



# R.L. Hyslop Elementary School

## March 2019 Newsletter

### Important Dates

Friday March 1 - PA DAY

Monday March 4 - Chocolate Bar Fundraising Begins

Friday March 8 - 9 am Oral Communications Festival (gym)

Friday March 8 - "FUN IN THE SUN" Day

March 11 - 15 MARCH BREAK

Monday March 25 - 6:30 pm School Council Meeting

Tuesday April 9 - Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Ends



### **A Message from Mr. Hill:**

The month of February brought with it some extremes in terms of weather. We have had a number of inclement weather days as well many days of not being able to go outside due to cold temperatures or ice on the playground. We are hopeful that the weather will at least settle soon if not bring beautiful spring temperatures!

Our Senior Basketball team had an exciting season. This group of students were highly dedicated and came together as a supportive team, encouraging each other and not letting defeat get them down. Thank you to Mr. Worosz, Mr. Santaguida and Mrs. Archibald for coaching, mentoring and helping organize the season.

In Core French grade 4s and 5s have been building robots, writing descriptions of them and then enhancing their Oral Communication skills by presenting to their peers. Also, students in grades 4 to 8 have been busy planning, researching and writing speeches to present in their classrooms. Classroom winners will participate in our school's annual Oral Communications Festival to be held on March 8. We are looking forward to it!

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE**

**Our School Council is busy organizing the Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. Please help support R.L. Hyslop and participate in this valuable event. The Kick-off Assembly occurred February 22 and chocolate bars will be sent home on Monday March 4 with those students who have returned their permission slips. There are lots of great prizes to be won!**

**The next School Council meeting is on Monday March 25 at 6:30 pm in the school library.**

## EXTRA CURRICULARS UPDATE

### **Checkers Club**

The Checkers Club has been in action once a week beginning in January. The members of the club are from grades 3, 4, and 5 and we meet during the first break on day 2 in the library. There are two more weeks of matches and then we will determine who the first, second and third place winners are.

Checkers Club is a great way for students to build their knowledge of the game, along with their sportsmanship, as we end each match with "Good game!", whether we win or lose.

Several grade 2 students have also shown interest in joining the club so after March Break we will run a few weeks of Checkers Club just for our grade 2 students! This will introduce them to the game so that they are all set to join the Checkers Club next year.

### **Sr. Swim Team**

The Senior Swim Team is starting up soon. Practices will be held on Wed April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wed April 10<sup>th</sup>, Fri April 12<sup>th</sup>, Wed April 17<sup>th</sup>, and Fri April 26<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding the swim meet will be coming soon. All students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are encouraged to join. See Mrs. Montgomery for more information.

## PARKING

If you driving your child to school, please park in the school parking lot as it is a safe walking route to the school playground. Cars coming around the bend are not easy to spot. To limit traffic at the school area, the school encourages students who are assigned to a bus to ride the bus to and from school and students within walking distance to walk to and from school, weather permitting.

## SMOKE AND VAPE FREE SCHOOLS

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act states that smoking cannabis or tobacco and vaping any substance is prohibited anywhere on school property and in public areas within 20 metres of the perimeter of the school grounds. If you are caught smoking or vaping in school or on school property, you may be ticketed and fined. Fines start at \$305.

## KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to all of the grade 8 students and their families who participated in the recent Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. We not only got to enjoy some delicious doughnuts, but also raise funds to help offset the cost of this year's grade 8 graduation celebrations. Special thanks to Mrs. Bothen and Mrs. Spelic for their organization and pick up/delivery of the Krispy Kremes.