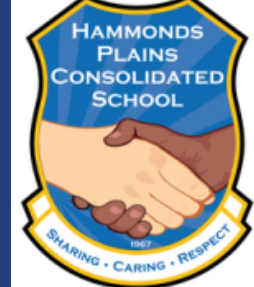
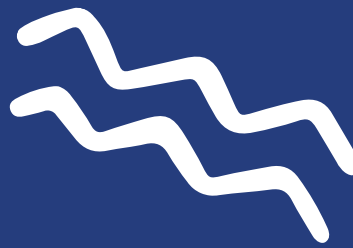


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IMPORTANT DATES

May 2nd-15th: Cereal Box Challenges

May 5th - May 9th: (PTA) Teachers Appreciation Week

May 5th: Cinco de Mayo

May 11th: Mothers (and others) Who Care for you at Home Day

May 11th- 17th: Education Week

May 15th: Black Excellence Day - Culturally Significant Day

May 19th: Victoria Day - No Classes for Students

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Friendly reminder to do a quick daily tick check on yourselves and your kids after being outdoors. It helps prevent tick-borne illnesses.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

For the safety of our students and staff, ALL VISITORS, including volunteers and guests, must sign in at the office and obtain a visitor's tag from our administrative assistant.



Construction at our School

We're pleased to share that the roof work has been completed!

We'll continue to keep you updated as preparations for the new modular unit progress as more information becomes available.

ITS FIELD TRIP SEASON...

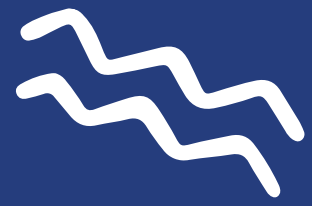
What do you need to have on file with us in order to chaperone your students' field trip?

In accordance with HRCE Student Protection Policy, prior to volunteering with the HRCE, all volunteers will provide:

- A completed Child Abuse Register Search.
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/coms/families/abuse/ChildAbuseRegister.html>
- Criminal Records Check with Vulnerable Sector. This can be obtained from your local RCMP detachment or My Backcheck
<https://www.mybackcheck.com/Public/Login.aspx>

These checks need to be on file three months before the field trip day. Once we have them on file they are good for 3 years.

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Education Week

This year's week salutes educators, school staff, and partners who embrace innovation in meeting the evolving needs of students in preparing them for a rapidly changing future. Educational innovation is key in preparing students for the complexities of today's society. Integrating inclusive practices, global viewpoints, and technology helps to stimulate creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration in building dynamic learning environments that encourage students to become active participants in their education and in their community.

Schools Plus

Congratulations to our Grade Five students who participated in the Home Alone course! We're proud to share that 85 certificates were awarded—well done to everyone for showing responsibility and readiness for new independence!



From The Gym



May 15th is track and field day at HPCS, please note that at this time we are not able to invite parents to this event, however please feel free to come out and cheer on our students at our County meet which will take place on May the 29th, venue TBA

Pre-Primary



With Spring finally here, we're enjoying more time outside! Mornings can still be chilly, so please consider dressing your child in layers.

As the weather warms up, make sure they have a summer hat, bug spray, sunscreen, and a signed waiver so Pre-Primary teachers can apply it when needed. Extra clothes are always helpful for those especially muddy days. Lastly, we want to congratulate our little ones for doing an amazing job helping clean up our forest play space in honour of Earth Day—well done, everyone!

From The Library

As we continue to grow and enrich our library, we would love any book donations from our wonderful families!

If you have gently used books—especially picture books, chapter books, French titles, or non-fiction—we would be thrilled to give them a new home on our shelves.

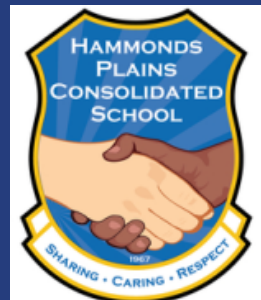


We Love Music



Grade 4/5 & 5 students will get to see a performance from the MSMS grade eight band at 11:00 on Friday (May 2nd). There will then be a brief demonstration and Q & A regarding band and the different instruments.

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NEWS FROM OUR PTA

Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th - May 9th

On Tuesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 8, we are looking for parent volunteers to bring in some treats (homemade or store bought, NUT FREE) for our wonderful staff!

If you are interested in bringing in a treat, please visit volunteersignup.org/73HEH to sign up.

If you'd rather send a monetary donation towards goodies, no problem. There is no need for a form, simply send cash or cheque (to HPCS PTA) in an envelope to the school marked – PTA Teacher Appreciation, and the PTA will make sure it is used towards something fun and tasty for the staff this week.

Important Reminder !!!
Next PTA Meeting is on Tuesday May
13th at 6:30pm

Thank
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To everyone who was able to
that attended our annual
Spring Hop dance!



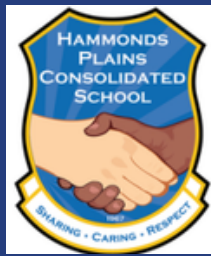
HPCS Cereal Box Challenge

We're excited to announce the return of our Annual Cereal Box Challenge—a fun and heartwarming tradition that builds school spirit while giving back to our community! From May 2nd to May 15th, we'll be collecting unopened boxes of cereal to create an epic domino chain, which we plan to set off on May 16th.

All donations will go to the St. Margaret's Bay Food Bank and Feed Nova Scotia, helping families in need. Let's come together, have some fun, and make a meaningful difference—one cereal box at a time! ❤️

Let the kindness (and the dominoes) roll!

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Nova Scotia Social Studies curriculum emphasizes a focus on exploring and learning about the four prominent cultures that helped to found and form our current Nova Scotia communities.

These are the Mi'kmaq, the Gaels, African Nova Scotians and Acadians.

Seven Sacred Indigenous Teachings

In March and April, we focused on Wisdom—making good choices—and Courage—doing what's right, even when it's hard. We encourage you to ask your child how they've shown these values, like standing up for someone or trying something new. In May, we're learning about Humility—knowing we all have strengths and something to learn from others. You can support this by encouraging your child to say thank you, ask for help, or share and listen more.

Gaelic Awareness Month

During the month of May, Nova Scotia honours Gaels and promotes and celebrates their language, culture and community. This is a time for Gaels and all those who identify with Gaelic language and culture in the province to stand proud. "This month through our music curriculum we celebrate the perseverance of the Gaels' and acknowledge the many linguistic and cultural contributions they make to Nova Scotia's society, economy and diversity.

Vive l'Acadie!

This month, students and staff will be exploring and celebrating Acadian history and culture. As part of this exploration, our students will get to participate in a wonderful musical presentation by Weldon and Josée Boudreau. These Acadian artists will be here **May 20th!**

Black ExcellenceDay

May 15th is Black Excellence Day is about acknowledging and celebrating, Black contributions while fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment. It serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the rich history, culture, and achievements of Black people. This day also provides an opportunity to share stories of resilience, innovation, and leadership, helping to combat stereotypes and promote understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.



Primary Orientation

**Primary Orientation
will take place closer to the
end of May, please stay tuned
for more information**

