



The Husky Howler



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Upcoming Dates to Know

- Feb. 1: Kindergarten Open House. 10am-6pm
- Feb. 2—Primary grades to see Fenwick Flossie for Ground Hog Day in Fenwick 9:20-10:30 am
- Feb. 6—Public Skating at Pelham Arena 9-am-12 pm.
- Feb. 9— Term 1 Report Cards go home
- Feb 9—Happy 100th day of School!
- Feb 9—“Wear Neon” spirit day!
- Feb 13—Pancake Day!
- Feb. 14 Happy Valentines Day
- Feb 15—Canadian Flag Day—Winter Olympic Activity Day
- February 15—SAC meeting 6:30 pm
- Feb. 16—PA Day (no school)
- Feb. 19—Happy Family Day!
- Feb 22—Junior LEGO Robotics competition
- Feb. 28 DSBN Pink Shirt Day (wear PINK)
- Feb 28—In-school golf program grades 2-5. Welcome Mrs. Julie from Sawmill Golf Course

Term 1 Report Cards Go Home Friday, Feb. 19, 2018

On February 9, 2018, all students will bring home their term 1 report cards. We are proud of the effort that our students are putting forth, and will continue to work with you to help support each student as they develop both socially and academically. The term 1 Report Card will share with you areas your child is doing well in, and areas that they will need to focus on for continued growth and development.

Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important focus of this report card. These are critical life skills that students will work on from Grades 1 to Grade 12. Teachers evaluate how well students are achieving these skills for their grade level and include a comment about each student's strengths and some next steps for continued growth. The development of these skills is crucial to creating the conditions for future academic success for students and for developing those attributes that will help promote leadership, responsibility and positive relationships.

For each subject being taught

this term, your child will receive either a letter grade (Grades 1-6) or a percentage grade (Grades 7 & 8). If a subject is only being taught in Term 2, then the teacher will check NA (not applicable) for that subject on the report card. For each subject, there will be a comment that describes your child's strengths and some next steps that will support learning in Term 2.

Communication between teachers and parents/guardians is an important

report card with your child. While interviews are not mandatory for all students, the teacher may request an interview to discuss some specific needs or next steps for your child. If you have any questions or comments for your child's teacher, but an interview was not requested, you are invited to contact the school or teacher to schedule an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement and next steps for learning.



We are looking forward to a great Term 2 here at Wellington Heights !

Maddy proudly displays her geometric creation. Some great Math going on at Wellington Heights. To read more about what we are working on turn to page 4 and 5.

support for student success. We encourage all parents/guardians to discuss the



**QUITE THE EXCITING
DISCOVERIES MADE AT
SCHOOL TODAY!**



Things That Make You Go Hmmmm....

Our experiment was to see if the rock had tar on it or if it was just a dark char stone. We put the stone on a paper clip; with the help of Mrs. Curran and Mrs. DeRuiter, and put a flame under the stone. After a while we noticed the black on the stone got 'all gooey' and fell off the stone onto the paper. From our investigation we learned that it was a stone covered with tar, not a char stone.

By Gracie R. & Jack C.

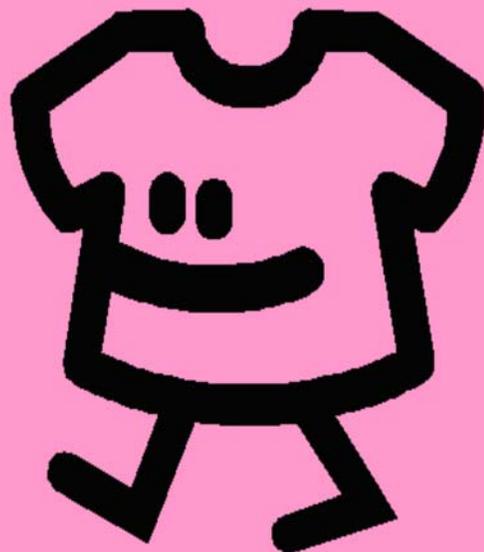
PINK SHIRT DAY

bullying stops here

"Pink Shirt Day" is a day where everyone comes together and is against bullying. At Wellington Heights we recognize the need to show kindness, acceptance, tolerance, and caring to everyone in our school. At our school, being different is okay! No one should have to change because someone may not like you or because you stand out. The world would be a very boring place if we were all exactly the same. Accept and celebrate people for who they are! On Wednesday, February 28th, students at Wellington Heights and across the DSBN are encouraged to wear something Pink!

**~ Pulling someone down will never
help you reach the top ~**

WEAR PINK



STOP BULLYING

Mindful Parenting, Mindful Kids

Mindfulness involves being fully present and accepting of our moment-to-moment experiences, without becoming lost in thought about the past or future. Life as a parent is busy and as a result it's easy to operate on auto pilot. Being a mindful parent means taking the time to enjoy the everyday moments with your children. As parents, mindfulness is especially important because it allows you to **role model** mindfulness practice, allowing your entire family to reap the benefits.

Some examples of daily mindfulness activities you can do with your children include:

- Going for a walk and giving everyone the task of finding 5 things that they hear, see or feel touch during the walk and reporting back to the family upon return
- Spending time unplugged and together as a family. Take turns sharing stories about your day and listen to each with kind attention.

Practicing daily mindfulness activities prepares you to respond thoughtfully to situations rather than react to them. For example, if your child is showing signs of anger, rather than reacting with discipline, take the time to think about why they are upset. Connecting in this way, with compassion can help defuse the situation.

Dan Siegel, best-selling author of several parenting books, co-director of the UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center and executive director of the Mindsight Institute, offers a wonderful description of what it means to be a mindful parent in this short video clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXxrJEnIboM>

Being a more attentive, mindful parent can help you feel more confident and content within your family!

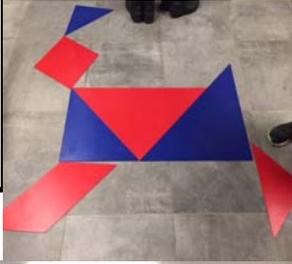


An Adventure to Remember!

On January 26th, our Grade 2 & 3 students were able to visit the Outdoor Adventure Campus, formerly known as the St. John's Outdoor Education Centre. This facility has undergone extensive renovations, and has had many new 'natural' forms of equipment and activities added. Our students had a fantastic time, even though they may have gotten a little dirty in the process!

GRADE 6 ENGAGED IN MATH!

Rory: It was really fun and first we started to build squares and finished the puzzle so we started to make animals with the tangrams. We finished multiple puzzles such as making a duck, swan, and rabbit. I liked what we did because it helped us learn more about making and completing puzzles. The puzzles pieces we used were called tangrams. Tangrams are puzzles in different sizes that can help you learn more in geometry. I like tangrams because they are fun, they also help you learn how to cooperate and complete puzzles.



Cole: It was so much fun because it helped me to learn spatial reasoning and it was cool how you can make a whole bunch of shapes. It was fun when we all did the shapes together. It helped me with working together with other people.
Thanks to Mr. Teal for letting us borrow the large tangrams.

Nick: First of all it was really fun building all these shapes and animals with my friends. We worked together really well with Cole telling us where to put the shapes. Spatial reasoning was a big part of this project. Also tangrams make math fun. Usually, I don't like math that much but I loved using Tangrams. Tangrams help you learn but have fun for everyone at the same time.

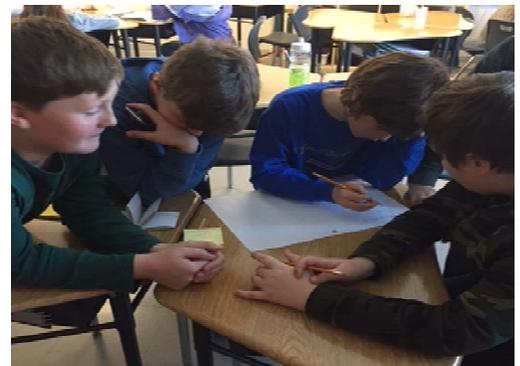


Andy: It was really fun and pretty hard to build different shapes and animals. It helped me to get better at working with other classmates. Cole was reading the instructions for some of the puzzles but we had to figure out where to put the pieces on other tangrams. Thank you Mr. Teal for letting us use the tangrams.



Walmart after tax \$13.56	Bulk barn after tax \$12.52	Bulk Barn \$11.85 before tax
	Bulk Barn TS cheaper!	3.25¢ $\frac{6.5}{7.75\text{¢}}$ after 75¢ tax 12.43 after \$11.00 tax 50¢ tax
	\$12.52	$+12.43$ $\frac{0.75\text{¢}}{2}$ $\$12.50 + 75\text{¢}$

An example of great thinking in grade 6 math! This group was challenged to find out which was the best deal: Buying suckers from the Bulk Barn at \$0.79 / 100g, or buying a 1.5 kg bag of suckers from Walmart for \$11.99. The group first had to determine it would be easier to solve if they converted the kg to grams, then went on to calculate which was the better buy!



Newsletter Quiz

1. Other than skates, what equipment is mandatory for all participants on February 6?
2. Where did our grade 6 students get the tangrams?
3. Why are we wearing Pink on February 28th ?
4. Who is the architect of the structure on Page 1?
5. Solve the problem below....

***Bring in your answers to the office on a piece of paper with your name and class on it for a chance to win a "valuable" prize :)

A Gardener Planted 10
Trees in 5 rows.
Each Row Had 4 Trees.
How is This Possible?

Intermediate Basketball Season Well Underway for our Huskies!



Our Intermediate Basketball season is well underway. Both our girls and boys have been working hard with their coaches practicing during nutrition breaks in preparations for their league games over the last month. They continue to have fun and develop skills and are working hard to prepare for the upcoming DSBN tournaments on Feb 20 (girls) and Feb 23 (boys). Keep up the great work, Huskies!

Building Number and Proportional Reasoning : What is Proportional Reasoning?

Students use proportional reasoning in early math learning, for example, when they think of 8 as two fours or four twos rather than thinking of it as one more than seven. They use proportional reasoning later in learning when they think of how a speed of 50 km/h is the same as a spec of 25 km/30 minutes. Students continue to use proportional reasoning when they think about slopes of lines and rates of change, rates and ratios. The essence of proportional reasoning is the consideration of number in relative terms rather than absolute terms. Students are using proportional reasoning when they decide that a group of 3 children growing to 9 children is a more significant change than a group of 100 children growing to 150, since the number tripled in the first example, but only grew by 50 %, not even doubling in the second example. Over the next few months in Math, have discussions with your child about Mathematics, what they are learning, and support your child's understanding by talking about how what they are learning connects to the "real world" around them. Have fun with math!

**This Month's
Math Snippet!**

WHHL Season in Full Flight!

The Intermediate students have been actively and enthusiastically participating during our Intramural ball hockey activities during nutrition breaks. Lots of fun, and support from spectators who have been on hand to watch some amazing games! Junior and Primary divisions will have the opportunity to sign up and play in the coming months! Thanks to students such as Hayden C and Alex K who have been on hand to help with set up and score keeping!



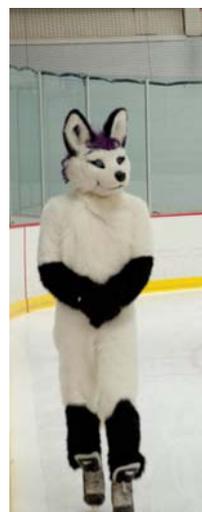
Anaphylaxis Alert!!!

We have some students at the school who have serious allergic reactions to bee stings, peanut and tree-nut products, mangos, and soy protein. While declaring ourselves a "peanut free" school is not possible, we can certainly be aware of the various threats to the safety of some of our students. It is therefore very important to consider the following:

- 1) Instruct your child not to accept food from other children especially if you know that your child has food allergies.
- 2) That you try to avoid sending in food products that contain peanuts/peanut products and that you refrain from using peanut products if baking for a school function.
- 3) Discuss with your child the potential seriousness of these conditions and help us to provide the safest possible environment for all of our students.

Huskies Heading to the Rink....

On Tuesday, **February 6th** and again on **March 6th**, students at Wellington Heights will be heading to the rink to participate in a great leisure activity...skating! Our K-Gr. 2 students will start off from 9:15-10 am, followed by our students in Gr. 3-5 from 10-11 am, ending with our students in Gr.



6-8 who will head to the rink from 11-12 pm. We welcome any parents or grandparents who might be available to join us to help with skates and on the ice to meet us at the arena on the 28th. CSA approved helmets must be worn by all participants going on to the ice.

Homework Help for Students Grade 7 to 10

Homework Help is a free online math help resource for students in Grades 7-10. Homework Help provides free, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers Sunday to Thursday from 5:30pm – 9:30pm ET. The program is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO's Independent Learning Centre. To log in, students will need to register with their Ontario Education Number (OEN), found at the top of their [report card near their name](#). (Your child's OEN never changes so any of their Ontario report cards will have it.)

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

Note: Homework Help is offered in English and is only available to students at publicly funded schools.



HUSKY PRIDE SPIRIT DAY

On January 26th students and staff at WHPS showed their spirit by wearing school colours and/or spirit wear and having their faces painted by our enthusiastic spirit committee. The day ended with the entire school on hand to cheer on both staff and students in a staff vs. student volleyball game. Despite a valiant effort, and great team work and spirit, the staff team were defeated 2 games to 1 by some very talented volleyball teams. A great time was had by all; our spectators were awesome.....and our teachers had to ice some sore muscles after putting it all out there against our Intermediate Husky teams and our Junior Coed Husky team!



School Cash On-Line will be open for **March's hot lunch orders, pizza orders and milk orders**, from Thursday, February 8th through to Thursday, February 15th at midnight.

School Cash On-Line is our preferred method of payment. If you're having difficulty signing up, they offer a great support line. You can reach them at 1-866-961-1803.

****Hard copies of March Hot Lunch...if needed...can be picked up at the office.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>February 2018</h1> <p>Wellington Heights School 905-892-6451</p>						
4	5-D6	6-D7 Shating at Pelham Arena	7-D8 Gr. 2 to Maple Acres PIZZA	8-D9 March SCOL opens for hot lunch, pizza & milk K1&K2 Nagara Childrens Museum	9-D10 TERM 1 REPORT CARDS GO HOME K1&K2 Dental Flouride GRILLED CHEESE 100 th Day K-3 - Waste Management Presentation	10
11	12-D1	13-D2 Pancake Day Gr 1/2 to Maple Acres	14-D3 Happy Valentine's Day PIZZA	15-D4 Maple Acres to K1&K2 March SCOL closes for hot lunch, pizza & milk	16 P.A. DAY (NO SCHOOL)	17
18	19 Family Day	20-D5 Int. Girls Basketball Tournament	21-D6 PIZZA	22-D7 Lego Robotics Competition	23-D8 Int. Boys Basketball Tournament CHILI / SOUP	24
25	26-D9	27-D10 Gr 1 to Maple Acres	28-D1 PINK SHIRT DAY PIZZA GOLF - GR 2-5	MARCH BREAK - MARCH 12 TH - 16 TH		