



# HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS

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## Notes from the Principal...



**Vision:**

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

**Fabulous February!**

School Council ran a successful “Family Dance” once again this year. On February 9th, DJ Mike set up his huge stack of equipment and the party started. Many students showed their creativity in dressing up in a “valentine’s theme”. I had a good time pretending I knew how to “square dance” and spun around the gym with many students. Thank you to all who participated!

February 14th was a busy day! It started with the loud cheers at the Staff/ Student Volleyball Game. The student team was very talented this year and outshone the staff. Next, our “**Friendship Activities**”. The students worked in cross-graded groups on a variety of activities, enjoying the time to socialize. Thank you to Mrs. Kenehan for her leadership and thank you to all staff .

Unfortunately, the Holbrook Winter Olympics did not happen outside. However, Mrs. Mastroluisi kept the spirit alive in the Physical Education classes. Have you ever tried “skating” on paper? On February 27th, we held our “closing ceremonies” where the kindergarten students represented South Korean, the host country. We celebrated victories of the spirit of the games by watching Akwasi Frimpong and hearing about the newest countries to join the Winter Olympics. Great spirit shown by our Huskies.

The month went out with a win! Our Holbrook Checker’s team competed in a tournament on February 28th. They took third place! A huge accomplishment! Thank you, Mr. Singh, for your leadership and to our volunteer drivers.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten Online Registration is now open! Go to HWDSB website and register on line. After registration is done on line, please call or come in to the school with proof of birth and proof of address to complete the registration process. Registrations can still be done on paper as well, please bring proof of birth and proof of address. Please register soon to assist with class building!

**Educational Excursions**

We love to have parent volunteers help out with our trips. This is a reminder that in order to help with a trip or events like the Track Meet, a police check is needed. If you have had a police check, a declaration needs to be signed. Please let me know if you need assistance with this. We look forward to parents being involved in these events.

Enjoy a wonderful March break with family and friends! From Mrs. Lemmond

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

**Attention:**

- **March Break March 12—16**
- **Pizza orders due March 20th**
- **Magic Show!! March 23. Registration required.**

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**LOST & FOUND**

Please remember to check the Lost and Found for items

TRIBES FOCUS:

ATTENTIVE  
LISTENING

What does this look like?  
What does this sound like?

Talk to your child:)



As we look ahead to the Spring and warmer weather, please note the following dates for the **EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments**. These assessments, for Grade **Three** and Grade **Six** students, will be administered from May 24th - June 1st, 2018. We wanted parents to be aware so you could avoid these dates when planning holidays or appointments. It is important that students participate and show their learning.

Yearly, after each assessment, EQAO makes approximately half of the test items (questions) public. These booklets, as well as examples of the students' answers from the past five years are available on the EQAO website - Parent Resources or at this link:

<http://www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary/036/BookletsandGuides.aspx?Lang=E&gr=036&yr=14>

"A Guide to EQAO Assessment in Elementary School" is another resource available on the EQAO website - Parent Resources. This guide, available in 21 languages, answers commonly asked questions such as "What is on the EQAO assessments? Do EQAO results count towards students' grades?". To access this guide in English click on the following link:

[http://www.eqao.com/pdf\\_e/14/guide-elementary-assessments-english.pdf](http://www.eqao.com/pdf_e/14/guide-elementary-assessments-english.pdf)

Reading, Writing and Math are components on both the Primary and Junior Assessments. Reading and writing at home supports what your child does at school. Asking questions about what your child has read and asking them to write about their thoughts are ways you can help prepare them for the assessment. Here are some suggestions that you might find helpful in supporting your child's learning in Mathematics at home.

## **PRIMARY**

Include your child in everyday activities that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Play games and do puzzles that require reasoning.

Solve problems with your child and talk about the different steps in the solution.

Have your child show you how he or she can solve problems in different ways (e.g., through sketches, charts, graphs, words, tallies).

Let your child know that everyone can learn mathematics.

## **JUNIOR**

Have your child help you solve everyday problems that require different operations and formula to solve them.

Play games with several steps.

Ask your child to describe a problem and explain what additional information is needed to reach a solution.

Have your child show you the steps he or she has used to solve different problems.




Let your child know that everyone can learn mathematics.

Please contact the school office if you would like more information about EQAO.

From Mrs. Lemmond



MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1-DAY 2	2 <b>PD DAY</b> No school for students
5—DAY 3 Pizza order forms distributed	6—DAY 4 Gr 3 Scholars	7—DAY 5 Gr 3 Scholars 	8—DAY 1	9—DAY 2
12 MARCH BREAK	13	14	15	16
19—DAY 3 Registration for Magic Show due Gr 3 Scholars	20—DAY 4 Pizza orders forms and money due today. NO extensions.	21—DAY 5 Gr 3 Scholars 	22—DAY 1 *Carnival planning mtg 5:00 pm *School Council 6:00 pm	23—DAY 2 Magic Show @ 2:00 pm FAMILY NIGHT Magic Show @ 6:30 pm
26 -DAY 3 Gr 3 Scholars	27 -DAY 4	28—DAY 5 Gr 3 Scholars 	29—DAY 1 TREAT DAY \$2 for TCBY OR KERNELS	30 "Good Friday" No school for students

**PIZZA FORMS for March 28, April 4-11-18th are distributed March 5th; to be returned Tuesday, March 20th. No change can be provided.**

**FUTURE DATES:**

- Monday, April 2nd—Easter Monday—no school for students
- Friday, April 20—Earth Day clean up at Idlewhyld Manor
- Thursday, May 3—Family Meal & Open House
- Wednesday, May 23rd—Kindergarten Orientation for 2018
- May 24—June 1: EQAO FOR GRADE 3 AND GRADE 6 STUDENTS
- Friday, June 8: P. D. Day—no school for students
- Tuesday, June 26—Grade 6 Farewell Celebration





### School Council Adventures



Mr Singh's checkers club placed 3rd in this year's annual competition. More than 800 students from all over the city participated, ranging from grade 3 to grade 8. Awesome job!

We will be holding our first Summer Carnival meeting on the Thursday 22 March at 5pm in the school library. Interested please contact Tina at ladytig8@aol.com

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday 22 of March 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, have some fun & do some socializing. One person can make a difference.

**Up & Coming Events:**

Anti - Bullying Magic Show Friday 23 March 2018;

Parent Reaching Out Grant April 2018 TBD;

Family Meal Thursday 3 May 2018;

Summer Carnival Friday 1 June 2018;

Groove Edgucation Thursday 21 June 2018.

More information will be sent home as events get closer.

March 23: School Council will be holding a magic show with an Anti Bullying Theme.

**Doors open at 6pm show starts at 6:30 pm. The magicians are highly recommended, putting on an incredible magic show along with a powerful message. This promises to be a great evening.** Admission is free however we do ask if possible bring a non perishable food item for the food bank.

***WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO PLEASE PRE REGISTER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE MAGIC SHOW.***

*If the numbers for pre registration are low we will be inviting guests from other schools.*

Mike Palma ( The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to them their own. )

***Please return to the school in your child's agenda or return to the office by Monday, March 19. Thank you!***

**I will be attending the Anti Bullying Magic Show on Friday 23 March 2018 at 6:30**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number attending** \_\_\_\_\_