

# **SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWS!!**

*Hammonds Plains Consolidated School*

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## ***PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE***

*Welcome back to another new school year! I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and that you are looking forward to a fun, exciting and rewarding year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students and their families to Hammonds Plains Consolidated School, lovingly referred to as HPCS. I look forward to becoming acquainted with new students and families in our community and reconnecting with previous students. I am thrilled to be principal again this year and Dave Madgett is again VP. We welcome Donna Rogers as our full-time secretary and Jennifer Kennedy is returning as our 20% administrative assistant.*

*I'm certain you will find the school to be a very welcoming and supportive environment with the best interests of all learners at heart. Although very busy for parents and teachers alike, returning to school is always an exciting time of year. We look forward to another year as we work as partners to provide the best educational opportunities for all students. We encourage open communication between home and school at all times and hope you'll find opportunities to volunteer.*

*Lynn Corkum, Principal*

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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| September 5th                            | - | First Day of School  |
| September 11 <sup>th</sup>               | - | SAC 6:00 p.m. PTA 7:00 p.m.                                |
| Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> | - | School Photos  |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup>               | - | Stand up Against Bullying Day (Wear Pink or Red)           |
| September 20th                           | - | Curriculum Night 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.                     |
| September 27 <sup>th</sup>               | - | Terry Fox Walk (Coins/Bills Donations for Cancer Research) |
| September 28th                           | - | PD Day (No School for Students)                            |

## **PEANUT SMART AND "SCENT" SITIVE SCHOOL:**

We have several students who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. Please respect their health and well being by sending your child with snacks and lunches which do not contain nuts. Additionally, many of our students have medical conditions which can be worsened by scented products. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATION:**

To reduce the amount of paper used for school newsletters, information will be sent home with the youngest child in each family. Monthly newsletters and calendars are also available on our school website. If you still wish to receive a paper copy, please complete and return the form on the bottom of this newsletter.

Along with this newsletter today you are receiving an Emergency Dismissal Form. This form is to be completed as quickly as possible and returned to your child's classroom teacher. It is important that the Emergency Dismissal form be discussed with your child so that in case of an emergency they will be prepared to follow your directions. Please remember to update changes to this information throughout the year by sending a note to the classroom teacher.

Please also remember that if your child requires any medication at school, an epi-pen, inhaler, etc., we must have an updated form with the required epi-pen or inhaler to be kept at the school. Please send a note with your child and the forms will be sent home for you to fill out.

### **HEADLICE:**

Please note the policy regarding head lice. <https://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

### **CLASS LISTS:**

Our teaching staff spends considerable time and discussion with colleagues developing class lists that are in the best interest of meeting the learning needs of all students. Please keep in mind these lists are tentative during the first few weeks of school until new families are settled and our school population stabilizes. It is possible changes may have to be made to the composition of some classes following the registration process.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to invite any parent wishing to volunteer to contact their child's teacher. We need people to help in our library, to read to children, to help teachers prepare materials, help at lunchtime during eating period and help monitor children outside. **Please remember a criminal record check and child abuse registry is required for all volunteers.**

### **OPEN HOUSE/CURRICULUM NIGHT:**

The staff at Hammonds Plains Consolidated invites parents/guardians and their children to attend our Open House/Curriculum Night on September 20th @630pm. A less structured format will allow for parent/guardians to visit their child's class and teacher throughout the hour long period rather than at a specified time and to also visit with specialists. Children are excited to show their parents/guardians their classroom. An informal evening allows for children to attend. Curriculum document handouts will be available. Due to fire regulations there will not be a full school gathering in the gym. We are asking parents to proceed directly to their child's classroom.

### **LUNCH MONITORS:**

We are actively recruiting lunch monitors for the 2018/19 school year. Please contact the main office for further information.

### **CAFETERIA NEWS:**

Welcome back students! Please note the cafeteria cannot accept lunch orders without cash or cheque. Parents will be phoned and asked to provide a lunch if money is forgotten.

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**If you do not have access to a computer to read and/or print our newsletters and calendars please contact the main office at (902)832-8412 or complete and return this portion of this newsletter and return, so a paper version can be sent home with your child.**

Yes I would like to receive paper copies of correspondence from the school.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

