

Hammonds Plains Consolidated Elementary October News

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Upcoming Events

October 1 - Treaty Day (Culturally Significant Day)

October 1- Mi'kmaq History Month begins

October 2 - Yom Kippur (Culturally Significant Day)

October 9 - Turkey Bingo @6pm (PTA Event)

October 10 - Picture Retake Day

October 13 - No School (Thanksgiving Day)

October 14 - SAC @5:30, PTA 6:30

October 20- Diwali begins

October 20-24: School Bus Safety Week

October 24 - No School for Students (PD Day)

October 29 - Halloween Dance 6:30 - 8:00 (PTA Event)

October 31 - Costume Parade (Halloween Day)

November 29th - Save the date Santa Social 1-3



Important Reminders

Please be sure to update medical forms (if required) for your student, as these need to be submitted to the office at the start of every school year along with any medication required. Thank you for helping to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students. Thank you!

This is a friendly reminder that for student safety, students are not permitted to go home on other students' buses after school. If your student needs to go somewhere else please arrange for students to be picked up.



A friendly reminder that for the safety of all students and staff, the school parking lot is **for staff parking only**. Parents are welcome to use the designated "**Kiss and Go**" lane for student drop-off. This is also a no parking Zone.

A quick reminder to parents: Our school office does not keep extra food on hand for students. Please ensure you are ordering food that your student will eat, and consider sending an extra snack with them just in case they do not like what is served.



HPCS PRESENTS



"A PIRATE'S HOLIDAY ADVENTURE"

Plans are currently underway regarding our December concert which will feature students in grade primary - five. We are so excited to be able to perform for you and we hope to see everyone on **December 17th or 18th, 2025**. We will have a dress rehearsal at 1:15 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. Two tickets will be sent home the week of the concert, we will be strictly monitoring numbers as our gym is very small and we have to adhere to the fire regulations. Everyone in attendance must have a ticket.

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

Wednesday, December 17th, 2025 @ 1:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Primary Dennis, 1 MacIntyre, 1 Morgan, 1 MacDonald, 1/2 LeBlanc, 1 Pyatt-Ring, 2 Taneja, 2 MacLean, 4 Nickerson, 4/5 Perry, 5 LeBlanc and 5 Hasler

Thursday, December 18th, 2025 @ 1:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Primary Redding, Primary MacNeil, Primary Walsh, 2 Geneau, 2 Pooler, 3 Barkhouse, 3 Dean Levy, 3 Monette, 3/4 Hickey, 4 Bowers, 4/5 MacCallum and 5 Fraser

SCHOOL

PTA EVENTS



PTA's Annual Turkey Bingo OCTOBER 9th @6:30

Join us for our annual
TURKEY BINGO, where you
could win a turkey and all of
the fixings!
Keep your eye out for the pre
sale tickets.

*Only a limited tickets will be sold.

Halloween Dance OCTOBER 29th 6:30-8:00

GET READY FOR A SPOOKY GOOD TIME! COME
OUT AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL'S PTA AT THE
UPCOMING HALLOWEEN DANCE. THERE WILL
BE MUSIC, DANCING, AND A SMALL CANTEEN
(CASH ONLY). DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN UP,
FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS IN
THE COMING DAYS.



SCHOOL

PTA IS LOOKING FOR:

The HPCS PTA is collecting donations of items for the annual Turkey Bingo event. Each year, these items are used to create our prize packs for the Bingo games, with the rest going to the Food Bank just in time for Thanksgiving! Last year, we were able to deliver two trunk loads of goods to the Food Bank! Donations can be sent to the school between October 6th to 8th.

Pre-Primary - Toonie (towards the cost of turkeys)

Primary - Gravy Mix

Grade 1 - Stuffing

Grade 2 - Cranberry Sauce

Grade 3 - Turnip

Grade 4 - Carrots

Grade 5 - Potatoes

Monetary donations, new reusable grocery bags or juice boxes from any grade would be very helpful too.





TREATY DAY

OCTOBER 1st



TREATY DAY

WHAT IS TREATY DAY

Treaty Day in Nova Scotia is celebrated annually on **October 1st** to recognize and honor the enduring relationship between the Mi'kmaq people and the Crown, and the contributions of the Mi'kmaq to Nova Scotia's history and culture. It also marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month, providing a time to learn about Mi'kmaq heritage, traditions, and language. The day commemorates the Peace and Friendship Treaties, celebrating the friendship and mutual respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

school photos

School pictures should now be are now available! Please visit <https://www.nssp.ca/order-online/> to access the Hammonds Plains Consolidated School photo gallery.

View Photos

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



SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR MATRIX HIGHLIGHT:

cafeteria

This month, we're putting a spotlight on a crucial part of our school community: the cafeteria. We're asking for your help to reinforce our school-wide behavior expectations with your children, especially during lunchtime.

RESPECT FOR SELF

- Wash hands before eating
- Use a conversation voice
- Stay sitting while eating and waiting for dismissal
- Listen to monitors

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

- Use your indoor voice
- Be cooperative, respectful and use good table manners
- Wait quietly in line for your lunch and while going outside

RESPECT FOR LEARNING

- Use good table manners
- Engage in appropriate activities during indoor recess and lunch

RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT

- Clean up your eating area when you are done
- Push in chair
- Use appropriate recycling

Call for Breakfast Program Volunteers

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!

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!



October is Canadian Library Month

October is Canadian Library Month, a time to celebrate our wonderful libraries and the Library Support Specialists who support our students. The third Friday of the month is Canadian Library Workers Day and the fourth Monday is Canadian School Library Day. Please join us in thanking our school library workers for all they do every day in creating safe and welcoming spaces, encouraging a love of reading and helping students succeed in school and beyond. Learn more here.



October is Mi'kmaq History Month



October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Mi'kmaq people. In our schools, we can honour this month by incorporating Mi'kmaq stories, traditions and teachings into our curriculum. Activities such as guest speakers, art projects and cultural events can help students appreciate and understand the significance of Mi'kmaq heritage. Please join us in offering our respect, awareness and appreciation for the Mi'kmaq community and their enduring legacy. Learn more here.



October 20–24 is School Bus Safety Week

Student safety is a shared responsibility! During School Bus Safety Week, everyone can work together to ensure the safety of students on and around the school bus.

Did you know that HRCE has more than 33,000 students who ride the school bus every day?

School Bus Safety Week is a great time to remind students, families and schools, of a few daily safety tips that everyone can follow to ensure all students get to school safely.

HANDLE WITH CARE

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

