

**DECEMBER 2020 NEWS!!**  
**Les nouvelles décembre 2020!!**  
**HAMMONDS PLAINS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**  
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**Principal : Lynn M Corkum Vice Principal : Anne Gourlay**  
**Administrative Assistants: Donna Rogers, Jennifer Kennedy**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

December 3rd	PD and Parent teacher-no school
December 21	Red and Green Day (wear red or green)
December 22	PJ and movie day
December 22nd	Last Day of School Before Holiday Break
January 4th	First Day of School After Holidays

**HELP!**

We need help here at HPCS. We are looking for SAC community members and parents. We also need some part time lunch monitors that would be willing to substitute for our full timers. Even if you are available for one day a week it could be a great help.

**BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN:**

You may want to review the Back to School plan from September <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/backtoschool/back-school-plan>

**SAFE ARRIVAL:**

It is important that you phone in to our safe arrival line 902-832-8426 when a student will be absent. Although letting the teacher know by email is very conscientious we cannot guarantee that they will receive the email in a timely manner to prevent a call from our safe arrival team.

**VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL:**

***Please remember that due to Covid 19 health protocols, all access to the building is prohibited. This is to keep staff and students safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.***

**PLANS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

It is important to take the time now to review our policy on inclement weather. Earlier in the 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 other emergencies. Please review this information with your child and if there are any changes, please advise the school. Keep in mind that when we have an early dismissal, buses are often delayed due to road conditions and space restrictions. We are unable to give estimated arrival times as we do not have that information. We thank you for your patience when these circumstances occur.

It is the decision of the Halifax Regional Centre 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 or delays. You may also call the school cancellation line at 464-INFO (4636). In some cases, bus service will be cancelled, but schools will remain open. Parents must use their discretion in regard to sending their children to school, considering the walking conditions and the full day's forecast. 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.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and Pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means that school would start at 1020. Pre-Primary would start at 1030. If school busses are operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly scheduled time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times. The EXCEL program is cancelled for the morning only.

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a backup plan for child care when school is cancelled.

During the winter months the students are often kept indoors for recess and lunch due to cold temperatures. We are encouraging parents to send in a coloring book/activity book/card game, etc. for your child to keep in their desk for these days. Please remember that no electronic toys are permitted.

#### **DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:**

With the cold weather upon us, we would like to remind parents and students of the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather. Students are required to have snow pants and boots to be down on the field to play in the snow to prevent getting wet. Students also need to have warm winter attire such as hats and mitts (extra mitts in their bag are always a good idea as well in the event of mittens getting wet or lost). Please remind your children of the importance of not throwing snowballs. Snow can be a lot of fun to play in, but snowball throwing can cause unnecessary injuries.

Thank you to Pam Reyna, Tupperware Consultant, Gail Stronach, Cathy Baker and Jana Delaney-Wilson who have generously donated water bottles for student use. Thank you for the support.

***STAFF AT HAMMONDS PLAINS CONSOLIDATED WISH YOUR FAMILY A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!***

