

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWS!!

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another new school year! I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and that you are looking forward to a fun, exciting and rewarding year. 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. 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, Dave Madgett is again VP and Jennifer Kennedy is returning as our administrative assistant, while Ms. Boutilier is off on medical leave.

I'm certain you will find the school to be a very welcoming and supportive environment with the best interests of all learners at heart. 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 and hope you'll find opportunities to volunteer.

Lynn Corkum, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

September 6 th	-	PD day
September 7 th	-	First Day of School
September 12 th	-	SAC 6:00 p.m. PTA 7:00 p.m.
Sept 12,13,14 th	-	School Photos
September 15 th	-	Stand up Against Bullying Day(wear pink or red)
September 21 st	-	Curriculum Night 6:30p.m-7:30pm
September 28 th	-	Terry Fox walk (coins/bills Donations for Cancer research)
September 29 th	-	PD day(no school for students)

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. When visiting the school please refrain from wearing products containing perfumes.

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. If you still wish to receive a paper copy, please complete and return the form on the bottom of this newsletter.

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.

HEADLICE Please note the policy regarding head lice. <https://www.novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/public-health-education/07135-head-lice-pamphlet-en.pdf>

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.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to invite any parent wishing to volunteer to contact their child's teacher. We need people to help in our library, to read to children, to help teachers prepare materials, help at lunchtime during eating period and help monitor children outside. Please remember a criminal records check and child abuse registry is required for all volunteers.

Open House/Curriculum Night

The staff at Hammonds Plains Consolidated invites parents/guardians and their children to attend Open House/Curriculum Night on September 21st @630pm. A less structured format will allow for parent/guardians to visit their child's class and teacher throughout the hour long period rather than at a specified time and to also visit with specialists. Children are excited to show their parents/guardians their classroom. An informal evening allow for children to attend. Curriculum document handouts will be available. Due to fire regulations there will not be a full school gathering in the gym. Parents please proceed directly to your child's classroom.

LUNCH MONITORS

We are actively recruiting lunch monitors for the 2017/18 school year. Please contact the main office for further information.

CAFETERIA NEWS- Welcome back students! Please note the cafeteria cannot accept lunch orders without cash or cheque. Parents will be phoned and asked to provide a lunch if money is forgotten.

If you do not have access to a computer to read and/or print our newsletters and calendars please let the office know so a paper version can be sent home with your child.