

SEPTEMBER 2021 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 returning to school. 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. We are so excited to welcome our Pre-Primary and Primary students. 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 and Anne Gourlay is back as our new Vice Principal. Donna Rogers is returning as our administrative assistant and Nicole Shore is joining us as our part time admin assistant..

These are certainly unusual times but I believe it is important for students to return to school and connect with teachers and classmates. Many exciting events and opportunities are returning as we learn to live with Covid-19. Students will return to school with relaxed Covid 19 protocols based on public health guidance. 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. Never hesitate to reach out to classroom teachers and/or the admin team.

Lynn Corkum, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

September 7th	-	First Day of School
September 9 th	-	Stand up against bullying day(wear pink or red)
September 13 th	-	SAC 5:30 p.m. PTA 7:00 p.m.(Monday)
September 14 th	-	menu for cafeteria
September 23 rd	-	Curriculum Night
September 23 rd	-	Terry Fox walk-tentative
September 24th	-	PD day(no school for students)
September 28/29	-	School Photos

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.

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. We also send much information home via powerschool messenger. If you still wish to receive a paper copy, please let your child's teacher know.

Along with this newsletter today you are receiving an Emergency Dismissal Form. This form is 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.

Lunch Monitors

We continue to recruit for lunch monitors. We need two to three hours of lunch coverage. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact the main office. Also, if you have an hour to volunteer and can help us at lunch please consider helping at lunch sporadically if you cannot commit to full time. Please call 902-832-8412

Curriculum Night

The staff at Hammonds Plains Consolidated invites parents/guardians and their children to attend a Curriculum Night on September 23rd. Teachers will be communicating to each family when and what format the curriculum evening will be. Curriculum document brochures/handouts will be sent home prior to curriculum night..

CAFETERIA NEWS- This year we are able to use the cafeteria for eating. Our cafeteria has a projected start of October 4th for food delivery. The menu will be sent out on September 14th for the two week ordering. Milk is back this year as well as recess cash sales. The preferred method of ordering is online but we will also send home a paper menu to any family that requests it for a paper/cash order. These orders for the two weeks can be dropped off to the main office. If you would like a paper copy of the menu please send a note to your child's teacher.
