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HPCS JUNE NEWS 2020

Important Dates to Remember:

June 26/26 Reports will be emailed home

Principal's Message

I want to thank each family for your continued support and dedication as we engaged in at home learning during these unprecedented times. I understand it has been challenging trying to juggle obligations, maintaining balance and taking on the huge role of learning from home. I want to personally commend each and every family. Let's hope we get back to a level of normal by fall.

The province will be sending out two fun learning flyers over the summer in July and August. They are amazing suggestions and activities to have fun and continue supporting your child over the summer months if you wish.

Reports cards are completed and will be sent out via email within the next 48 hours. You will notice it is a year end summary report for Math and Literacy only.

We stand with our
African Nova Scotian
Communities.

#BlackLivesMatter



Halifax
Regional Centre for Education

Please see the statement below by our Regional Executive Director, Elwin LeRoux. We wholeheartedly stand behind his comments.

Racism exists everywhere. It happens in our society and it happens in our schools.

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education stands against anti-Black racism. We strive to create inclusive learning and working environments where all students and staff feel affirmed, validated and nurtured. But the work won't be complete until all issues around equity and racism are addressed.

In this moment, we have an opportunity to make real change. Education is the most powerful tool the world has ever known, and as educators, it is our responsibility to use it to teach anti-racism in our classrooms, in our schools and in our communities. If you see it, name it. If you hear it, expose it. If you experience it, tell us. Here's how:

- If you are a student... talk to your teachers, the school support staff, your principal and/or vice principal.*
- If you are a parent or a community member... talk to your child's teacher, the principal, vice principal and/or the School Administration Supervisor.*
- If you are a staff member... talk to your supervisor and/or our Human Resources department.*

We will listen. We will learn. We will act.

IPPs and Adaptations

For students on an **IPP**, parents have received the **report card electronically**. You will notice that no marks were given during the online learning period. A comment was provided by teachers that reflects learning done throughout the year. *The IPP document (not the report) has not been edited or updated during online learning.*

For students on **adaptations**, this document will follow the student through to next year. Teachers have finalized them for the year and reviewed them for any necessary changes.

Should you require a copy of your child's adaptations before the fall, please contact Donna Rogers as it requires password protection. You can contact her at drogers@hrce.ca

Volunteer Tea

Every year HPCS is blessed to have a large number of our community members and families volunteer at our school. Every year we have the pleasure of publicly acknowledging and personally thanking those volunteers for their valuable service to our students and our school. However, this year the staff and students of HPCS are not able to show their appreciation for your efforts and your valuable time in our traditional way, but we wanted to ensure you know you are valued.

To our many volunteers who give of themselves in our library, breakfast program, PTA,SAC, Safe Arrival Line, field trips and in our classrooms, we thank you. Your work makes our work a little lighter. Your work makes our students' academic lives brighter. Your work helps to transform our school into a community. Thank you from the students and staff at HPCS.

Recycling Team

We wish to give a big thank you to this year's recycling team members which consisted of twenty-nine students from grades three to five. Even though the year was cut short due to COVID-19, they showed up during their shifts and worked diligently sorting food waste into the compost bin and separating juice boxes and plastics into their proper bins. We hope that they continue supporting the environment from their homes and perhaps we'll see them on the team next year. Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer. Thank you so much, Mrs. Spidell.

Staffing Changes 2020/2021

We have a number of changes with staff for next year. Congratulations to the following who have taken other opportunities for next year. We will miss you but your sharing of Math and Literacy skills with other teachers will help strengthen both the French Immersion and English program within HRCE.

- **Mme. Neatt** has accepted a position at LeMarchant St Thomas in Halifax with the Resource department.
- **Mme. Zawidzki** has accepted a Math support position with HRCE.
- **Mme. Lord** is taking a Literacy Coach position.
- **Ms. Oakie** has also accepted a Math support position with HRCE for next year.

Ms. Anger is retiring and we wish her all the best in her endeavours. I am sure she will keep in touch with the HPCS community. Thank you for all your years of service to students.

Some of our term EPAs will be leaving us. **Lisa Cormier** and **Samantha Ryer** we hope you can return to HPCS next year.

Finally, a fond farewell to our Vice Principal, **Mr. Madgett**, who has accepted a position at St. Stephen's Elementary as Principal. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the years. You will be missed but what an opportunity! Congratulations, may our paths cross again.



Happy Summer everyone!

See you in September!!!