

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School

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April was a beautiful Nova Scotian month with a variety of weather/seasons all at once. We also had a lot to celebrate!

In May, we start planning for next year. I am happy to say that I have accepted the permanent position as Principal of Hammonds Plains and that Mr. Mugford has accepted the permanent position as Vice Principal.

There will be staffing changes happening at our school – We will be saying “Happy Retirement” to our amazing Music Teacher, Mrs. Cooke and we know that some of our other teachers will be looking forward to new teaching in other locations. We will update you as this process continues over the next few weeks.

Even though in some respects, the school year seems to be beginning to wind down, there is still a lot of learning time left before the end of June. We continue our focus of quality instruction in all our classrooms, and work toward our school goals in Literacy, Math, and Student Well-being.

May is a beautiful month in Nova Scotia so we hope that everyone gets a chance to enjoy the wonderful places in our community after school and on weekends. With eight weeks left in the school year, we still have lots of fun, engaging learning planned for our students!

Please make sure to check out the information contained in this newsletter about things happening over the next 8 weeks.

Primary Parent Information Night

On Wednesday, June 3 from 6-6:45 we will be hosting an Primary Parent Information Night in the school cafeteria. This is a chance for parents to come and meet our staff and find out information about what to expect in Grade Primary. Hope to see you there!



Upcoming Events

May 10

Education Week Begins

May 12

SAC Meeting – 5:30pm

May 12

PTA Meeting – 7:00pm

May 15

Black Excellence Day

May 18

Victoria Day – No School

June 3

Primary Parent Information Night – 6:00pm – 6:45pm

June 5

PTA Spring BBQ

June 29

Assessment and Evaluation Day – No school for students

June 30

Last day of school for 2025/26

Grade 3 Literacy and Math Provincial Assessments

This month all our grade three students will be participating in Provincial Literacy and Math Assessments (French Immersion students will be writing the Math assessment). These will take place on the following dates:

- Grade 3 Literacy (English only) – May 12th and 13th
- Grade 3 Math (English and French Immersion) – May 20th and 21st

HPCS PTA News

Being involved with the PTA is a great way to be active in our school community! Are you interested in taking an active role with the PTA executive next year? Want to find out more information? Reach out via our HPCS PTA Facebook page, email pta.hpcs@gmail.com or join us at our upcoming meeting to learn more!

Upcoming Dates for PTA Events

- June 5th – Spring BBQ fundraiser 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- June 9th – PTA meeting at 6:30pm

May 15th is Black Excellence Day

Black Excellence Day 2026 in Nova Scotia is an opportunity for schools to reflect on the learning and exploration of Black people and culture over the past year. It recognizes, celebrates, and supports learning from the achievements, contributions, and leadership of Black individuals and communities. More than a single-day celebration, Black Excellence is the recognition of meaningful steps toward strengthening inclusive learning environments where all students see themselves reflected in curriculum materials, through the stories we tell and the histories we honour.

The purpose of celebrating Black Excellence in our schools and classrooms is to affirm student's identities, build confidence, and inspire futures by highlighting role Black people have made in education, science, arts, leadership, and community advocacy. It reflects and celebrates thoughtful conversations in schools about equity, representation, and the ongoing work to remove systemic barriers.

This moment of reflection also invites educators and school communities to consider how Black Excellence is represented within their own classrooms and learning spaces. For some, this may affirm intentional work already underway; for others, it may serve as an opportunity to begin or deepen this practice. Black Excellence Day reminds us that this work is ongoing, and that there is always time to plan, reflect, and be deliberate in ensuring all students see themselves

meaningfully reflected in our schools.

