

# Honey Harbour Public School

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## January Newsletter



### **Principal's Message**

It was wonderful to welcome all of our students and staff back to our school after our winter holiday break. We have enjoyed many stories of enjoyable events that have taken place over the past couple of weeks as we all shared time with family and friends. We are also able to welcome new families and students to our school community and we are all looking forward to getting to know them and to learn together.

The staff at Honey Harbour Public School have been busy organizing winter electives for all students from Jk to Grade 8. We would like to thank the School Council for the support of these worth-while initiatives. All students will have the opportunity to experience curling (at the school) and cross-country skiing. Students from grade 1 – 8 will have the opportunity to go down-hill skiing. Our kindergarten students will also have a wonderful day of winter electives held at our very own school.

### **Looking forward to January**

#### **Snowshoeing**

On Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, students and staff will be celebrating winter by snowshoeing around the school playground. Please remind your children to pack appropriate layered clothing for this event.

#### **Hot Lunch**

Staff at Honey Harbour Public School will be preparing a 'hot lunch' for students at our school on Tuesday, January 22. Students will be provided with a hot bowl of soup and a bun at the 12:40 nutrition break.

#### **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.

## **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!

## **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.

## **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 fundraising initiatives as well as our upcoming fundraising initiatives, (Little Caesar's Pizzas), and school events.

## **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.

**January 2019 at a Glance**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	1	2	3	4
7 (1)	8 (2)	9 (3)	10 (4)	11 (5)
14 (1)	15 (2)	16 (3)	17 (4) Snow shoeing at HHPS 	18 (5)
21 (1)	22 (2) Hot lunch 	23 (3)	24 (4)	25 (5)
28 (1)	29 (2) Horseshoe Valley – downhill skiing 	30 (3)	31 (4)	1 (5) PA Day

(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle