



# Hawks News

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Every year, the students and staff of E.H.C.P.S. reach out to help others in our community. Our Holiday Food Drive has a focus this year to help our local food bank get the things they really need to fill their food baskets. Please try to bring in these items by December 15th. If you are able, let's reach out and help our neighbours in a meaningful way this holiday season.

Students in each class are asked to bring in the following items:

Petrisor	Tea/coffee
Fletcher	Gravy
Cochrane	Icing
Bailey	Cranberry Sauce
Craig	Sugar
Evans	Hand soap
St. Marie	Dry Pasta
Sword	Juice
Gardhouse	Cereal
Hatch	Dressing
Mitropoulos	Crackers
Whitelock	Cake mixes
Downey	Canned vegetables
Vincent	Dish soap
Odor	Spaghetti Sauce
Dolson	Toothpaste
Hogenbirk	Toothbrushes
Staff	Shampoo/Conditioner

While there is a class focus to ensure all "plates" and homes have a great variety of items, please feel free to send ANY items. Thank you for your support.

## Upcoming Dates

**December 1—OS Attack ticket orders due today**

**December 4—SC and Hepworth Home and School Meeting in the library at 6:30pm**

**December 12— Winter Concert— Kindergarten at 9:30am (note time change) and other various classes at 6:30pm**

**December 15—Food Drive concludes**

**December 22—last day of classes before Winter Break**

**Winter Break is from Dec. 25, 2023 to Jan. 5, 2024.**



## Bake Sale & Hot Chocolate

*Brought to you by 5/6 Downey*  
for classroom activities and the Breakfast Club

\$1 – Hot Chocolate (Tim Horton's recipe)

\$1-\$2 for home baked goods

Students can pre-order Hot Chocolate, orders due Dec 8

Treats will be on sale at first break on Dec 12

Hot chocolate and baked goods will also be on sale during the evening performance of the Holiday Concert.





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We are having two **Winter Concerts** on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>!! Our Kindergarten classes will be performing at 9:30am (note time change) for our morning concert. The classes participating are **SK/1 Cochrane, JKSK Petrisor, JKSK Fletcher and SK/1 Craig**. Classes participating in the evening are **4/5 Whitelock, 5/6 Downey, 5/6 Vincent, 1/2 Bailey, 7 Odor and 8 Hogenbirk and the School Choir**. This concert will begin at 6:30pm in our school gymnasium. The other classes will be participating in our Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>! Please join us for a wonderful day of performances.

### Dressing for Winter

Now that the winter weather is upon us, please ensure that you send your children appropriately dressed for the weather. Please make sure that your child has snow pants, a jacket, boots, a hat, and mittens, labelled with their name.

We also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly —  
Consider following *Ecole Hepworth Central Public School*.  
Look for the school's logo.



**Lost And Found** - Our Lost and Found is already accumulating some items. Please ensure you are labelling all articles of clothing and shoes so that we can easily return it to the correct owner. Thank you!

Need some Mabel's Labels? Consider supporting our local school the next time you order as one of our ongoing **\*\*Hepworth Hawks Fundraiser\*\***

To check out their great selection of labels and support the school, please follow these steps:

1. Go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) website (*must be this link for credit to go to Hepworth School*)
2. Enter **Hepworth Home & School Committee** in the search bar
3. Select your favourite items and you're on your way!

~Thank you for your support!



# DECEMBER SPIRIT DAY

Our next spirit day is DECEMBER 18, 2023!

Check out to see what your class theme is and earn points for your HOUSE LEAGUE TEAM!

As always, IF you don't not wish to participate in our SPIRIT DAYS, please feel free to wear your amazing SCHOOL COLOURS, HOUSE LEAGUE COLOUR, or a Terry Fox T-Shirt!

Here are our Class THEMES for our December Spirit Day, if you wish to dress up ☺

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Petrison, Fletcher, Cochrane, Craig		Elves	Hatch		CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
Evans		Candy Canes	Vincent		Bows and Bells
Bailey		Presents	Downey		Reindeer
Gardhouse		Santa	Odor		Stars/Angels
St. Marie		Snowflakes	Dolson		Candy Canes
Sword		Snowman/ Snowwomen	Hogenbirk		Stockings
Mitropoulos		Trees	If in doubt you can always wear		School Colours House League Colours or Red/Green
Whitelock		Lights	Office & Prep Coverage Staff		Santa Mrs. Claus

## Parking Lot Reminder...

Our parents/guardians are doing a great job, navigating our new formatted parking lot. Change can be difficult.

I would just like to remind you to follow the directional arrows and not encroach on the bus lanes at all. This applies to parking on the south side of the driveway, out to the parking lot and also entering the bus lane in the opposite direction, before parking. This photo highlights the area not to cross, at any time.

The area with the pylons is a median between the bus lane and the parking lot.

Thank you so your cooperation in providing a safe space for our students and buses.



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**Dear Families,**

**Kids who eat well, learn well!**

**We need your help this year. As most of you know, we have a yummy and nutritious Breakfast Club program at Hepworth Central. Each morning, volunteers prepare trays of various items and the trays are served in our classrooms. Without a doubt, your child accessed food from this tray, some days or every day.**

**Each year we get approximately \$10 000.00 from the *PC Children's Charity | Feeding Hungry Minds* program and about \$9000.00 from the *Ontario Student Nutrition Program*. Other donations allow us to have about \$20 000.00 in our Breakfast Club spending account.**

**We are spending \$650.00 a week, providing food to our students. Due to increasing food costs and demand, we won't have enough money to continue the program, as the year progresses.**

**We are asking for donations of food items or monetary contributions, if you are able. Food items we would like are specific as we have criteria and food guidelines that must be followed. Please be mindful of expiration dates.**

**This photo contains items that are suggested. Thank you for the consideration as a school community.**



## **Home and School Committee Update:**

### **1. Owen Sound Attack Tickets**

The choir will be performing the Canadian and American national anthems at the game on Saturday January 27!

Ticket orders were due today, December 1! If you ordered Attack tickets the pick up date is **Tuesday December 12** (1/2 hour before the Winter Concert). Any tickets not picked up during this time will be sent home with students the next day.

### **2. Upcoming Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school library**. Hope to see you there!

This will also be a School Council Meeting.

If you have any questions about our fundraisers or the Home & School Committee, please contact us any time at [hepworthhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:hepworthhomeandschool@gmail.com).



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...**

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?**

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 mins per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	16 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	24 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

**EVERY DAY COUNTS! If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!**



Bus Cancellations – go to <https://www.mybrucegreyschoolbus.ca> and click on “Delays & Cancellations” (top right corner)

### Winter School Bus Safety Tips

Allow extra time to get to your bus stop.

Wear bright clothing so the bus can see you in the early morning and late evening.

Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice

Dress properly. Winter clothing, hats, and boots will keep you warm.

Don't play in the snow while waiting for the bus. Don't throw snowballs at the bus or anyone else.

Don't slide on the snow or ice patches in driveways or on the street. You could slide under the wheel of the bus and get hurt.

Don't push or shove around the bus. Someone could fall down on the ice and get hurt.

More information regarding school bus transportation can be found at [www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca](http://www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca).



## School Council & Home and School Committee

Hello Parents/Guardians ~ We will be holding our second 2023-24 School Council meeting on Monday, December 4 at 6:30pm. Following this meeting, we will be having a Hepworth Home and School Meeting. Come out and learn how you can play a role in initiatives and fundraising support in our school community.



## Hepworth House League Report

Can you believe we are coming into December already? Before we know it will be Winter holidays. November was a fun month and we had girls' and boys' tryouts for volleyball. Congrats to everyone who made the team. We had a lot of honest people at our assembly this month and in December we will have an assembly for caring students. The Halloween contests were a fun event for everybody and congrats to the following students and classes:

### Poetry contest

1st place – Olivia Jenings (Mrs. Downey's)

2nd place-Elise Everest (Mrs. Whitelock's)

3rd place- Blake Fisher (Mrs. Downey's)

### Door Decorating

1st place- Mme Mitropoulos

2nd place—Mme Gardhouse

3rd place—Ms Craig

### Halloween Coloring Contest Winners

1st place- Brynnley Thompson (Ms Craig's)

2nd place - Quinn Lise (Mme Cochrane's)

3rd place—Leo Timmerman (Mme Evan's)

1st place- Ella Rushton (Mme Mitropoulos)

2nd- Wyatt Hayes (Mr. St.Marie's)

3rd place- Scarlet Hayes (Mrs. Sword's)

Some exciting news is coming up in December; The Winter concert! I cannot wait to see everyone's performance; I am sure it will be great. That is all for this month.

Yours Truly,

*Emily Ferguson*

House League Reporter