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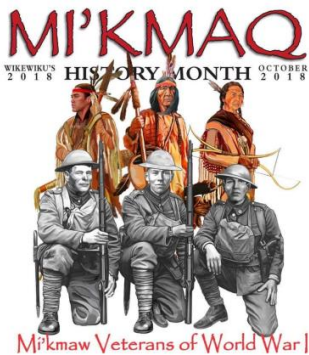
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HPCS November 2018 News!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 9 th	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12 th	Remembrance Day Observed - No School
November 13 th	SAC 6:00 p.m. PTA 7:00 p.m. Flu shot clinic for students/parents. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
November 21 st	Assessment and Evaluation Day - No School
November 29 th	Report Cards Go Home
December 5 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
December 6 th	Professional Development Day in a.m. Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
December 11 th	Holiday Concert 6:30 p.m.



Celebrating Mi'kmaq History Month

This month classes celebrated Mi'kmaq History. Classes explored Mi'kmaq culture and history through art and literature. We also had a magnificent performance by Iron Tide Singers. They taught our students so much about Mi'kmaq customs and traditions through stories, singing and dancing. We ended the month with a school-wide assembly where classes presented a variety of songs and learnings that they have been working on over the past few weeks.

HOLIDAY CONCERT:

The holiday concert will be presented on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. for grades p-2 and including Ms. MacNeil's 2/3 class. As always, we will have an open performance during the morning at 11:00 a.m. for those who are unable to attend the evening performance. **For the evening performance each family will be permitted two guests. (tickets will be provided)**, as Fire Regulations only allow 517 persons in the gym. We encourage grandparents etc. to come to our matinee performances, as tickets are not required. As in the past there will be a silver collection at the door to offset performance costs.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday December 5th from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. and Thursday, Dec 6th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There is no school for students all day on Thursday Dec 6th, as staff are involved in professional development in the a.m. We will be using the OPTIS booking system again. A separate communication regarding the procedures will follow.

HPCS REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY INVITATION TO MILITARY PARENTS:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The staff and students of Hammonds Plains Consolidated School would like to cordially invite any parents who are military members or veterans to attend our Remembrance Day assembly, which will be held on Friday, November 9th at 11:00 a.m. in the gym. We would like to honour those who have served our country and we invite you to wear your uniform to the assembly. All military personnel in uniform will meet in the library, where they will be marched in and seated in a designated area.

If you are able to attend, please R.S.V.P. the office at 902-832- 8412. We would like to be able to introduce you to our students individually at the assembly and we will need this information in advance. Thank you for your attention to this matter and we hope to see you at our assembly.

LUNCH AND HEALTHY PANTRY:

Just a reminder to parents that if your child is ordering lunch from the cafeteria, they still require a recess snack be sent from home.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM UPDATE:

We serve a small breakfast snack to every child in the school every day! The program has been running at our school since last April. We are always looking for volunteers to come in and help out, as making 569 energy bites takes some time! Any food donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the main office. Some examples are:

- Quaker Oatmeal Squares Cereal (blue box)
- Puffed Wheat
- Large Flake Oats
- Yogurt Tubes
- Honey
- Applesauce Squeezables
- Quaker Corn Squares (yellow box)
- Quick Oats (not packages of instant oatmeal)
- Regular Cheerios (yellow box) Not honey nut cheerios.
- C Brand Toasted O's
- Granola Bars (not chocolate covered)

If you would like to volunteer please contact Mrs. McNamara at tmcnamara@hrce.ca Thanks for your continued support.

LOST AND FOUND:

Our lost and found is filling up. Although students do look at them from time to time, they often do not recognize the items they have lost. We remind parents that with almost 600 students in the school, many items are identical to those owned by another student and that a name written inside on the label will often help students reclaim lost items.

STUDENT SUCCESS PLANNING

Our staff is implementing goals and strategies to increase the achievement of our students in the areas of writing, especially language use and mathematics especially in the area of communication.

PLANS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is important to take the time now to review our policy on inclement weather. Earlier in this school year each family completed a form for each of their children, which gives information on where their child is to go and with whom, should school be cancelled during the school day. This emergency dismissal could be for bad weather or emergencies. Please review this information with your child and if there are changes, please advise the school. It is the decision of the Halifax Regional Center for Education as to whether or not school is closed. The school cannot make that decision.

In cases when the weather is bad early in the morning, please listen to the local radio stations for school closures/delays or check out the school board website to sign up for text/email alerts. Also, be sure to activate a mybusplanner account (<https://hrce.mybusplanner.ca>) if you have not already done so, to receive Stock updates on delays and cancellations. Decisions are made by 6:00 a.m. for morning delays or full-day closures and 11:00 a.m. for mid-day closures.

In some cases, STOCK Transportation will **cancel bus service**, but schools will remain open. A decision to cancel some or all bus runs will be announced by 6:00 a.m. The cancelled buses and impacted schools will be identified in the announcement. On those days parents are responsible for transportation.

If **busses are cancelled** in the morning, they are cancelled for the whole day. Students who are unable to attend due to inclement weather will not be penalized for late assignments and any scheduled tests will be postponed. Please remember to phone safe arrival to let us know you are keeping your child/ren home. 902-832-8426.