



HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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Notes from the Principal...



Vision:

“Working together to provide program and service to our students and community”

Supporting Literacy

January 27, 2018 was Family Literacy Day. All across Canada, families were encouraged to celebrate by taking part in activities to promote literacy.

Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child’s development. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child’s literacy skills dramatically. An interesting research study states: A student who reads 20 minutes each day will read 3600 minutes in a school year and by the end of Grade 6 will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days! That enriches vocabulary, comprehension and overall thinking skills!

At Holbrook, we celebrated Family Literacy Day by having our “Snuggle Up and Read” event, an assembly kicking off our Read-a-thon and had a guest author, Cindy Stewart. Mrs. Stewart’s book, “Lewy Kablooeey and Sneezzy Cheezy, teaches the importance of kindness and gives a message against bullying. She met with all classes and read her book and had activities for the children to participate in. Thank you, School Council, for funding this event.

Thank you to all the adults that came to read and to the older students for sharing with the younger ones. Pictures will be posted to celebrate “Snuggle Up and Read”.

To help encourage reading, once again, we are holding a “Read-a-thon” with an Olympic theme. This is an exciting way to encourage your child to read. The comics, the newspaper, instructions to toys, recipes, magazines are all fun ways to encourage reading. Prizes are given for every 15 units of reading. You may also want to support the school by having your child raise some funds to support the Library as they read (it is not a requirement for participating). Check out the fantastic front display case for our Olympic Read-a-thon! In the words of Dr. Seuss, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” So read, read, read.

Other exciting events this month are: Family Movie Night, Family Dance Night, Staff/Student Volleyball game, “Friendship Activities”, and “Holbrook Winter Olympics”.

Hope to see you out to some of these memorable activities. From Mrs. Lemmond

Please check out the HWDSB website to provide your input on several survey’s:

- ◇ **2018-2019 Budget Consultation**
- ◇ **Feedback on 2018—2019 Draft School Year Calendar**
- ◇ **HWDSB Parent Survey Launch**

Mrs. C. Lemmond— Principal
Mrs. L. Millar — Office Administrator
Mrs. L. Romano— Superintendent
Mr. W. Hicks — School Trustee

Attention:

School Council is having a Family Dance again this year. Come for a time of great family fun with DJ Mike!

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Please remember the allergy alert in our school!

FAMILY DANCE

FEBRUARY 9

6:00—8:00 PM

In the Gym

Term 1 Report Cards

On February 13th your child (Grade 1—6) will bring home their Term 1 Report Card. The Kindergarten, Communication of Learning will come home on February 15th. After reading the report card yourself, please take the time to review the report card with your child and complete the third and fourth pages of the report together.

Here are some hints to help parents and students understand and get the most out of their child's report card:

- **Marks** - A mark of B-, B or B+ indicates the student is meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum. This is the goal that all students should be shooting for. A mark of 80% or more (A) is very difficult to achieve. Students must demonstrate not only an in depth understanding of the curriculum, but must apply their knowledge in innovative and complex ways. If your child is achieving Bs, they are to be praised and commended for their good work.
- **Comments** - Carefully read the teacher's subject

comments to discover the recommended "next steps" for your child. These suggestions can be used to set goals for improvement.

- **Learning Skills** - This is an important, yet often most overlooked part of the report card. In this section the teacher evaluates and comments on the student's study and social skills. These skills are important in all subject areas and in life itself.
- **Pages 3 & 4** - Portions of these pages are to be completed by the student and their parent. Here goals for improvement are determined and recorded. Page 4 is to be returned to your child's teacher. If you would like to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's progress, please check the appropriate box on this page to request an interview. This page is not to be used to record concerns about the school, its programs or staff.

If you continue to have concerns after speaking with the classroom teacher, please call the Principal so that we can continue to work towards solutions in any area of concern.

NEW! HOLBROOK ENGINEERING CLUB

Attention Parents!

Mrs. Lemmond and Mrs. Sacchetti will be starting an Engineering Club (Building Club) starting the second week of February. We will be holding the club on Tuesday's and Thursday's during the second Nutrition break.

We expect a big turnout for this club so we have a request. If you have any items such as Lego, K'nex, blocks, Dominos, Marble Rn, or anything else you may have on hand to donate, please have your child bring them in and give to Mrs. Sacchetti.

Thanks in advance for helping out with this new event. Mrs. Sacchetti and Mrs. Lemmond

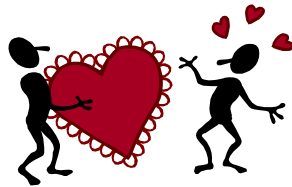


Thank you to School Council for providing the funds to bring in a visiting author for our "Snuggle Up and Read" day.

Ms. Stewart said she had a good time visiting our school and meeting our well-behaved students.

It was a great day!





February: Black History Month

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5-DAY 5 Kindergarten registration begins	6- DAY 1	7—DAY 2 PIZZA orders home 	8- DAY 3	9- DAY 4 “Family Dance Night” 6:00—8:00 PM
12—DAY 5	13- DAY 1 Term One Report Cards going home for Grade 1—6 PIZZA FORMS & money due today!	14—DAY 2 “Friendship Day” Staff/Student Volleyball game 	15—DAY 3	16—DAY 4 “HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR”
19 FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY	20—DAY 5	21—DAY 1 	22—DAY 2 “FIRE SAFETY” ASSEMBLY	23—DAY 3 HOLBROOK WINTER OLYMPICS
26 -DAY 4 Weather date for WINTER OLYMPICS	27—DAY 5	28—DAY 1 CHECKER’S TOURNAMENT 	1—DAY 2	2 PD DAY No school for students

PIZZA REMINDER:

Pizza dates for February are 7-14-21-28. Next forms will go out Wed Feb 7th and due back Tues 13th. **With no late extensions.** It will be for Wed Feb 21 -28 and Mar 7-21 . **Thank you for your cooperation!**

FUTURE DATES:

- Friday, March 2—P. D. Day—no school for students
- March 12—16: March Break
- March 30 & April 1—Easter Holiday
- May 24—June 1: EQAO FOR GRADE 3 AND GRADE 6 STUDENTS
- May 3—Open House and Family Meal
- May 23—Kindergarten Orientation
- Friday, June 8: P. D. Day—no school for students
- Tuesday, June 26—Grade 6 Farewell Celebration





School Council Adventures



Thank you to all the families that were able to come to "Snuggle Up & Read" morning and kick off to our Read-a-thon. Our Olympic themed Read-a-thon is in full swing, students are enjoying improving their reading skills along with helping support our school library and winning some cool prizes. Read ! Read! Read!"

"Movie night" was another success as a gym full of people braved the cold weather to enjoy friends, treats & a movie together. Many people commented on how well the children were behaved. Way to go, moms & dads (and students).

This Friday, February 9th, is the "Family Dance Night" & the theme is Valentine's Day. There will be prizes for the best Valentine's Day costume. Come as a heart, cupid, valentine's day card or dress in all red & white. As always there will be prizes to be won by participating in dance contests with mom or dad. Pizza & refreshments will also be available for purchase. Got some cool dance moves? Come out & strut your stuff.

Friday, March 23rd, School Council will be holding a fantastic magic show with an anti bullying theme. The magicians are highly recommended putting on an incredible magic show. This will be a show you won't want to miss and it's free! (This event is sponsored by fundraising money).

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, February 15th at 6pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come join us for some learning, share ideas to better our children's future, fun & socializing. One person can make a difference.

Up & Coming Events:



Family Dance Night Friday, February 9, 2018; **Anti - Bullying Magic Show** Friday, March 23 2018; Parent Reaching Out Grant presentation from the Merrit Centre, April 2018 TBD; **Family Meal and Open House**, Thursday 3 May 2018; Summer Carnival Thursday 7 June 2018; Groove Edgucation Thursday 21 June 2018.

More information will be sent home as events get closer.

Mike Palma

(Miracles happen every day, change your perception of what a miracle is and you'll see them all around you every day.)