snowshoes. Each student from JK to grade 8 spent time outside with staff learning or refining their snowshoe skills while enjoying our great outdoors. Fun was had by all!

#### **Downhill Skiing**

On Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, students will be traveling by bus to Horseshoe Valley Ski Resort for a day of downhill skiing. A special thanks to the School Council for supporting this initiative.

### Looking forward to February

#### **Rocks and Rings**

We are happy to bring Curling Canada, and the **Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings program to our school. The date has changed from January 17, 2019, to February 6, 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!

## **Cross-Country Skiing**

Students and staff from JK – Grade 8 will be travelling to Midland Mountainview Ski Resort for a day of cross-country skiing. We would like to thank the School Council and our parent community for supporting this worthwhile initiative. Please be sure to remind your children to layer their clothing and to bring health snacks for the day.

## **School Council**

**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), and school events.

## **Family Day**

Just a quick reminder that February 18<sup>th</sup> is Family Day. I wish you and your family a wonderful day together.

## **Before and After School Care**

There have been a number of parents who have asked about the possibility of having a Before and After School Care Program at Honey Harbour Public School. After reaching out to TLDSB, we have learned that the first step in this inquiry is to conduct a 'viability survey'. Based on the results from this survey, and if it is a positive response, TLDSB would then begin the process to determine if there is an agency that would consider offering a program of this type within the school. A copy of this survey is attached to this newsletter for your family. If you know of families that would like to attend our school but find it impossible because of Before and After School Care, please feel free to share this information. They may acquire a copy from our website or come into the school and pick up a copy here. Please note the survey is due back in the school by February 26, 2019.

## **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.

## **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](http://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.

**February 2019 at a Glance**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	1	2	3	1 PA Day
4 (5)	5 (1)	6 (2) Rocks and Rings Curling at HHPS	7 (3) School Council Meeting 4:30 HHPS	8 (4)
11 (5)	12 (1)	13 (2)	14 (3)	15 (4) Report Cards Home Cross-Country Skiing
18 Family Day	19 (5)	20 (1)	21 (2)	22 (3)
25 (4)	26 (5)	27 (1)	28 (2)	1 (3)

(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle