

APRIL 2026

# HAMMONDS PLAINS CONSOLIDATED

## Thank you for your BOOK donations

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the families whose generous book donations and ongoing support have truly enriched our school library. Your contributions have filled our shelves with new adventures, sparking curiosity and a lifelong love of reading in our students.



## Welcome Mr. Cleary

We are excited to welcome our new principal, Tom Cleary, to the school community! We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growth with our students and families. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome!

W E L C O M E

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 2 - World Autism Day
- April 2 - PD / Parent Teacher Interview PM (No School)
- April 3 - No School (Good Friday)
- April 6 - No School (Easter Monday)
- April 14 - SAC Meeting 5:30pm, PTA Meeting 6:30pm. (In Person)
- April 16 - PTA Spring Hop Dance 6:30pm.
- April 19 - 25 - National Volunteer Week
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 22 - Administrative Professionals Day
- April 29 - PD Day (No School for Students)

# Volunteering at the School

Thank you to all parents interested in volunteering and chaperoning! Your support is invaluable to our school, and we appreciate your willingness to contribute. **As a reminder, all prospective volunteers and field trip chaperones must have two mandatory background checks on file with the school before they can participate:**

- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector (VSC)
- Child Abuse Registry (CAR) Check



## **Please note the following requirements for submission:**

Checks must be submitted to the school office within three (3) months of their completion date. **Validity Period:** Once submitted, the checks are valid for three (3) years. If you plan to volunteer this year or act as a chaperone, we encourage you to start this process now. Unsure if your checks are current or on file? Please contact your student's teacher directly. They can confirm the status of your documentation. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for all our students!



# Looking for - On-call Lunch Monitors

## **Now Hiring: On-Call Lunch Monitors**

Looking for a flexible way to support our students and earn extra income? Join our team as a Paid On-Call Lunch Monitor!

The Role:

- Supervise students during lunch
- Work on an as-needed basis that fits your schedule.
- Help maintain a safe, positive environment for our kids.



**Interested? Contact the school main office today for more information on pay and how to apply!**



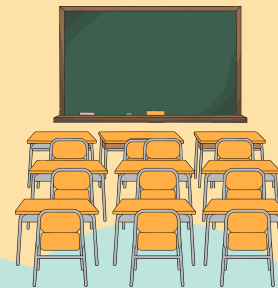


# School Wide Student Behaviour Matrix

**For: All Classroom settings including music, field, trips...)**

## RESPECT FOR SELF

- Be prepared to give your best effort
- Dress, speak, act appropriately
- Be on time
- Stay in designated areas



## RESPECT FOR OTHERS

- Respect diversity
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Use good listening skills
- Use good manners and appropriate language

## RESPECT FOR LEARNING

- Be prepared with homework and supplies
- Respect others' efforts ideas and opinions
- Keep toys/electronics at home

## RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT

- Recycle
- Keep the school clean
- Keep peanut products at home



# French's Corner

## Coin français



Did you know? In France, April 1st is known as Poisson d'avril! On this day, children (and even adults!) play lighthearted tricks on one another. A popular tradition is to secretly tape a paper fish (un poisson) onto someone's back without them noticing. When the trick is discovered, everyone laughs and says "Poisson d'avril!" It's a fun and simple tradition you can try at home.

Spring is also a time to celebrate Easter (Pâques) in France and many French-speaking communities. One unique tradition is that instead of the Easter Bunny delivering chocolate, it is said that church bells (les cloches) fly to Rome and return to drop off treats for children! This magical story adds a special cultural twist to the holiday.

### Spring Vocabulary to Try at Home

le printemps (luh prahn-tahn) – spring

un poisson (uhn pwah-sohn) – a fish



le chocolat (luh shoh-koh-lah) – chocolate

une cloche (ewn klosh) – a bell



un œuf (uhn uhf) – an egg



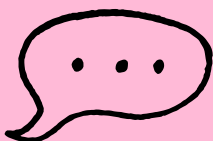
une fleur (ewn flur) – a flower



le soleil (luh soh-lay) – sun



la pluie (lah ploo-ee) – rain





## Try Carpool Conversations with your Kids



Looking for an easy way to talk with your child about their digital world? Carpool Conversations from Common Sense Media offers short, engaging prompts and mini podcasts designed to spark family discussions about technology, media use, and online behaviour. Many episodes are only a couple of minutes long, perfect for a car ride or while waiting for practice to start. Explore the conversation starters [here](#).

## April 2 is Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many strengths and experiences of autistic children and youth in our school communities. For families, it's a moment to reflect on the importance of feeling seen, heard, and supported – not just today, but every day.

In our schools, awareness is only the beginning. True inclusion comes from acceptance, understanding, and a commitment to meeting each student where they are. When educators, students, and families work together to build empathy and reduce barriers, we create environments where every child can thrive.

Recognized globally on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, led by the United Nations, highlights the importance of improving quality of life and upholding the rights of autistic individuals. This year's theme, "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," reminds us that every person deserves dignity, respect, and the opportunity to thrive, both in school and beyond.



From the PTA



# PTA - Spring Hop Dance

Get ready to shake off the winter chill! The PTA is thrilled to announce our upcoming Spring Hop Dance on Thursday, April 16, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. It's going to be a fantastic evening of music, movement, and community fun for the whole family. Keep an eye on your child's backpack for a flyer coming home soon, which will include all the details and your chance to RSVP.

We can't wait to see you on the dance floor!

**Our next PTA meeting takes place on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, at the school. Items on the agenda include Staff Appreciation Week and the year end BBQ. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate!**



From the Library

## **Give Your Books a New Home!**

Is your bookshelf overflowing? We would love to help! Our school library is looking for donations of gently used books to help grow our collection and spark a lifelong love of reading in our students.

If you have stories that are ready for a new adventure, please consider sharing them with us.

How to Donate:

- Large batches: Please drop these off directly at the front office.
- Small batches: If it's just one or two books, your student can bring them right to their classroom or the library.
- Drop them off during Parent Teacher right to the Library - Mrs Gaudet will be in there.

Every donation, big or small, makes a huge difference in our school community. Thank you for supporting our young readers!

