



# SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWS!!

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School

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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

*Welcome back! 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, Dave Madgett is again VP and Donna Rogers and Jennifer Kennedy are returning as our administrative assistants.*

*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 consider opportunities to volunteer.*

*Lynn Corkum, Principal*

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

September 5th	-	First Day of School
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	SAC 6:00 p.m. PTA 7:00 p.m.
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Photos
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Stand up Against Bullying Day (wear pink or red)
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Curriculum Night 6:30p.m-7:30pm
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Terry Fox walk (coins/bills Donations for Cancer research)
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	PD Day (no school for students)
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Treaty Day (orange shirt day)

## **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 and Media Consent Form. These forms are 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.

**Please allow 24 hours for a response to an email. Messages of an emergency nature should not be emailed to the teacher/school or left on the school phone. There is no guarantee that messages will be received in a timely fashion.**

**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. We thank you for your patience.

**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 records 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 Open House/Curriculum Night on September 19<sup>th</sup> @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. Parents please proceed directly to your child's classroom.

**LUNCH MONITORS:**

We are actively recruiting lunch monitors for the 2019/20 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.

**HEALTHY PANTRY DONATIONS:**

Sometimes recess snacks are forgotten and students come to the office. We keep a stock of healthy snacks and drinks available for such occasions. If you are able to donate items such as granola bars, juice boxes, cheese and cracker packs, fruit cups, cheese strings, gold fish and yoghurt tubes, please drop them off at the main office. Please ensure all items are peanut free.

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**If you do not have access to a computer to read and/or print our newsletters and calendars, please fill out the information below and return to your child's teacher so a paper version can be sent home with your child each month.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_