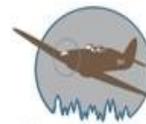




Hewitt's Creek Public School



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June 2018

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. JONES AND MR. VAN ARRAGON

Here we are again and ever so quickly it seems. Another school year is almost completed and summer is rapidly approaching! It has been a wonderful year of learning in the classroom, fun with friends and many great memories along the way. We have a great opportunity to celebrate our year together during our Family Fun Fair on Thursday, June 14 from 5-7:30 PM. Be sure to come and join in on the community fun!

Thank you to our students and staff for all your hard work and commitment, grit and determination this year. Thank you also to families who have faithfully supported their children throughout the school year. And, thank you to all the many volunteers who have supported our students by coming into the school to help, attending meetings, coming along on field trips, running our lunch programs, etc. Our school would not be the great place that it is without you.

A volunteer appreciation event is scheduled on Tuesday, June 19 at 11:00 am. If you volunteered for the school in any capacity, please come and join us for student presentations, appreciation and refreshments. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend.

We wish a special farewell to all those students and staff who are moving on to different schools next year. We're proud of our grade eight graduates as well and wish them all the best as they move on to bigger things in high school. We wish everyone a wonderful time of relaxation and rest over the summer and we look forward to seeing all those who will be coming back in September. Please stay safe and enjoy your time spent with family and friends.

LOST & FOUND - PLEASE COME CLAIM YOUR CHILDREN'S LOST CLOTHING BEFORE JUNE 22

Our lost and found is overflowing!!! For the next two weeks, our lost and found will be on display in the front foyer of the school near the main entrance to the gym. Please stop by to see if any of your child's belongings are there. By June 22nd all lost and found items will be removed from the school and donated to charity.



IS YOUR CHILD TURNING FOUR THIS YEAR? IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Our school is now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birth date documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.



GRADUATION



This year we have 81 excited grade 8 students ready to move on to the next chapter of their lives. They are busy preparing for their special day of graduation from elementary school on **Wednesday, June 27 at 6:00 PM**. This year, due to the high volume of graduates, we will be conducting our graduation ceremonies at **Innisdale Secondary School**. We wish our graduates well as they move on to high school next year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14—Hewitt's Creek Fun Fair 5:00-7:30pm
June 15—Character Assembly 11:30 for May
June 19—Volunteer Appreciation 11:00 am
June 28—Character Assembly for June & End of the Year Assembly 9:15
June 27—Grade 8 Graduation 6:00 pm
June 29—PA Day



Have a safe summer!

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS NOW APPROVED

The Ministry of Education has approved the elementary and secondary school year calendars for the Simcoe County District School Board's 2018-19 school year.

2018-19 Highlights:

- First day of school: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
- First day of school for Junior Kindergarten students: Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019
- March Break: March 11 to 15, 2019
- Last day for elementary students: Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Last day for secondary students: Wednesday, June 26, 2019

You can view the 2018-19 calendars on the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) by clicking on 'Schools' and then 'School Year Calendars.'

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

The SCDSB offers children in Grades 1 to 8 an opportunity to learn and/or maintain a language other than French or English. Whether you enrol your children in this program to learn a new language, understand a new culture or to extend their knowledge of their first or second language, every student can benefit from this program. The Barrie Learning Centre (Bayfield Mall) offers Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Urdu. The Bradford Learning Centre (157 Holland St. E, Suite 200) offers Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. The classes take place Saturday mornings, 9 to 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 15 (classes are dependent on student enrollment). There is no charge for this program. Most classes fill quickly on a first come, first served basis. Register your child by visiting www.thelearningcentres.com and clicking on 'Elementary Student.'

EYE SEE...EYE LEARN PROGRAM OFFERS FREE GLASSES FOR JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The Eye See...Eye Learn program provides comprehensive eye exams by local optometrists to Junior Kindergarten (JK) students. The eye exams are covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) when parents show their child's health card. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam and if the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive them free of charge courtesy of a participating optometrist. For more information, visit www.Eyeseeyelearn.ca. The program is available for current JK students until June 30, 2018.

SUMMER CHILD CARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years old. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at www.scdsb.on.ca – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

RIGHT TO PLAY

RIGHT TO PLAY is a global organization founded in Canada that is committed to improving the lives of girls and boys affected by conflict, disease and poverty. **RIGHT TO PLAY** uses play to engage kids in their education, to teach them health lessons and to show them how to build peaceful communities.

Part of the Right to Play Challenge has a school fundraising aspect. Hewitt's Creek participated in a **Silver & Gold Coin Challenge**. We asked students to bring in coins (5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 1\$, 2\$) coins. There were larger water containers at the front foyer where students placed their coins in their grade team container. The grade team with the most amount of "silver" donations will be the winning grade.

All donations collected will allow The Right To Play Organization to continue to offer play-based programming that helps girls and boys in more than 20 countries around the world.

REGISTER NOW FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**. Please contact York Professional Care & Education 705-737-5430 to register your child(ren).

**UPDATED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS REQUIRED FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We appreciate the commitment of all who volunteer at our school. In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, and in accordance with the Education Act, the SCDSB requires a complete and up-to-date Criminal Record Check Vulnerable Sector Screening (CRC-VSS) for all volunteers across the system. If you are a current, approved volunteer and your CRC-VSS is more than five years old, you will be receiving a notification this month indicating that you are required to submit a new CRC-VSS. If you wish to continue as a SCDSB volunteer, please complete the following steps:

1. Contact the school principal to obtain a CRC-VSS request letter.
2. Bring your CRC-VSS request letter to your local police detachment.
3. Submit your original and complete CRC-VSS to the school office for review by Oct. 31, 2018.

If you are a current SCDSB employee volunteering in the system, you are required to submit an updated CRC-VSS to the school where you will be volunteering. If you have completed a CRC-VSS within the past six months of the start of the school year for another organization, you may submit that original CRC-VSS for review. If you have questions, please contact the school.

CANADA EDUCATION SAVINGS PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP FUND YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

The Government of Canada encourages Canadians to use Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP) to save for a child's post-secondary education, which includes full- or part-time studies at a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university or in an apprenticeship program. Employment and Social Development Canada administers two education savings incentives linked to RESPs:

- **Canada Education Savings Grant** - a basic grant of 20% on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a RESP (this grant is available to all eligible Canadians regardless of their family income), as well as the additional amount of Canada Education Savings Grant.
- **Canada Learning Bond** - available for eligible Canadian children from low-income families born in 2004 or later and provides an initial payment of \$500 plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000. Personal contributions are not required.

For more information, visit: www.canada.ca/education-savings.

KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY, ACTIVE AND ENGAGED THIS SUMMER

Summer is the time for kids to get outside and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the body and mind ends with the school year. Studies show 90 per cent of children ages five to 11 years old in Canada do not meet their minimal physical activity requirements. We know that having an active lifestyle in the early years is essential to healthy child development and has a positive impact on mental health. Here are a few tips on how to keep your child's mind and body active this summer:

- Learn a new skill! Over the summer months, there is a wide variety of programs to keep children and youth active. Whether outdoors or in a facility like the YMCA, swimming is a summer time favourite. Consider signing your child up for swimming lessons, giving them the confidence they need to be safe in and around the water.
- Unplug and enjoy the outdoors! Did you know that the average Canadian child spends almost eight hours a day in front of a screen? Research tells us that when children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Look for opportunities for your child to get connected with nature.

With some creativity and advanced planning, parents can keep their children's minds and bodies active this summer! To learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, visit www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca.

Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka

DRESS CODE AND SUNSCREEN

As the weather gets warmer appropriate dress can become an issue at school. Please ensure that your child is dressing appropriately for school on hot summer days. Your support helping your child select proper clothing to wear to school is appreciated. As well, we encourage all our students to apply sunscreen each day as even 20 minutes outside in the sun at recess time can be a risk for sunburn on days with the UV index is high.

JOIN US FOR THE HEWITT'S CREEK FUN FAIR – THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 5-7:30 PM

Please join us for the Hewitt's Creek Fun Fair on Thursday, June 14 from 5-7:30 PM. We have many fun activities planned for the evening:

- **Pizza**
- **Freezes**
- **Water balloons**
- **Inflatable obstacle course**
- **Fire, police and paramedic displays**
- **Face painting**
- **And much more.**

Don't miss it! Bring the whole family and we'll see you there!

STAFFING CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Every year there are changes to the staff. Some staff currently at Hewitt's Creek are covering various teacher leaves of absence and will not be returning in the fall. As well there are always other changes for a variety of reasons (retirement, transfer, parental leave, etc.). Staffing changes and class placements are usually not finalized until the Labour Day weekend in September. Student class placements will be announced on the first day of school in September. Staff that we do know (at this time) are leaving our school this year are Ms. Davies, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Szmyr, Mr. Snell, Ms. Verner. We wish them well in the next steps of their teaching careers. We wish Mrs. Chamot, Mrs. Hsiao and Mrs. Trembath well as they take on 2 year positions at the board office. We look forward to their return to Hewitt's in 2020. As well, we say farewell to Mrs. Oatway who will be teaching at a different school next year. And finally, we say happy retirement to Mrs. Collins who has completed her teaching career. Thank you Mrs. Collins for your many years of faithful service to the students of Hewitt's Creek. You will be greatly missed by us all! Thank you to all the departing staff. We only say "bye for now" as we hope to see you at Hewitt's Creek again in the future.

PLEASE RETURN SCHOOL TOKENS TO THE OFFICE

Our Hurricane Rewards program for students which recognizes them for their positive achievements and good character has been a great success this year. We've given out thousands of tokens over the course of the year, and each month have provided three classes with a pizza party for gaining the most tokens over the course of the month. Thank you to our school council for supporting this initiative by helping to fund the cost of purchasing tokens and pizza.

**GIFTED SCREENING PROCESS**

Students who display an advanced degree of general intellectual ability require additional program support in order to reach their educational potential. This support may be through enhancing the curriculum, differentiated instruction and through providing program modifications. This type of programming is important to engage, motivate and challenge students who are identified as gifted in either the regular classroom or in gifted classroom placements.

A letter examining the gifted screening process in greater detail will be sent to parents of students in Grade 3 in September. Parents will still have the opportunity for nominating their child in September and October.

If you require further information about this process, please contact the school.



STUDENT ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Our morning supervision of students starts at 8:55 a.m. until student entry at 9:10 a.m. Our staff will be out on the school yard to meet students and their parents on the yard. While parents are normally asked to stay off the school yard for the safety of all students, on this first day, we welcome parents to help their children find the right teachers. The teaching staff will be out on the school yard with class lists to meet the students and organize them before heading up into the classrooms.

In the days to follow and for the remainder of the year we will follow the same entry procedures as we did this past year. To ensure the safety of all, parents are asked to ensure that students arrive between 8:55 and 9:10 a.m. when teacher supervision will be available. During this time the students are to remain on the tarmac. Students arriving after 9:10 will enter at the front door and sign in at the office. There will be a warning bell sounding at 9:07 to cue students that it is time to line up for an orderly entrance into the building.

BELL TIMES

Warning Bell: 9:07 AM

School day begins: 9:10 AM

Period 1 - 9:10 – 10:00 AM

Period 2 – 10:00 – 10:50 AM

First Nutrition Break – 10:50 – 11:30 AM

Period 3 – 11:30 – 12:20 PM

Period 4 – 12:20 – 1:10 PM

Second Nutrition break: 1:10-1:50 PM

Period 5 – 1:50 – 2:40 PM

Period 6 – 2:40 – 3:30 PM

School day ends: 3:30 PM

To ensure that your child maximizes his/her learning and is not disruptive to the learning of others please make punctuality and attendance a priority. You can assist your child in achieving excellent attendance and punctuality records by maintaining consistent routines and recognizing the link between the character trait of responsibility and long term school success. It is no surprise that high achieving students typically have excellent attendance records, strong learning skills and focus on building positive character traits. When students miss school, gaps in learning occur since much of what they learn builds on previous experiences and lessons. A student with 20 days of absences misses one whole month of important learning activities. At Hewitt's Creek, students who arrive late for class without a justified reason will be expected to make up the instructional material missed. Let's all work together to ensure a successful school year!

