**Council Chairs’ Report**

Another year is almost over.

Teachers are putting the final touches on report cards.

Children are dreaming about summer fun.

Parents are planning summer vacations.

School Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and volunteers for their hard work and devotion to the education of our children. We accomplished many tasks this year including strong support for the school’s Literacy Initiative by providing significant funding to Junior and Intermediate reading materials and the Red Maple/Silver Birch program. With the support of the parents and community fund raising efforts, we were able to respond to all of the staff requests for enhancements ... to the school’s physical education area, the music program, the performing arts program, and additional computer tables for the library. The creation of a School Council website containing meeting agendas/minutes, upcoming events, volunteer information, our constitution, links to other web sites, and an online version of the school handbook for parents, has opened the lines of communication with parents.

We hope to expand this trend next year with email distribution of the School Council newsletter and greater input from both parents and students. We will also be encouraging a healthier environment for Highview students through the continuation of a lunchtime milk program, the addition of healthy snack alternatives, a painted games area, Recess Revival and Active Schools programs. All these initiatives are possible through the efforts of your school council and parental support. Please consider joining School Council next year and volunteer your talents and enthusiasm to further improve our school community.

Have a safe and fun summer holiday!
See you in September!

**Pavement Painting Plans**

Council just approved the funding to have games areas painted on the schoolyard pavement. These games will include traditional hopscotch as well as alphabet and numeric hopscotch, several 4-Square areas, basketball lines and shooting points, “wall ball” games and more! The painting will be completed over the summer, so look forward to the opening celebration and instructional sessions in early fall. This exciting project will promote increased cooperative play and physical activity for our children.

As a head start on learning some of the many game possibilities, we recommend taking a look at the book "Game On!" by Pat Doyle, available at the Aurora Library. You could also check out the Family Fun web site below for some games. We will be looking for game leaders in the fall, so practice over the summer. http://familyfun.go.com/parties/holiday/specialfeature/springActivitiesMs.htm.

**Events Calendar**

**Yearend BBQ** ... June 26th starting at 11:00; also the School Council will be sponsoring a "Tattoo Station" for students throughout the BBQ period. If you’d like to help out, please contact Janet Luscher at (905)841-8577 or by email at hvsc@luscher.com.

**Parent Networking Sessions** ... final meeting of the Special Events / Communications Committee will be held in the lunchroom from 9:00 - 10:30am on June 18th.

**Healthy Snacks** … a new offering being considered for the fall, will include good quality muffins, rice krispie squares, bagels. Watch for a survey in September.

**Did you know?**

As you begin to plan for the long lazy days of summer vacation, did you know there is a very helpful section in the Parent Handbook Overview to help you incorporate reading into your daily routines and activities?

Page 27 - DEVELOPING READER FRIENDLY HOMES

Parents often ask how to support their children at home. Here are a few suggestions for parents to bring literacy habits into the home. Could you ...

- Be a reading model? If children see parents reading they read too!
- Begin to build a family library? Garage sales and book fairs are good ways to obtain inexpensive books.
- Set time aside in your family’s schedule for reading, not just at bedtime, but maybe even a Sunday afternoon Family Reading Time?
- Turn off the TV so you can all enjoy the stories without distracting competition from cartoons, sports or the soap operas?
- Create a safe spot in your child’s room for books - a basket, a plastic tub, a shelf?
- Label items in your child’s room or the kitchen (e.g. bed, cookies, fruit, hot, cold)
- Provide a variety of reading materials in a variety of places? How about a basket of children’s magazines or catalogues in the bathroom or the car?
- Write messages to your child using Post-its tucked in lunch bags or stuck on the bathroom mirror? Sometimes make the message a question and encourage a written response. Include paper and pencil in the bag - maybe they’ll write back!
- Create family scrapbooks of favourite cartoons, special days or funny moments? Children will enjoy adding items and looking at them again and again.
- Find a section of the newspaper to share with your child (comics, the weather, sports, movie reviews)?
- Make writing materials - scrap paper, pencils, crayons, used birthday cards, old magazines, glue - available so your children can make their own books
- Read aloud any passages, news, descriptions which grab your imagination?

Further details and the full Parent Handbook is available online at http://www.highview.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/highview.sc/parents%20handbook/handbook.htm
**“Be a Hero for Southlake – Highview Heroes Rock”**

Thank you to all the kids and their families for donating their coins this year to Southlake, especially to Emma Fischer who gave us a big plastic bag full of coins last month. **Our total is already at $465.50. So we are already almost half way to our goal of raising $1000.** On May 31, the Southlake team from Highview was invited by the hospital to the opening of the Be a Hero campaign for Southlake. We sang our Southlake song, gave our coins to the hospital foundation, had our picture taken, saw other groups that were also raising money and met the coolest animals from Abbotsford Animal hospital. There was a nineteen year old cockatiel, a gigantic iguana, a tarantula and a dog.

Did you like the muffins at the Heritage Fair Bake Sale? Cause if you did, you will want to remember to bring some money to the front foyer on **Monday June 16 at first recess** for our first **Monthly Monday Morning Muffin Madness.** If you didn't get to try them, trust me, they are delicious. Thanks to the Cohen family for donating the muffins!!

We will collect the coin bins next Friday for the last time this school year. But remember to save your coins over the summer, since we will still want them next year.

**Remember even if you give a little, you will help a lot!**

By: Janine Fernandes

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**High School? WHAT? Already?**

It’s the first day of kindergarten. I think I am just barely going to make it to lunch without my nap. We learn how to write our names, have snack, read a book with the teacher and then go home.

Back then, who ever thought we would ever be going to high school? Not that we didn't know it would happen, but why now? It seems like we just got here.

Two weeks ago, we went to Williams for a tour, and wanted to go home at the sight of it. Even though everyone tells us that it was or has been the most amazing four years of his or her life, we are absolutely terrified. Generally, the thought is that our teachers have no idea what we are going through.

We cling like cling film in big groups that scare small children and talk like it’s the end of the world. But really, it’s just a new adventure, like kindergarten for big kids. We will try to have open minds, go and do our best, I think, and know what we want and know how to get it, hopefully. Okay! So we don't want a new experience. But that doesn’t matter, because we have to. Sort of like being pushed into an unheated swimming pool in April. You don't want to but it's too late.

Although if we aren't emotionally ready, academically, we can't learn any more. The teachers have been great, and we have had all their support at this terrifying time.

Next week we go to Ottawa. It will be the last time we will be all together at once. Enemies might not become friends, but we will all have an excellent time.

So next time you see a grade eight student, remember what they are going through and please, give them your best wishes. It might not help now, but next year, they'll thank you.

By: Bonnie Devine
Magazine Reminder ... a reminder that there will be another Magazine Campaign in the fall, so please hold your magazine orders and/or renewals until that time. If you are offered any special deals over the summer, just retain them and QSP will honour the pricing offered in those deals should they work out better than the plans offered through QSP.

Literacy Corner

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(Grades 7,8)
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- Time Ghost ... Welwyn Wilton Katz
- Brian’s Winter ... Gary Paulsen

Thanks to Volunteers

Many thanks to all the parents, and students, who offered their time and effort this year to help make these activities such a success.

Milk Program
- Kawartha Dairy
- Maggie Karjala
- Martha Bessey
- Karen Birbech
- Sabina Cowie
- Melissa Kauffeldt
- Stephanie Lee
- Donna Linder
- Janet Luscher
- Carol McCreesh
- Sandra McKay
- Holly Nickerson
- Sue Walmer

Heritage Bake Sale for Southlake

- Students: Vanessa Ralph, Heather Luscher

Yearbook
- Gwen Hussey
- Lori North
- Fiona Gamble
- Sabina Cowie
- Flo Leava
- Bess-Marie Fafalios

Pizza Lunches
- Nancy Holmes
- Karen Kines
- Sheila Murphy
- Jean McCullough
- Sabina Cowie
- Betty Osuszek
- Mirja Billsborough
- Linda Bulloch
- Mary Sybring
- Nancy Calder
- Linda Zacharuk
- Maggie Karjala
- Rick Zeeman

- Students: Michelle Sybring, Kaisa Lagerstrand

Heritage Fair

Sue Walmer, Janet Luscher, Holly Nickerson

Primary Grades
- The very Hungry Caterpillar ... Eric Carle (or any of his)
- Just for You ... Mercer Mayer (or any of his)
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- Princess Prunella and the Purple Peanut ... Margaret Atwood
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A cute little song we found to help remind us all about the importance of hand washing. To the tune of “If you’re happy and you know it”

Wash Your Hands

If you’ve been to the bathroom,
Wash your hands.
After snack and lunch be sure to
(or: Before and after eating)
Wash your hands.
If you cough or sneeze
Blow your nose, use tissues please,
To help prevent disease,
Wash your hands.

Use soap and water,
Wash your hands.
Scrub between your fingers,
Wash your hands.
Wash back and front and wrists,
From your elbows to your fists,
Rinse ’n check for spots you missed,
Wash your hands.

Jamie Gerow
Sir John A. Macdonald Public School
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- Mrs. Alanko, Bonnie Devine, Janine Fernandes, Janet Luscher, Linda McMahon, Sue Walmer

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