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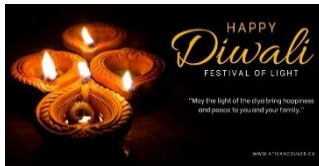
## ***HPCS NOVEMBER NEWS***



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Diwali Culturally Significant Day
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Wide Assembly (For The Love Of Trees)
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly for Staff and Students
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day: School is closed
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	SAC/PTA
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	World Kindness Day
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Assessment and Evaluation Day: No classes for student
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Popcorn Friday
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Social





Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a major Hindu celebration symbolizing the victory of light over darkness. It features the lighting of oil lamps, fireworks, and the exchange of sweets, fostering joy, unity, and gratitude among families and communities.



Indigenous Remembrance Day, observed on November 8th in Canada, honors the contributions and sacrifices of Indigenous veterans. It's a time to reflect on their unique experiences and the resilience of their communities, while also committing to support Indigenous rights and reconciliation.



World Kindness Day, celebrated on November 13th, is a special opportunity to spread compassion and positivity. This year, Ms. Gaudet, our lovely librarian, has organized a kindness quilt activity for the entire student body. Together, we will create and display a beautiful tapestry that inspires and promotes a culture of kindness in our community!



November 13<sup>th</sup> – November 19<sup>th</sup> is Transgender Awareness Week in Canada. It is a time to raise visibility and support for transgender and gender-diverse individuals. Celebrated annually in the second week of November, it encourages conversations about challenges faced by the Trans community, promotes understanding, and advocates for their rights. This week reminds us of the importance of inclusivity and respect for all gender identities.



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the tremendous support you've shown this year. Your participation made Turkey Bingo a huge success, and the turnout for our annual Halloween dance was truly remarkable. It's your enthusiasm and involvement that help make our community so special. We're grateful to have such supportive staff members and families!



Our 3D Printed Name Tag Fundraiser is underway, and orders are coming in fast! Forms have been sent home, and each name tag is just \$7. This is a great opportunity to get personalized tags for everyone in the family. Thank you for your support! **\*Reminder:** When sending payments for events, please send **exact change**, or make cheques payable to HPCS PTA



**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pta.hpcs@gmail.com)



**Front Row Seat Raffle:** Forms will be coming home in December where you can purchase tickets to enter to win a pair of front row seats at the Holiday Concerts!

**Next meeting Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**



We are incredibly proud of Jennifer Saulnier, one of our Educational Program Assistants, for her courage and resilience after losing her home in the wildfires that devastated Tantallon and Hammonds Plains on May 28, 2023. Speaking in front of Parliament alongside other climate disaster survivors, Jennifer shared her harrowing experience, calling for urgent action on climate change and better support for firefighters. Her message reminded us that these crises are here, affecting our community, and demanding real change. Thank you, Jennifer, for inspiring us all with your strength and advocacy. You can read more about her story [here](#).



We're excited to announce a school-wide assembly titled "*For the Love of Trees*," thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Parsons, one of our dedicated Grade 2 teachers. Taking place on November 5th, this assembly will focus on reforestation—the vital process of replanting trees in areas impacted by natural events like wildfires and human activities. Given our community's experience with last year's wildfires, this topic holds special significance. Thank you, Mrs. Parsons, for bringing this meaningful initiative to our school!



We are pleased to announce that the Grade Five Leadership Program has completed its first leadership development session! We're already providing opportunities for our students to hone their wonderful leadership skills. A huge thank you to our community volunteer, Mrs. Holly Lapierre, for speaking to our grade fives about the importance of citizenship.



### **“The Jingle Bell Jukebox” Grade Primary - Five**

Plans are currently underway regarding our December concert which will feature students in Grades Primary - 5. We are so excited to be able to perform for you and we hope to see everyone on **December 10th/11th, 2024**. We will have a dress rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. for grandparents, preschoolers, relatives etc. basically everyone is welcome, and tickets are not required! We will also have an evening performance at 6:30 p.m. which will be for two guests only. Two tickets will be sent home the week of the concert, we will be strictly monitoring this as our gym is very small and we must adhere to the fire regulations.

To help with your planning, the following is the list of classes, times and dates:

<p>Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 1:15 p.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.          Primary Myra, Primary Oakie,          1 Leblanc/Hickey, 1 Boucher,          2 Pooler, 2/3 Monette, 3 Barkhouse, 3 Taneja          3 Dean Levy, 3/4 Nickerson, 4 Perry &amp;          4/5 Leblanc</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 1:15 p.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.          Primary Oliver, Primary Redding 1 Boudreau,          1 Leblanc/Harrison, 1/2 Geneau, 2 MacDonald,          1/2 Parsons, 4/5 Bowers, 5 Fraser, 5 Nicolle, 5          Markus &amp; 4/5 Wilson</p>
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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