

# Honey Harbour Public School

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## December News 2019

### Principal's Message

It is hard to believe it is December already. The first three months of school have passed so quickly it seems. It was great to see so many of our families out for our formal interview evening last Thursday night. We look forward to meeting with those families who were not able to attend but who have already rescheduled. Please know that we are always happy to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns that you may have. Just call the school and we will arrange a time that you can come and meet with us.

In the month of December, we will be focusing our math instruction on Quantity relationships and Counting principles as well as Expressions and Equality. Students will be reading, representing, comparing and ordering numbers. They will be solving problems involving addition and subtraction in the primary and junior grades and a variety of computational strategies in the intermediate grades. Students will also be counting both forwards and backwards as they look for patterns in numbers. At home, look for ways to support your child's number sense development through counting games, for example, Sorry, Trouble, Monopoly, to mention a few, or reference the many games that were shared at our Curriculum evening last spring. Please contact the school for more ideas.

Outdoor play is a daily part of the programming at our school. As the winter weather approaches, we remind all students to dress for the weather, with hats, mittens, scarfs, coats, snow pants, and boots. Students have found our little hill to be a lot of fun for sliding on. Our safety rules identify that students must wear a helmet if they are sliding on a hill. If your child wishes to slide on the little hill in our playground, please ensure they have a helmet.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your child's learning.

Sincerely,  
Deb Wines

## **School Council Meeting**

Our second School Council meeting was held on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. For a record of the minutes, please visit our school website, <https://hhp.tldsb.on.ca/>, or visit the school.

A few highlights from the meeting include a few upcoming events in December. School Council is going to support **Pizza Fridays** for the month of December. Please see the attached form for ordering information. Thank you to Jay Lawley who has kindly offered to pick the pizza up for our school each Friday. School Council is also going to offer a hot lunch for students each Wednesday in December.

Thank you to Kait Maurice who has offered to come and prepare a **hot soup lunch** for each student on these days. Soup will be funded through our Breakfast Program.

School Council would also like to thank Jay and Brooklin Lawley who have taken on the responsibility of shopping each month for our Breakfast Program. It is greatly appreciated.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:15 p.m. All our welcome to come out and join our meeting.

## **Remembrance Day Assembly**

On November 11, 2019, students at Honey Harbour gathered together for an assembly to recognize the brave efforts of those men and women who went to fight for our country in the past, as well as those who are currently working to maintain peace at home and around the world. We sang songs, read poems, and watched video clips to honour our Canadian soldiers. Thank you to Jake for his reading of the famous poem, 'In Flanders Fields.'

## **Hands-On Science**

On November 15, we were very fortunate to have a team of educators from Lakehead University in Orillia facilitate a day of learning at our school. Our Littles learned about 'Light and Sound', our Middles learned about 'Structures and Mechanisms,' and our Bigs learned about 'Filtration systems and Clean Drinking Water Around the World.' Everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed this day of Science investigation and inquiry. Thank you to our leaders from Lakehead University.

## **TLAC 2020 Student Registration Forms are now available online!**

What is TLAC? TLAC is an arts camp for Grade 7 through 12 students that will take place on May 17 to 22, 2020 at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. TLAC offers specialized instruction for Music, Drama, Musical Theatre, Dance, and Visual Art within an exciting camp experience. The arts camp is set up as a typical high school day with four periods. There are evening concerts featuring performances from major artists, a presentation from local visual artists, and an art display. This enriched arts experience is enhanced by the summer camp atmosphere.



**Early bird registrations are due December 20, 2019 for a \$50 savings.**

**The deadline for all registrations is January 17, 2020**

Registrations are available online or in your school office. Visit <http://tldsb.ca/tlac> for a link to the online registration and to follow along with the experience. For more information, contact Wendy Browne at 1(888)526-5552 x22104 or email at [TLAC@tldsb.on.ca](mailto:TLAC@tldsb.on.ca).

Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to register ea

### **The Holiday Express Musical and Holiday Celebration**

Honey Harbour Public School will be performing a Musical Play on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, (snow day on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>), at 1:20 p.m. at the school. The play will feature Festive Songs from around the world featuring several different cultures.

Following the performance, we hope to enjoy some healthy and festive treats. If you are able to contribute a treat to share for this event, please fill out the attached form and forward to the school. When considering an amount to send, think about creating a treat for one of our classes (7 – 10 students).

Thank you, in advance, for your support. We hope that you will be able to join us at the school.

### **Skating at the Park - Honey Harbour**

As a follow-up to conversations at our last School Council meeting, Mr. Murphy has contacted the Township of Georgian Bay to see if they would be able to create a rink this winter at the park across from our school. They have indicated that they would be able to do this for us. We will support their efforts by contributing to the clearing of the rink on a regular basis. As a result, our students will have regular opportunities to practice skating skills.

In order for us to provide skating instruction, each student must wear a CSA approved helmet. We know that some of our children will have all the gear for skating where others may not have had a chance to explore this sport and therefore will not have the necessary gear. This may be an idea for a gift for your child at this festive holiday season. If this equipment is not part of your plan, and we totally understand that it may not be a priority for your family, we would like to be able to offer this opportunity for each child to have some fun on the ice. Therefore, if you could let the school know

that your child is in need of a helmet or a pair of skates, we will do our best to locate these for you. There are skates that have been donated at the school already. We can start there to see if we can find 'a good fit!' Our staff has committed to look outside the school over the holidays, to find equipment to fit students who don't have skating as a family priority.

If you have extra skates or helmets that your child has outgrown, we would be most appreciative if you would be willing to donate these to the school so that we can offer them to students who are in need of this equipment.

### **Social Media**

Look for messages on our webpage <https://hhp.tlidsb.on.ca/> or follow us on Twitter at [Twitter@HoneyHarbourPS](#)

### **Safe Arrival**

Please remember to call the Safe Arrival number, 1-888-719-9029, or 705 756-2433 to leave a message before 8:45 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent.

### **Transportation**

This year, once again, parents can go to the BusPlannerWeb to check for weather related cancellations. Visit [www.mybustoschool.ca](http://www.mybustoschool.ca) and click on delays/updates. For specific details about your child's bussing arrangements, parents can log in to [www.mybustoschool.ca](http://www.mybustoschool.ca) Parents require their child's OEN number (available from their report card), the child's birth date, grade and school.

### **Electronic Devices**

We discourage electronic devices being brought to school. Please remember that the school is **not responsible for the loss** of such personal belongings.

### **School Connects**

Occasionally we use our School Connects system to notify or remind parents of important dates or upcoming events. If you would like to receive these telephone, text, email messages and have not already signed the TLDSB School-Home Communication Consent Form, please come in to the school to do so. If you would like to receive this information but only on one device, please call the school and let us know.

### **Criminal Reference Checks**

If you don't have a criminal reference check and you may want to volunteer at the school, or accompany your child on a class trip, now is the time to apply. There is no charge for volunteers requesting the check. Please enquire at the school office about getting the letter from us that must accompany your application. Completed reference checks are sent directly to the applicant. If you have a reference check, please enquire at the office about signing an Offence Declaration.



# December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	2 (1)	3 (2) 	4 (3)	5 (4) Pizza Day 
9 (5)	10 (1)	11 (2) 	12 (3)	13 (4) Pizza Day 
16 (5)	17 (1)	18 (2) 	19 (3) The Holiday Express 	20 (4) Holiday Express Snow day show Pizza Day 
23 .Winter Solstice December 1  Hanukkah December 22 – December 30	24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26  Kwanzaa  December 26 – January 1	27
30  Happy Holidays	31  New Year's Eve			

(#) indicates day in 5 day cycle