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April News 2019



IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 4th - Report Cards Sent Home
- April 9th - SAC 6:00 pm /PTA 7:00 pm
- April 11th - In-Service 9-12/Parent Teacher 1-3 6-8pm (No School)
- April 18th - Spring Hop 6:30 – 8:00
- April 19th - Good Friday (No School)
- April 22nd - Easter Monday (No School)

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Progress reports will be sent home on Thursday April 4th. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding these reports, please contact your child's teacher directly. The results from these reports can also be discussed during Parent/Teacher Conference on April 11th from 1-3pm and 6-8pm.

FRENCH BOOK FAIR - April 9th, 10th 11th

- Tuesday, April 9th - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 10th - 1-3pm & 6-8pm During Parent/Teacher Conference
- Thursday, April 11th - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

SPIRIT WEAR CAMPAIGN:

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS have been sent home with students this week. You have until April 15th to place your order. A few sample sizes for each item are in the office if you are wondering about sizing. They will also be available in the office during parent/teacher! THERE ARE PARENT SIZES TOO!

LUNCH MONITORS:

We are currently looking for lunch monitors. If you are interested, please contact our main office.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE:

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, April 11th from 1-3 pm and 6-8pm. Please remember that this day is a Professional Development day for the staff in the morning and parent teacher meetings will take place in the afternoon and evening.

For parent/teacher interviews we will be using the Online Parent/Teacher Interview Scheduler (OPTIS). OPTIS allows parents to book interview times with teachers online from anywhere. This will benefit parents and guardians as it will allow them to coordinate interview times with multiple teachers (in particular for those families with more than one child at the school). Information on how to log in was sent in an email earlier this week. **OPTIS WILL GO LIVE on MONDAY, April 1st at 4pm.**

SPRING FLING 2019 UPDATE:

This year's Spring Fling planning is in full swing! This year's event will be held on Saturday June 1st from 10am to 2pm. In the coming weeks we will be looking for assorted donations to make this our best yet! We will be looking for things like books, cakes, class basket donations and most importantly, volunteers for the event! Stay tuned for more detailed information coming home. We understand that every family cannot donate to everything, so thank you in advance for any help, big or small!

If you have any questions please reach out to us at springflinghpcs@outlook.com

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Pirate Props

We are looking to borrow pirate props for our spring musical next month. Props would include small nets, buoys, small chests, small barrels...anything you would see on a pirate ship. All items will be labelled with your name and returned after the show.

Pirate Costumes

All students will be playing the part of a Pirate in our spring musical. We ask that each student dress as a pirate for the performances and the following suggestions should help:

- striped shirt or poufy white blouse, vest, head kerchief, shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ length pants or cut off or rolled up pants etc. No big hats please! Students have had luck at Value Village and other second hand stores in the past, or you can make a costume up with things from home
- Every pirate must have a sash, scarf or belt that will tie at the waist (I have extra to lend) and a sword (I have extra to lend but they can be purchased at the dollar store or made).
- Accessories such as colourful beads, eye patches, and skull and crossbones jewelry etc. are encouraged but not necessary.

EXCEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2019/20:

The EXCEL program will be using a new registration and payment system for the 2019-20 school year. The software offers a secure, convenient, web-based platform on which clients can register their child(ren) **online** for the EXCEL program.

To ensure that the new system is fully operational for the registration period, the designated registration dates of April 29th, 2019 for current participants and May 6th, 2019 for new participants will be **postponed** until late Spring

2019. Despite the delay in the registration dates, it is anticipated that clients will be informed of their acceptance to the EXCEL program no later than June 28th, 2019.

Please visit <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/excel-child-care/registration> in the coming weeks to receive the latest information on the 2019-20 EXCEL registration process and dates for early and general registration.

A Message from the ECO TEAM



The Hammonds Plains Recycling Team, consisting of twenty students, has been working diligently to sort food scraps, paper, plastics, garbage, and refundables in proper bins during lunch time. There is also a competition going on to guess how many pop, juice, beer tabs, etc. that have been collected to help support wheelchairs. We can still use more tabs!! Now that spring is here it will be time for outside clean up.

Don't forget that April 22nd, is Earth Day!!

Let's work together to make everyday an environmentally friendly day for the future of our children.

Thanks,

The Eco Team

Some Facts



- A. All bottle caps go into the garbage.
- B. Don't know where to recycle old electronic gadgets? www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/ns
- C. To cancel flyers call the Chronicle Herald at 902-426-3031. The flyers can be viewed online at the Chronicle Herald's website.
- D. It takes centuries for a disposable diaper to break down in a landfill.
- E. Using recycled paper saves water, not just trees.
- F. Enough plastic bottles are tossed away each year to circle the planet four times.
- G. Plastic containers, tubs and lids go in a blue bag.
- H. Garbage collection and services call 311.
- I. By recycling one aluminum can, you can save enough energy to power a 100 watt light bulb for 20 hours.

