

Hello Hastings Families!

Many thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and participants at this year's Hastings Parent Group-sponsored Winter Festival! Winter Festival is the largest fundraiser of the year for our school, and the money raised provides enrichment programs for our school. Programs such as Johnny the K, Literacy Day, Techsploration, Museum of Science Planetarium, and Mr. and Mrs. Fish are made possible through your donations at this event. HPG funds are also used to pay for buses to reduce the cost of field trips. We count on your support and the Hastings Parent Group to help us enrich the curriculum with these programs.

We are looking forward to celebrating the wonderful diversity represented in our school with the 2018 Hastings Cultural Fair scheduled for **Wednesday, March 14, from 6:30-8:00 PM**. This is an opportunity for families to share their cultural heritage with our entire school community through posters, displays, crafts, food samples, song, and dance. We rely on parent volunteers to make the Cultural Fair a success. Families are encouraged to bring food samples, lead a craft, make a display, provide entertainment, or help out the night of the fair. This is one event where it truly does take a village to make it a success! A sign up sheet will be coming out soon.

We are doing great with our home reading challenge! During the month of December, Hastings students read for 108,778 minutes, continuing to earn new books for our library. Remember that for every 100,000 minutes of reading the students complete, a new book is purchased for the library to celebrate. We have exceeded 100,000 minutes three months in a row. Thank you for supporting your child's at home reading!

Finally, outdoor temperatures have been variable lately. Please remember that even when it's cold outside, we send the children out to recess for some fresh air when the weather permits. Make sure that your child comes to school prepared to spend time outdoors with jacket, hat, mittens, etc. Please be advised that any children who are not dressed appropriately for spending time outdoors during recess may not be allowed to go out. It would be very helpful to put your child's name on his or her outdoor gear. It will prevent items from ending up in the Lost and Found.

Check out what's happening at Hastings School on Twitter! Follow us at @beckerleighwps for news and information about our school. You can also check out our website at www.westboroughk12.org.

Sincerely,

Leigh Becker, Principal