

HTS Parents' Guild

# Pretzel Post



**"Volunteering means new friends! You will always be guaranteed to make a new friend, because that person has expressed the same interests and commitment that you have!"**

- Carolyn Barber, HTS mom

Spring 2008

## **Used Text Book Collection and Sale**

Parent volunteers are needed to sort and label books on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, and to staff this year's Sale on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Help us out at this important and valued Guild event that benefits us all. Contact Wendy Fursey at [jfursey@sympatico.ca](mailto:jfursey@sympatico.ca) or Nancy Thunem at [thunem@xplornet.com](mailto:thunem@xplornet.com) to sign up.

## **Family Mentors Needed**

Every year families new to HTS are matched with volunteers who help ease the transition into the school year by answering questions, making introductions, calming fears, and being a friendly voice. Interested in mentoring? A few hours of your time will make a valuable contribution to our HTS community. It's also a great way for parents with daytime commitments to volunteer. Mentors are now being assigned. Contact Carole Palmer at [stroz5@rogers.com](mailto:stroz5@rogers.com).

The Guild's first **"Breakfast with George"** on March 27, 2008 was well attended and informative. George Rutherford talked about changes to the Lower and Middle Schools' timetables effective next September. All agreed it was a worthwhile and "timely" session! Be sure to attend upcoming information sessions to learn about issues that concern us all, meet other parents and enjoy light refreshments. Check the HTS website for upcoming dates: [www.hts.on.ca](http://www.hts.on.ca).

**Sundaes on Thursday** On March 6th, kids of all ages scooped up ice cream and lots of fun toppings at "Sundaes on Thursday", the Guild's annual March Break kick off. A big sticky thank you to all the parent volunteers who rolled up their sleeves and handed out fun!

## **5th Annual HTS Ladies Ski and Snowshoe Day**

Almost 40 moms and friends enjoyed a wonderful day at Craighleith Ski Club in Collingwood on Thursday, January 24th. Snow conditions were excellent, with 20 cms of snow falling the night before. New this year: a fun ski race, and raffle. And the mobile buffet on the bus ride home was - as always - a feast to behold. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 22, 2009 so you don't miss out on next year's fun.

Upcoming HTS Parents' Guild events:

**Trinity Fair** - May 9

**Uniform Fitting Days** - May 13 -14

**Spring Luncheon** - May 22

**Annual General Meeting** - May 30

**Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** - June 3

**Used Textbook Collection** - June 9-10

**Used Textbook Sale** - June 11

Can you help out? Email Pamela Merkel at [pamela.merkel@sympatico.ca](mailto:pamela.merkel@sympatico.ca).

You're invited to **"Raising Confident Kids"**, an Interguild Workshop held at Sterling Hall School in Toronto on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. Beverley Cathcart-Ross will help you to help your children resist peer pressure and bullying, be self-reliant with strong self-esteem, and make good choices in the pre-teen and teen social world. For more info or to RSVP contact Dorothee Sels at [dorotheesels@hotmail.com](mailto:dorotheesels@hotmail.com).

The **Interguild Annual General Meeting** will be hosted by Appleby College in Oakville - keep May 5th & 6th open for this wonderful annual event! Meet parents from other independent schools from across the country, share stories and get informed. Click on [www.interguild.ca](http://www.interguild.ca) for more info, or Dorothee Sels at [dorotheesels@hotmail.com](mailto:dorotheesels@hotmail.com).