

# DECEMBER 2018 NEWS!!

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### HAMMONDS PLAINS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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#### IMPORTANT DATES:

December 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Book Fair
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent /Teacher 6-8 p.m. Turkey Dinner Lunch
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	No School for Students a.m./PD p.m. Parent/Teacher 1-3
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Holiday Concert – 11 a.m. and 630 p.m.
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Kwanzaa Presentation
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Last Day of School before Holiday Break/Carol Sing
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	First Day of School after Holidays

#### SAFE ARRIVAL:

It is important that you phone in to our safe arrival line 902-832-8426 when a student will be absent. Although letting the teacher know by email is very conscientious, we cannot guarantee that they will receive the email in a timely manner to prevent a call from our safe arrival team.

#### VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL:

Please remember that when entering our school you must come in the main doors and sign-in at the office. All other doors to the school are locked during the daytime hours. These rules are in place for the safety of your children. Please do not go to classrooms during instruction time. Please report into the main office if you are dropping off or picking up your children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Thank you to everyone who signed up through Optis for Parent/Teacher Interviews. These discussions help to keep the school and home connected and provides consistent support for our students. Please remember, while we have formal meetings and reports, you can contact your child's teacher by email/phone at any time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about their progress.

#### PLANS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER:

It is important to take the time now to review our policy on inclement weather. Earlier in the 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 other emergencies. Please review this information with your child and if there are any changes, please advise the school. Keep in mind that when we have an early dismissal, buses are often delayed due to road conditions and space restrictions. We are unable to give estimated arrival times as we do not have that information. We thank you for your patience when these circumstances occur.

It is the decision of the Halifax Regional Centre 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 or delays. You may also call the school cancellation line at 464-INFO (4636). In some cases, Stock

Transportation will cancel bus service, but schools will remain open. Parents must use their discretion in regard to sending their children to school, taking into account the walking conditions and the full day's forecast. 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.

During the winter months the students are often kept indoors for recess and lunch due to cold temperatures. We are encouraging parents to send in a coloring book/activity book/card game, etc. for your child to keep in their desk for these days. Please remember that no electronic toys are permitted.

### **DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:**

With the cold weather upon us, we would like to remind parents and students of the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather. Students are required to have snow pants and boots to be down on the field to play in the snow to prevent getting wet. Students also need to have warm winter attire such as hats and mitts (extra mitts in their bag are always a good idea as well in the event of mittens getting wet or lost). Please remind your children of the importance of not throwing snowballs. Snow can be a lot of fun to play in, but snowball throwing can cause unnecessary injuries.

### **WOZZLES BOOK FAIR:**

Our Wozzles Book Fair will be held on the following days:

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00

Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00, 1:00 – 3:00

Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00, 1:00 – 3:00, 6:00 – 8:00

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00

### **HOLIDAY CONCERTS:**

Each family will receive two tickets for the night that their child will be performing. Tickets will be sent home with your child the week before the concert. If you do not need both tickets, please return them to your child's classroom teacher immediately. **Anyone attending must have a ticket. Please note that toddlers and small children on laps also require a ticket.** Remember that there will also be a performance during the day at 11:00 a.m. for anyone who wishes to come.

Please also be aware when attending the Holiday Concerts or any other school events, that our school is Scent Aware. Please refrain from wearing products with an odor as there are many people who have sensitivities.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and parents will be asked to line up outside the gym until approx. 6:15p.m. A student who is playing the violin will be serenading our guests in line. This year we will be doing a silver collection at the door to offset the cost of the production. All monies will go to our music program.

***STAFF AT HAMMONDS PLAINS WISH YOUR FAMILY A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!***

