

February 2020 NEWS!!

HAMMONDS PLAINS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb 1-29** ***African Heritage Month***
- Feb 11** ***Deadline for Ordering Candy Grams!!***
- Feb 12** ***SAC 6pm/PTA 7pm Primary French Immersion Information Session 6:30***
- Feb 14** ***Valentine's Day/Candy Grams Delivered***
- Feb 17** ***No School - Family Day***
- Feb 27** ***African Heritage Month Closing Ceremony***

PRIMARY REGISTRATION:

Registration for the 2020/2021 school year will take place Feb 1st - Feb 29th. Children who are five years old by December 31st, 2020 are eligible to begin school. If you know of anyone in the community who may not be aware of the registration, please share this information with them. Registration must be done in person and we require proof of age, proof of residency, provincial health card number and updated immunization information. Parents must indicate whether the child is registering for the English program or the French Immersion program.

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. At this point, we are asking parents and guardians not to accompany the child to the classrooms during instructional time. Please report to the main office if you are dropping off or picking up your children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Excel parents are to use the parking lot doors at all times.

STUDENT PICK UP:

While we understand that on occasion children need to be picked up early for appointments, it can be quite disruptive to your child's learning and the learning of others. **If you do need to pick up your child early, we would remind you to please send a note with him/her so that message bags, homework, etc. can be prepared before they leave.** Please avoid calling in advance to arrange for your child to be waiting in the office prior to your arrival. Once you have arrived to sign him/her out, they will be paged to come to the office.

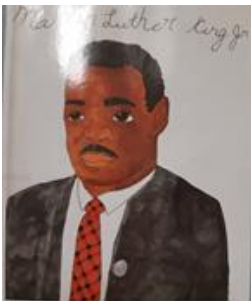
PTA NEWS:

- The PTA is doing a Valentine candy gram fundraiser. The forms and money need to be returned by February 11th. Candy grams will be delivered on Feb 14th.
- School Spirit Wear – Order forms will be sent home this month. There will be new colors to choose from and a new selection of merchandise including ball caps, t-shirts, shorts and hoodies.

CELEBRATING AFRICAN HERITAGE:



The 2020 African Heritage Month theme, **The Ties that Bind: Faith, Family and Community**, recognizes the essential traits that sustain the strength, resilience and togetherness of the African Nova Scotian community. These ties are the bedrock for the African Nova Scotian community which helped them support and stay connected to each other. The theme aligns with the “Recognition” pillar of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (DPAD). We must recognize the important contributions of people of African descent, while also acknowledging the long-standing prejudices and unfair treatment endured for generations”.(Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs)



Here at HPCS, we understand the importance of Culturally Responsive Teaching all year long and embrace African Heritage Month as an opportunity to spotlight the contributions that people of African descent have made to our province, our country and the collective history of the world. Throughout the month of February, we are excited to welcome artists, guest speakers, historians and story tellers to share their experiences with staff and students. Mrs. Peach has created a display highlighting the multitude of picture and chapter books underscoring the stories of and written by people of African descent. Several classes will be participating in the 2020 African Nova Scotian History Challenge, submitting both class projects and individual entries in several categories. Finally, on Thursday February, 27th we will be dedicating our monthly check-in assembly to African Heritage Month.

We encourage our HPCS family to participate in the diverse array of African Heritage Month events that will take place, in February, as a way to celebrate our collective consciousness and learn more about an important facet of the complex and diverse history of our province.