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HPCS OCTOBER NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

October 1st Culturally significant day” school is open

October 8th SAC/PTA

October 10th Turkey Bingo

October 11th Professional Development Day: No classes for students

October 14th Thanksgiving: School is closed

October 21st-24th School Bus Safety Week

October 23rd Halloween Dance

October 25th NSTU Provincial 1 Conference Day No classes for students

October 29th Universal Lunch Program begins at HPCS

October 31st Diwali



October is Mi'kmaq History Month



On October 1, we recognize Treaty Day in Canada, a day of cultural significance that honors the relationships between Indigenous peoples and the Crown. It serves as an important reminder of our shared history, the commitment to reconciliation, and the ongoing work towards understanding and respecting Indigenous rights and treaties. This date also marks the beginning of **Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia**

From Your PTA: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday October 8th at 6:30 pm

Upcoming PTA events:

Thursday, October 10th – Annual Turkey Bingo

Join us 6:30 – 7:30pm for BINGO, where you could win a turkey and all of the fixings!

Wednesday, October 23rd – Halloween Dance

Come to the always popular, and frightfully fun, family Halloween dance, 6:30 – 7:30pm!
Sign up sheets coming soon!

Saturday, November 30th - 4th Annual Santa Social

Join us for our annual Santa Social to welcome the holiday season! Keep an eye on the HPCS PTA page for more details in the coming weeks.

If you, or your business, would like to make a donation to the raffle baskets, please contact us via the HPCS PTA Facebook page or pta.hpcs@gmail.com

*Reminder: When sending payments for PTA events, please send **exact change**, or make cheques payable to HPCS PTA.



School Bus Safety Awareness Week

The annual School Bus Safety Awareness Campaign, led by Safety Services Nova Scotia, aims to educate about the dangers of illegally passing school buses with red lights flashing. This year's theme is "Drivers and students, we all have a role to play. Stop, look, listen - that is the safest way!" The campaign includes information postcards, safety messages from media sponsors, and social media outreach. Together, let us keep our children safe!

Click here <https://www.schoolbussafety.ca/kids> for more tips to share with your children on school bus safety,



School Pictures

School pictures are now available! Click the link below to access the Hammonds Plains Consolidated School photo gallery:

[View Photos](#)

1. Log in or create an account (set your own password).
2. Enter your 10-digit student number as the access code.
3. Click on a photo to enlarge and see ordering details.

Schools Plus



Schools Plus is a confidential, free service available in every school in Nova Scotia. Our goal is to build positive relationships between families, schools, and communities. We can help families navigate complicated situations when they are involved with many different services. This helps ensure everyone is communicating clearly and working on shared goals. Schools Plus can also help connect families to community resources and offers mental health support in schools. Contact the Schools Plus Facilitator for your school to make a referral. You can find additional information [here](#).

Breakfast Program: Our Breakfast Program launched on September 12th and is in full swing. Each morning, we rely on volunteers to prepare food for delivery to classrooms.

We still need more volunteers to help with this important program. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Tania McNamara at tmcnamara@hrce.ca



A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up to support our students! Your contributions make a difference!



Safety First: Visitor Protocol For the safety of our students and staff, we kindly ask that all visitors, including volunteers and guests, sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's tag from our administrative assistant. To maintain a focused learning environment, we request that parents refrain from entering the building during instructional hours.

If your child arrives late or needs to be picked up early, please sign them in or out at the office. Additionally, if someone other than a parent or legal guardian will be picking up your child, please ensure they are listed in PowerSchool. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



If your family is having trouble at home. We would like to provide additional support at school. We understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay, If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email the classroom teacher and /or the office "Handle With Care" this will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day

Family Fun

Fun Activities to do as a family, as suggested by a few of our Grade three students



1. **Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Look for acorns, colorful leaves, and different trees in your backyard or park.
2. **Leaf Art:** Collect leaves and make rubbings with crayons or create collages.
3. **Spooky Tales:** Read a spooky chapter book or a mystery novel as a family.
4. **Fall Photography:** Go for a walk and take pictures of interesting plants or scenes.