

The Husky Howler



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By Mr. M. Leduc,

What a busy month February was at Wellington Heights! Our students have been involved in a myriad of activities, as have our teachers! Students are participating in Maker-Space and card clubs, sports teams, tech challenges and Lego challenges, in-school golf clinics, skate days, spirit days, and intramurals; on top of the great learning opportunities students are engaged in with their teachers and peers..

Teachers continue to include teaching Mathematics through problem solving as an integral part of a balanced Mathematics program, along with using

manipulatives and building conceptual understanding through practice using Dream-box. Through carefully prescribed questioning strategies, teachers get students to critically evaluate and reflect on their own mathematical thinking.

We had a number of special events during the month as well. Staff banded together to prepare over 700 pancakes for our students on Pancake Tuesday, and our Spirit Committee did a great job delivering them to classrooms. The entire school was excited as Grey Cup Champion Lirim Hajrullahu visited WHPS and brought the Grey Cup with

him! Classes were excited to get their picture taken next to Lirim and one of the oldest pieces of hardware in professional sports. Lirim shared his personal story with us about immigrating to Canada from Kosovo as an 8 year old and about the challenges he had to face. More importantly, Lirim shared an important message about having dreams, goals, and about perseverance. As March Break approaches (hard to believe), we are looking forward to many more exciting learning opportunities and engaging activities here at Wellington Heights. Have a great March Break, Huskies!

Upcoming Dates to Know

- March 6: WHPS at Pelham Arena for 2nd skate date
- March 12-16 -Happy March Break
- March 21: Chocolate Bar Fundraiser begins (chocolate sent home)
- March 23-DSBN Chess Tournament
- March 27—Grade 8 Grad Photos
- March 30—Good Friday (No School)



Former Argonaut Lirim Hajrullahu with the Grey Cup at WHPS!

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls' Basketball Team. DSBN Division C Tournament Champions! Well done, Huskies!



On **Monday, February 26th** our team participated in the first game of 'Championship Night' against a very determined team from Diamond Trail School. The girls matched the grit and determination of their opponent, and demonstrated some great team play en-route to a 29-12 victory, and brought home the DSBN Championship to Wellington Heights. Coaches Purdie and Church were extremely proud of the team spirit, effort, and comradery that the team displayed throughout the season. They were a pleasure to coach. Thanks to both of our coaches for their commitment to working with the team!

Team members are: Raven, Kaitlyn, Sydney, Claire, Kennedy, Jenna, Grace, and Maddie.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Update:

At our last meeting, on February 15, 2018, council made some important decisions in collaboration with school administration and staff representation as to specific goals for funds generated through our fundraising efforts. We are pleased to announce that our **Husky Howlers choir** will be receiving some **new shirts** prior to heading into some May events and activities thanks to the support of our council. We have also set goals of having an **outdoor classroom** created for ALL of our students to be able to use; and at **expanding our existing creative playground** to meet the needs of the entire student body as the existing structure was initially designed and created for students in grades K through 3. We are looking forward to achieving these goals and getting these items in place for students to use as soon as possible, while committing to raise the funds over a 3 year period. We have applied to various local and regional grant opportunities that we hope will be able to help us reach our fundraising goals together with our community support through our fundraising/hot lunch initiatives.

As our outdoor classroom will involve the purchase of some large armour stones to be used as a seating area; we are hoping that someone in our community might be able to help with the moving and installation of these stones once they are delivered. If you are able to help, please contact Mr. Leduc at the school to let us know how you might be of assistance. Our next meeting is **Thursday, April 12 @ 6:30 p.m.** in our E.W. Farr Learning Commons. All are welcome!

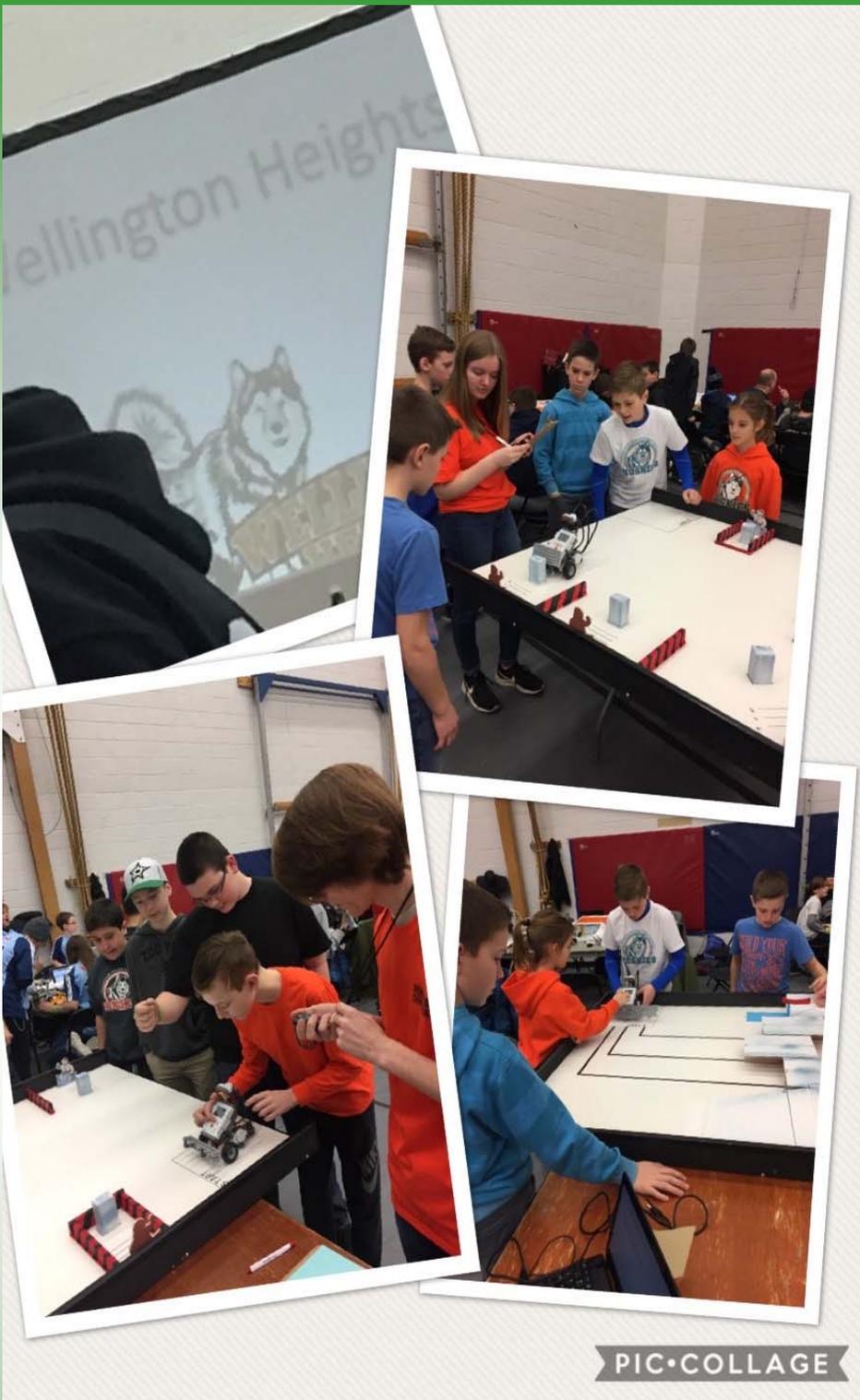
HUSKIES UP TO THE CHALLENGE AT THIS YEAR'S LEGO ROBOTICS COMPETITION!

On February 22, Wellington Heights sent an Intermediate team and a Junior team to represent our school at the LEGO challenge at Brock University. The groups had to build and program their "robots" to complete some very complex challenges. Both groups did extremely well, and had varying degrees of success....but more importantly learned a great deal from the experience. The Juniors commented, "It was great to compete against other teams and it was fun watching all of the other bots!" The Intermediates added, "We enjoyed it a lot and it was a lot of fun".

Both teams were extremely successful programming their robots throughout the day and performed four challenges based on the Quebec Carnivale Theme.

Mrs. Bench was especially proud of the exemplary behaviour demonstrated by our students. It was an absolute pleasure having our students participate, represent Wellington Heights Public School and be such excellent contenders at each of the four challenges!

Thanks to Mrs. Bench, Mrs. Brennan and Mr. Blacquiere for working with students back at the school!



Skate Day Reminder.....Tuesday, March 6, 2018

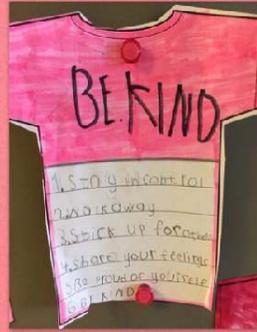
Students at WHPS will be heading to Pelham Arena next **Tuesday, March 6** for our second and final skate date for the season. We have adjusted our times slightly to maximize the time on ice that each group will have. Our first group (both K classes, grade 1 & 1/2 will arrive to skate from 9:30-10:30 am. Our second group, grade 2 through 4 will skate from 10:30-11:30, then our 6-8s will skate from 11:30-12:30. It was great having so much help last month. We hope you are available to help us out again :)





Say no to bullies.

1. Stay in control.
2. Walk away.
3. Stick up for others.
4. Share your feelings.
5. Be proud of yourself.



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PINK SHIRT DAY AT WHPS.

Wednesday, all students were encouraged to wear something pink in recognition of Pink Shirt Day across Canada. In 2018, Pink Shirt Day's main theme is cyberbullying. The day is meant to focus on encouraging others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead using the internet to spread kindness. Pink Shirt Day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school. These two individuals showed initiative and took a stand against bullying behaviours that they were seeing in their school and they refused to accept it!

Students in grades four to eight watched the movie "Wonder" which focused on tolerance, understanding, acceptance and kindness. Huskies...how will you make your school and your community a better place? How will YOU make a difference?



Our Husky Pride Spirit Day and our staff vs. student volleyball games were great events! Great school spirit, great cheering, and lots of fun. Our intermediate volleyball teams went to school against our staff team and really showed us how the game is played. Great game with our junior coed team as well. Next year the staff will need to practice a little more before hand :)



SKATE DAY 2018



On Tuesday, February 22 our Huskies took to the ice for a fun-filled morning of skating. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 of all abilities got on the ice for some exercise and fun. The day was made possible in large part thanks to the help of many volunteers to help with skates and on the ice. We are looking forward to our second skate day on Tuesday, March 6.



Our Grade 8's enjoying their last few "Elementary" Skate Days :)

HmmmmWhat Might the Answers Be?????? **HAVING FUN WITH MATH**

1. I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?
2. Sally is 54 years old and her mother is 80, how many years ago was Sally's mother three times her age?
3. There is a three digit number. The second digit is four times as big as the third digit, while the first digit is three less than the second digit. What is the number?

NUTRITION MATTERS!

Eating well is important for growth and development, academic performance, being active and for overall health. Your child's school lunches and snacks are a major source of the vitamins and minerals that they need to grow and develop over the year. The foods that you pack for your child will give them the energy and nutrients they need to learn and play at school. Without enough energy from food, they many feel tired, and find it difficult to concentrate in class. Just like adults, if tasty healthy foods are not available when your child is hungry, the chances that he or she will reach for unhealthy junk food is greater.

Involve your child in making healthy choices for their lunch items and snacks! Get everyone in the family involved in this important activity.

- ◆ Give them healthy options to pick from (they are more likely to eat a lunch that they choose!)
- ◆ Older children can help make sandwiches or stuff pitas, while younger children can pack snacks into containers (helping to reduce our environmental footprint as well :)
- ◆ Take your children grocery shopping and let them choose some of their favourite foods like breads, vegetables, fruit and yogurts

Remember.....you are what you eat :)

Newsletter Quiz

1. What theme were the LEGO Robotics activities based on?
2. What are the answers to the 3 Math riddles above?
3. What are the 2 exciting projects that our School Council will be fundraising for?

*****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 "cool" prize :)**

CHOCOLATE BAR FUND-RAISER STARTING SOON.

Watch for information to arrive home with details about our upcoming chocolate bar fundraiser which will begin after March Break. All proceeds will help subsidize end-of-the-year trips for all students and help with the acquisition of an addition to our creative playground.



School Cash On-Line will be open for *April's hot lunch orders, pizza orders and milk orders*, from Thursday, March 8th through to Thursday, March 22 at midnight (extra week due to March break):

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.



On February 15th, the Olympics came to Fenwick! Husky staff and students had fun making flags, parading as countries into the gym, then participating in some fun winter activities with cross divisional teams. They even had the opportunity to visit our Tim Horton's 'walk-through' window to get some hot chocolate to help stay warm. Even though our day was unfortunately cut short due to rain, a lot of fun, team spirit, and team building were experienced by all. Great job by our grade 8s for their enthusiastic leadership, and with our grade 6 & 7 students who helped lead their teams through the various events. Thanks to staff for your enthusiastic participation in supervising events and being the 'ambassadors' for your countries!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>MARCH 2018</h1>						
<p>Wellington Heights School 905-892-6451</p>						
4	5-D4	6-D5 Pelham Arena Skating - am	7-D6 Gr 2 - Maple Acres PIZZA	8-D7 SCOL - <u>Opens</u> for April hot lunch, pizza & milk <i>Disc. Bar fundraiser permission forms due today</i>	9-D8 Gr 1/2 - Maple Acres K-3-pm-Waste Management Presentation FISH & CHIPS	10
11						17
 <h2>MARCH BREAK</h2> 						
18	19-D9	20-D10 Gr.1-Maple Acres 	21-D1 PIZZA <i>Choc Bars go home</i>	22-D2 Maple Acres visit K1&K2 SCOL - <u>Closes</u> for April hot lunch, pizza & milk	23-D3 Chess Tournament HAMBURGERS	24
25	26-D4	27-D5 GR8 - GRAD PHOTOS - AM	28-D6 PIZZA	29-D7	30 	31
						