

The Husky Howler



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Upcoming Dates to Know

- January 7, 2019—Welcome back to first school day of 2019!
- January 9th—French Immersion open house at Gordon P.S (SK students to Gr. 1)
- January 14th—SAC meeting at 6:30 pm
- January 22nd-Intermediate Basketball season begins.
- January 18th-PD Day: No school for students.
- January 25—Jersey Day at WHPS
- January 28th-New Safe Arrival attendance program will go live
- Kindergarten Open House and Registration: January 31st from 10 am to 6 pm.
- Friday, February 8-Report cards sent home.

It is certainly hard to believe that we are getting ready to say goodbye to 2018 and welcome in 2019! As the saying goes, time flies when you are having fun. Our students have continued to be involved in many great educational and extra-curricular activities highlighted, of course, by the showcasing of our talented students during our 'Tis the Season of Splendour' Concert. It was fantastic seeing so many families and friends out to join us for this incredible event. A big thank you to Mrs. Bench, Mr. Blaquiere and Mrs. Brennan who did an outstanding job coordinating the performances for the event. Our staff were busy working with students in preparation for the event during nutrition breaks and during music classes. It was a great opportunity for all of our students to shine. Our "12 Days of Christmas" food drive has once again been incredibly successful thanks to the generosity of

our school community. It is a great way to show our students that together we can make a positive contribution to the Pelham community. Our "Maker Space" program is up and running again this year! Students at all levels have had the opportunity during the last few weeks to get together

in our Learning Commons to make some very creative holiday crafts. Thanks to Miss Mackenzie and Mrs. Keus for getting things up and running. From all of us at Wellington Heights, we would like to wish you a great and safe holiday season, and all the best for 2019!



Our Husky elves are hard at work packaging items from the Wellington Express to send off to Pelham Cares



'Twas an Evening of Splendour'

On Thursday, December 13th, our students had the opportunity to shine during our 'Tis the Season of Splendour' holiday concert. During our concert we were treated to some entertaining class performances, to some individual vocal and dance numbers, and to small groups of instrumental performances. The holiday spirit was never more evident than the messages delivered by all involved. Our student MC's did an exceptional job of keeping the event flowing, and our student 'tech, sound, stage and lighting' team demonstrated great skills as they ensured all requirements were ready to go for each act. Special thanks to Mrs. Bench, Mrs. Brennan and Mr. Blacquiere for coordinating the performance and props and to all staff and students who worked hard preparing for the show. Thanks also to all families and friends for joining us for the event to help celebrate Christmas and the holiday season.



Newsletter Quiz

1. Where did our Junior Coed Volleyball team play their 'friendly' tournament?
2. When do Report Cards for Term 1 get sent home?
3. Which organization plays a big role in helping to distribute items to local families in need?
4. Who is the student shown in this edition who is playing the saxophone? Which Husky staff member also plays the saxophone?



Inclement Weather Procedures

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. **Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call Mrs. Curran in the office to inform us of your child's absence.** A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites: <http://www.dsb.org/inclementweather/> OR www.nsts.ca



Mid Year Practice Tests for Grades 3 & 6

Starting in late January/early February students in grades 3 and 6 across the DSBN will be writing a literacy and math practice test in preparation for the EQAO testing in May/June, 2019. We have found this type of practice to be very helpful for the students and their teachers. For students it gives them the opportunity to see what the test will be like and for teachers, we are able to determine students strengths and what next steps might be needed. We prepare for these tests with a positive growth mindset and encourage students to be positive and celebrate what they know. Thanks for you support.



We continue to emphasize the importance of using DreamBox with our DSBN students as part of a balanced math program. We continue to suggest that home and school usage for all students up to grade 6 should total 60-90 minutes per week, in sessions that are a minimum of 15-20 minutes. DreamBox supports students in developing various models (e.g., rekenrek, ten frame, number line, array, ratio table) for thinking and reinforces important mathematical topics throughout number and algebra, while revisiting them throughout the year. If you are unsure of your child's password, please contact their teacher. DreamBox can easily be found by googling or by going to dreambox.com, or you can access it through our school website or teacher D2L site.



7T Poetry Cafe

On Friday, December 14th, our class hosted a Poetry Cafe. We had the opportunity to listen to some extraordinary poems written and performed by students in our class.

Everyone invested a lot of effort as we presented in front of an audience. We created and recited our own meaningful poems as well as one other that we were inspired by.

Throughout the day, we laughed, cried, and learned to have a greater appreciation for each other.

Thanks to the parents for their help in creating some great food and drinks for our class to enjoy, from incredible appetizers and mouth-watering main courses, to scrumptious desserts and amazing drinks (even Shirley Temples!)

Although it was a lot of work, it was so worth it! It's amazing what we can achieve when we put our minds to it. This was a day that we will never forget!

Gage, Cole and Andy (on behalf of the students of 7T)

Huskies Have a Great Time at the Junior Coed Volleyball/Triple-Ball Tournament!



2018 Huskies Junior-Coed Volleyball Teams

On Thursday, December 6 our Junior Coed Huskies came together to play some great volleyball at our first 'Triple-Ball' style tournament. Wellington Heights hosted the evening tournament which had 5 teams participating. After a fun-filled junior intramural program that involved over 50 students playing triple-ball 3 times a week; 2 teams consisting of 21 students were selected to represent Wellington Heights at the tournament. After the round-robin segment of the tournament, both Wellington Heights teams were undefeated, and the stage was set for them to face each other in the Championship best-of-3 finals. Team 1 won the first game 25-16; Team 2 won the second game 25-17, then in the third and deciding game it was Team 1 edging out Team 2 to take the championship. Our athletes had a lot of fun and played some great volleyball! The Triple-ball format was great as it ensured many opportunities for teams to put the ball in play and develop good team skill. Next up for the Huskies was an exhibition tournament at DSBN Academy on December 18th. Both teams had a great time; demonstrated great sportsmanship and have shown remarkable improvement in play over the last 7 weeks. Coaches-Mrs. Keus, Mrs. Curran, and Mr. Leduc are extremely proud of how you have all represented WHPS and have grown as volleyball players. Keep practicing, keep playing....and have fun!

Intermediate Basketball Underway



As we head into the Christmas Break, tryouts and practices are well underway for both our Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams! Both teams have been working hard practicing during nutrition breaks in preparation for the season which will start the week of January 22, 2019. Good luck Huskies!



12 Days of Giving at Wellington Heights!

Sparked by the efforts of our Husky Spirit Crew, and "Kids Care Club", our 12 Days of Giving initiative ran from December 3-18th. This initiative helped students learn about the importance of empathy and helping those less fortunate in our community. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we were able to collect an enormous amount of items that have been given to Pelham Cares to distribute to local families.



Our Grade 8 students working hard helping load our donations to Pelham Cares. Thanks to our community we were able to fill two vehicles full of items to help those in our community!



Our Huskies enjoy some pre-Christmas week caroling to celebrate the holidays!

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.



School Cash On-

Line will be open for **February's hot lunch orders, pizza orders and milk orders**, from Thursday, January 10th through to

Thursday, January 17 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.

fresh dates served hot



PIC-COLLAGE

On December 18th, Mr. Jackson, a 96 year old war veteran shared some of his life's experiences and learnings through stories and song. It was wonderful to spend some time with such a wonderful guest. Our Huskies were both amazing and atten-



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	JANUARY 2019					
6	7-D7 	8-D8	9-D9 PIZZA French Immersion Info. Night at Gordon School 6:pm	10-D10 Gr-2/3 Maple Acres S-C-O-L opens for Feb h.l., pizza & milk	11-D11 Gr-3/4 MAPLE ACRES BEEF T.A.C.O.S	12 
13	14-D2 S.A.C. 6:30 PM <small>(In our Learning Commons)</small> ALL WELCOME!!	15-D3	16-D4 PIZZA	17-D5 S-C-O-L closes for Feb h.l., pizza & milk	P.A. DAY 	19
	21-D6 Int. B. Ball GOR @ WH	22-D7	23-D8 PIZZA Int. B. Ball PE @ WH	24-D9 GR-2 MAPLE ACRES	25-D10 Jersey Day WRAPS	26
27	28-D1 New Safe Arrival Attendance Protocol Begins Int. B. Ball WH @ GAG	29-D2	30-D3 PIZZA Int. B. Ball WH @ AKW	31-D4  10:00 - 6:00	WELLINGTON HEIGHTS 905-892-6451	

Our classroom doors representing each classroom's thoughts about the true meaning of Christmas!