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HPCS November 2019 News!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 8 th	- Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11 th	- Remembrance Day - No School
November 12 th	- SAC 6pm / PTA 7pm
November 16 th	- Breakfast with Santa
November 21 st	- PTA Movie Night
November 22 nd	- Assessment and Evaluation Day No School
November 25 th – 28 th	- Book Fair (More Info Below)
November 28 th	- Parent Teacher 1-3, 6-8
December 5 th	- Report Cards go Home
December 11 th	- Holiday Concert

HOLIDAY CONCERTS:

The concert will be presented on Wednesday December 11th at 6:30 for grades p-2. We will have an open performance during the afternoon at 1:30pm as well as an evening performance. **For the evening performance each family will be permitted two guest tickets (tickets will be provided),** as Fire Regulations only allow 517 persons in the gym. We encourage grandparents etc. to come to our matinee performance, **tickets are not required.** As in the past there will be a silver collection at the door to offset performance costs. The classes involved in the Christmas concert are:

Primary Kendall	1 Leblanc	2 Parsons
Primary Oakie	1 McNamara	2 Zawidzki
Primary Oliver	1/2 Taneja	2 Malone*
Primary Martell	1/2 Neatt	2 Rogers*
P/1 Lord		
P/1 Simpson		

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday November 28^h from 1-3pm and 6-8pm. There is no school on Thursday November 28th all day. Staff are involved in professional development in the am. We will be using the OPTIS booking system again. A separate communication regarding the procedures will follow.

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 to be sent from home. Please also remember to pack a spoon or fork with your child's lunch if required.

PTA NEWS:

Thank you everyone who supported our fundraising efforts in October, we raised over \$4,000 towards our goal of \$25,000 for the year. Hopefully everyone will get to see the fruits of our labor from last year with the upcoming installation of three new water fountains/bottle filling stations! We could not do any of these awesome school improvements without your support.

Upcoming Events:

Magazine Campaign:

Ice-cream party for the class from P-2 and 3-5 that sells the most magazines. Post the following URL on your social media to advertise the campaign to your family and friends: <https://www.familyreadingprogram.com/>

Santa Social - November 16th:

Admission cost gets each person a ticket for milk and cookies (coffee/tea for the grown ups). Kids will be able to write a Santa letter and have a quick visit with him as he moves around the room. Don't forget to add your letter to his sack and purchase some holiday baked goods!

Drop and Shop Movie Night - November 21st:

Drop your children off in their PJ's with a blanket and stuffy to watch Angry birds 2 while you take a couple hours to yourself to shop, wrap or just watch Netflix at home. \$10/child - Flyer will be sent home soon!

Mabel's Labels:

Ongoing fundraiser on their website. Remember to select the option to support our school!

Christmas Concert VIP Tickets:

More information to come!

***Remember to sign up to become a member of the HPCS PTA Facebook group to get the most up-to-date information on our fun school fundraisers and have all your questions answered! ***

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.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Information for November 2019 HPCS Newsletter: Once again this year, HPCS is very fortunate to have local bookstore WOZLES, host our HPCS English Book Fair!! Book Fair dates: Monday, November 25 – Thursday, November 28. Volunteers welcome and needed! Look for sign-up sheet on the Library door. Details to follow!

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. Decisions are made by 6:00am and 11:00am 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 am. 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.