

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School

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It is hard to believe that it is June already! Although the students are looking forward to June 30th, there is still a lot of learning left to happen this month.

Huge congratulations to our HPCS Track Team for their hard work and very successful participation in the HRCE track meet. Although it was a very cold and wet day, our Gr. 4 & 5 Track Team participants really showed what team spirit looks like!!

As we enter the month of June, our school is happy to celebrate Pride Month! This is a special time of year when we celebrate love, diversity, and the unique qualities that make every person in our community special.

In our classrooms, one of our biggest goals is to teach kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. We want every single student to walk through our doors knowing that they belong, just as they are. Pride Month is a wonderful reminder that our school is a safe and happy place for all types of families, students, and staff.

We wish a very Happy Pride Month to all our families! Thank you for helping us grow a kind, caring school community where every child feels proud to be themselves.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer full of exciting and fun experiences so that all students can come back in September, excited to share and learn with their friends here at Hammonds Plains Consolidated!

All the best,

Tom Cleary

Upcoming Events

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SUNSCREEN & STUDENTS

Please make sure to apply sunscreen on students before they come to school each day. Many students (especially younger ones) have difficulty applying it by themselves.

More Important Information

Spirit Days for June

We will be having a series of spirit days throughout the month of June. Please see the dates and themes below:

- Monday, June 15th – Wacky Hair Day!
- Tuesday, June 16th – School Wide Pajama Day
- Wednesday June 17th – Rainbow Day – wear your favorite
- Thursday, June 18th – Beach Day/Hawaiian Day
- Friday, June 19th – Jersey/Sports Day

Report Cards / Last Day of School:

All report cards will be sent home digitally on Tuesday, June 30th. Unfortunately, we will not be able to send these out earlier than that date.

On the last day, Tuesday, June 30th, school hours will be 8:40am – 10:40am. Buses will be available to transport the students at that time. If you plan on picking your child up that day, please let their teacher know beforehand.

Staffing Changes:

Every year, schools have to say goodbye to some of the staff, and welcome new staff members to the school community. This year is no exception.

After many years of dedicated service to the students and families at HPCS, one of our valuable staff members will be retiring at the end of June. We wish Mrs. Cooke great joy in her well-deserved retirement. We will miss you very much.

All other staffing changes will be announced once our staffing process has finished later this month. Please stay tuned!

Field Day 2026:

Our Annual Field Day will take place on June 10th (Rain Date June 11th). This is a fun day of physical activity and engaging learning for all students. Please make sure to send your child with sunscreen already applied, a hat, water bottle and portable recess snack for that day.



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Supply Lists 2026-2027:

We will post the supply lists for next year on the school website at the end of the school year.

If you require help in purchasing supplies, please reach out to Mr. Cleary or Mr. Mugford, and they will support you and your family as needed. All requests for support will be handled confidentially.

Thank You to our Lunch Monitors:

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all the amazing people who have worked to support our students at lunchtime. The caring, support, and time that they have given to help at lunch hour is greatly appreciated.

PTA – End of Year Update:

Our **last PTA meeting** for the school year will take place on Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:30pm. Join us as we recap the year, look ahead to September and elect a new PTA executive committee (we are in need of a new President and Vice President). All are welcome to attend and participate!

Our final fundraiser of the year, the **Spring BBQ**, will take place Friday, June 5th, 5:30-7:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the event and can be used to purchase hot dogs, veggie dogs, drinks, chips and more! Tickets will also be sold for a 50/50 draw and for a variety of raffle baskets. The Hammonds Plains Fire Department will be joining us at the grill again this year, as well as student volunteers from CP Allen, who will be creating and running a variety of games. We need your help to make this event a success! To sign up to **volunteer**, visit volunteersignup.org/LWFAB

Thank you to everyone that has helped make our fundraising efforts a success this year! Whether you attended an event, made a donation, volunteered, planned an event, or made a purchase, thank you for all that you have done! Your support directly enhances the learning experiences of our students. With your help, we have been able to help teachers purchase over \$13000 worth of much needed resources for the classrooms!

School Advisory Council:

The School Advisory Council (SAC) will have several community member spots open for next year. There are six meetings held each school year. Provincial legislation requires that all schools establish a formally elected body of parent, community, and staff representatives to advise the principal on areas such as, Provincial Policy Development, School Programs and Curriculum, Communication Strategies, and the Promotion of School Culture Input regarding the Schools Student Success Plan.

If you know someone who may be interested in helping out our school community and who is not a parent (i.e. a grandparent, a neighbor, someone who owns a community-based business) please pass on this information and have them reach out to Mr. Cleary – tcleary@hrce.ca

Lighthouse Choir Information:

HALIFAX REGIONAL Arts

Love to sing?

Calling

ALL SINGERS

For students in Grades 4 - 7 in Sept 2026

AUDITIONS: TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH AND TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH AT TANTALLON SENIOR ELEMENTARY

Sign up today for an audition at <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/behsv>

You will be asked to sing O Canada and Happy Birthday and you must be able to match pitch.

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INFORMATION SHARED FROM OUR REGIONAL CENTER

2026-2027 Bus Information

Information about student transportation for the 2026-27 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.

Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work.

If you can't find the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

Reminder: The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.

Nova Scotia Loyal Farmers' Market Voucher Program

Once again this year, students across the province will receive a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal voucher to use at participating farmers' markets. The program encourages young people and families to explore local markets, support Nova Scotian growers and producers, and learn more about where their food comes from. From fresh produce and baked goods to locally made products, the initiative helps connect students with their communities while supporting small businesses and strengthening the local economy.

Families are encouraged to visit participating markets over the summer months and discover all that Nova Scotia has to offer through the [Nova Scotia Loyal program](#). Watch for these vouchers coming home today!

Listen to Lead: Year 2

Listen to Lead, HRCE's annual consultation, is more than just a survey. It is an ongoing commitment to partnership, continuous improvement, and ensuring our schools reflect the voices and experiences of the communities they serve.

Please take the opportunity to share your thoughts, feedback and vision for HRCE anonymously through ThoughtExchange: [Participate here](#)

Be Tick Aware in Nova Scotia

After a long and snow-filled winter, we're finally headed toward summer – a season when many people spend time at Nova Scotia's beautiful beaches, parks, and wooded areas. However, we need to be mindful of the presence of ticks and how we can protect ourselves. Nova Scotia is home to several kinds of ticks, but only blacklegged tick bites can cause illnesses like Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Powassan virus. Tick-borne diseases can lead to serious illness, especially if they are not noticed and treated quickly. It's important that we all know what to do about ticks, so if you've asked yourself any of these questions lately:

- What does a tick look like?
- What do I do if I find a tick on me or my child?
- What symptoms should I be aware of?
- How can I prevent ticks?

Visit NovaScotia.ca/TickSafety to learn more.

Operation Landline by Unplugged Canada

[Unplugged Canada](#) has launched a new resource called [Operation Landline](#), designed to help families reconnect kids with safe, healthy communication, without the pressures and distractions of smartphones. The initiative encourages families to bring back the family landline as a simple way for children to build independence, strengthen social skills and stay connected with friends and neighbors in a safer, more intentional way.

Created in partnership with the Institute of Child Psychology, the [complete guide](#) includes practical tips for setting up modern landline options, teaching phone safety and etiquette, and even creating a family phonebook together. Families are also invited to sign the [Unplugged Canada](#) pledge to help create a new community norm around delaying smartphones and supporting connected childhoods.