HAMMOND NEWS

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At Hammond Elementary, students and staff work hard to build a positive school culture. We believe that everyone has a responsibility to create a caring, safe and orderly learning environment.

Upcoming Events

Sep 14	PAC Welcome Back BBQ 2:30 – 3:30
Sep 24	Curriculum Implementation Day – no school for students
Sep 26	PAC AGM Meeting 9:00 am Spirit Day
Sep 27	Terry Fox Run, 1:00 pm
Oct 5	Hot Lunch – Chopped Leaf
Oct 8	Thanksgiving Holiday – no school for students
Oct 11	Student Photo Day Montessori Society Meeting at 7:00 pm
Oct 12	Div 17,18,19 to Pumpkin Patch Hot Lunch - Brownies Chicken
Oct 19	Non-Instructional Day – no school for students
Oct 23	Div 11 to Save On Foods
Oct 26	Div 10,15,16 to Pumpkin Patch Hot Lunch – Hot Dog Day
Oct 29	Photo Retakes – am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am so happy to see how quickly students are settling into their new classes! I have had the pleasure of walking into every classroom and I am impressed by the wonderful tone in the building as teachers are building community with their students. Our upper intermediate students are already planning for our Terry Fox run which will no doubt be another success. Please feel free to stop by and say hello during our PAC Welcome Back BBQ.

Congratulations on a great start up!



SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS and CALENDAR…

School newsletters will be sent out via the Parent Portal, and will be posted on our school website. Typically, we send out a newsletter at the end of each month. Included with this newsletter is the bell schedule and 2018/19 school calendar of non-instructional days and holidays, etc. for easy reference. Please be sure to check our monthly newsletters and the school website for any changes or updates throughout the school year, and to read about all the great happenings at Hammond!

UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS…

- There is a Curriculum Implementation Day on **Monday, September 24th;**
- School will be closed for Thanksgiving Day, **Monday, October 8th**;
- There is a Non-Instructional Day on **Friday, October 19th.**

PARENT PORTAL…

If you are not already registered on the SD42 Parent Portal, your son or daughter will be bringing home a linking letter. This letter, printed on green paper, includes your child's unique ID number and linking key. Once registered the portal will allow parents/guardians to fill out school consent forms, receive announcements, and make secure online payments. **It is essential to register in order to receive and keep updated with school information. All field trip permissions will be via the Parent Portal.** Please take a few minutes to "link up".

TERRY FOX RUN…

Our school's Terry Fox Run is scheduled for **Thursday, September 27th** at 1:00 pm. More detailed information will be coming home through the Parent Portal. Thank you to Ms Jones for organizing this school event.

THE TERRY FOX RUN

IMPORTANT SCHOOL FORMS…



Student Information Verification Forms will be sent home with every student next week. Please be sure to review, make any necessary changes, date and sign the bottom of page 2 and return as soon as possible.

Medical Alert Forms – If your child uses an Epipen, or has an existing medical condition that requires medication kept at school, or could require emergency intervention while at school, please make sure you have completed the necessary forms. Proper paperwork is required each September. Thank you.

Volunteer Driver Forms - Each school must maintain a roster of authorized drivers. Authorized drivers are required to complete a Volunteer Driver Application Form, available at the school office, and provide a copy of their Driver's Abstract. You may obtain a copy of your Abstract from the Motor Vehicle Licence Office free of charge, OR by calling ICBC at 1-800-950-1498 and request them to fax your Abstract to the school at 604-460-1137, OR you may visit ICBC website at http://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/getting-licenced/Pages/Your-driving-records.aspx. Please remember to update bi-yearly and keep us informed of any vehicle changes. Thank you.

ELEMENTARY BAND…

Westview Secondary School offers an Elementary Band program for students in grade 6 and 7. Classes meet twice a week and are FREE. If you think your son or daughter might be interested in learning to play an instrument, please contact Mrs. Jensen at Westview for more information. It's not too late!

STUDENT PICTURES and RETAKES...

A representative from Photo Express will be at Hammond **Thursday, October 11th** taking student photos. Shortly after, colour previews will come home with your child for you to be able to order from a wide selection.



A retake opportunity has been scheduled for the morning of **Monday, October 29th**. Only those students absent on original photo day, and/or students who have returned their original preview with the retake request portion filled in, will have their photo taken.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS…

Bikes and Scooters

There are a lot more students riding bikes and bringing scooters to schools. It is great to see our students being active. Students have been asked not to ride them back across the parking lot nor by the busy front entry of our school in the mornings and after school. We ask that they walk their bikes/scooters to the bike racks to lock up.

Personal Devices



All intermediate classes have been reminded of our expectation around personal devices: Students are not to have these out at recess/lunch nor during instructional time (unless the teacher has allowed and is supervising use). While we recognize many parents want their children to have phones for safety reasons when walking home, there isn't any need for these to be out during the school day. We appreciate your support with this.

Lunches

Please note: There are no utensils, and no microwaves in the school for student use. Please send items that need to be hot in a thermos for your children and remember to send utensils.

Student absences and lates

We request that you telephone, email HA_reception@sd42.ca, or advise via the parent portal to let us know if your child will be late or absent from school. There is an answering machine to take your messages if calling after hours or early in the morning. Remember, if we do not hear as to the student's whereabouts, we will be calling to ensure the safety of the absent student. Late students are asked to go directly to class if arriving prior to our morning announcements at 8:40 am. If arriving after 8:40 am, students must check into the office to receive a *Welcome To School* slip before going to classrooms.

After school arrangements

To minimize phone calls to the office and class disruption, please ensure that your children are aware of lunch and/or after school arrangements when they arrive at school in the morning. We are pleased to be of assistance when unexpected problems arise however we do appreciate your efforts to keep those occurrences minimal. Thank you for your understanding.

Label personal belongings
It was unbelievable how many clothes and other items were left in the Lost and Found at the end of each term last year. Our Lost & Found area is already filling up. *Please* label all jackets, backpacks, lunch kits, hats, etc. so we can return them to their rightful owners, and *please* stop by to periodically check our Lost & Found boxes located down by the gym.

FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM (+MILK)…

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program is brought to schools by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation – a non-profit organization dedicated to working to bring BC's agriculture to our students. The Foundation works with local farmers and distributors to bring fresh BC products to students in public schools throughout BC. This program is part of the provincial government's healthy eating initiative. Every other week a fresh fruit or vegetable snack is delivered to the classroom. Students are offered the snack during class time. It is not meant to replace the foods students normally eat at school. This is wonder opportunity for students to learn about BC agriculture and good eating habits.

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program has expanded to include milk for K-Grade 5 students! Like the fruit and vegetable snacks, the milk will be delivered to students. Your child will have the opportunity to enjoy fresh, local 2% milk in their classroom while learning about healthy eating and agriculture. Fortified soy beverage will be available as an alternative.

We wish to thank our fabulous PAC for supporting this program, and thank Mr. Dowler and Laetisha Biles with her helpers, for coordinating and delivering. Please remember to notify the school of any food or milk allergies.

PAC NEWS...

Meeting ~ First PAC meeting of the year is **Wednesday, September 26th at 9:00 AM**. Please come and join us! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This is also the PAC AGM (Annual General Meeting). We are accepting nominations for all positions. If interested in a position please email hammondpac@hotmail.com or leave your name in the bag hanging on the bulleting board outside the office before September 17th.

Welcome Back B-B-Q ~ Please come and join the PAC in celebrating back to school with a BBQ **Friday, September 13th from 2:30 - 3:30**. We hope to see you there!

Hot Lunch News ~ As we get ready for another exciting year at school, it is also time to get the Hot Lunch program up and running. The online order system requires a small amount of setup to register each child however once complete, hot lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple. If you had an account last year, you must register again this year. Please visit hammondelementary.hotlunches.net to register (access code HEHL). Payment may be made online via PayPal, or if you choose the cash option, please print off a remittance form to include with payment, or clearly mark the envelope or baggie of cash with your child's name, and deliver to your child's teacher. Should you have any questions or concerns, please email hammondpac@hotmail.com.

Hot Lunch Days ~
Chopped Leaf Day – Friday, October 5th;
Brownies Chicken – Friday, October 12th;
Hot Dog Day – Friday, October 26th.

Please note: There is also a weekly option for our students called "Foodie Kids". This is a local company that prides themselves on making food for kids, not kid's food. Foodie Kids will be offering their services to Hammond students **each Tuesday**. This weekly service is on-line ordering/and on-line payment only - no paper forms/no cash payment You can access Foodie Kids through hammondelementary.hotlunches.net.

Seeking Volunteers: We are always looking for new ideas, fundraisers, and especially volunteers! If you are able to volunteer, please email hammondpac@hotmail.com and have your name added to the list. Thank you in advance.

MONTESSORI SOCIETY NEWS…

Welcome back to a new school year! Our first Montessori Society meeting was held on Tuesday, September 11th. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS…

StrongStart: School District #42 provides eight StrongStart Centres, situated across the district and funded by BC's Ministry of Education. StrongStart centres are parent-participation, drop-in programs offering opportunities for preschoolers to engage in play-based activities with other children and adults. Everyone joins our facilitators in story, song, gym and sharing times and interacts socially with new friends and neighbours. Parents and caregivers have opportunities to meet other parents and to share and support their children's early learning experiences. Our centres are situated in the following Elementary Schools: *Blue Mountain, Davie Jones, Eric Langton, Fairview, Glenwood, Hammond, Harry Hooge and Highland Park*. Centres are open Monday to Friday unless schools are closed for holidays or non-instructional days, and are free for children 0 to five. Come and join the fun! You can register at any site (please bring child's Birth Certificate on your first visit) or online. For more information, please go to www.sd42.ca or call 604-463-4200.

After-School Programs: The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District, in partnership with United Way of the Lower Mainland, has embarked on an exciting new path for our community, focusing on sustainable, educational and fun after-school programs. The after-school programs we offer provide expanded learning opportunities both educationally and emotionally to enable our children and youth to be ready, able and motivated to learn. Program brochures have gone home to families. To registration for Fall 2018 programs please visit http://schooldistrict42.perfectmind.com. Contact Drea Owen, Program Manager, at 604-346-9815 if you require further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS…

We have many, many different organizations and groups offering activities for school-aged children. Please regularly check our Community Board located just outside the library for informational flyers or brochures.

Active Kids Club: This is an after school program offered by the Maple Ridge Parks and Recreation to children in K to Grade 7. The program is currently available at Hammond Elementary. Registration packages are available at www.mapleridge.ca/parksandrec.

Family Education & Support: The Family Education & Support Program has been supporting families in our community for over 40 years. Please visit their website www.familyed.bc.ca to find out more about the services offered.



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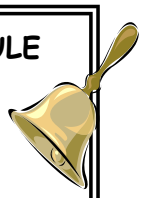
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2018-2019 School Calendar

School Opening Day for Students (11:00 am dismissal) ..... Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (curriculum implementation day)..... Monday, September 24, 2018
Thanksgiving Day Stat ..... Monday, October 8, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (province-wide) ..... Friday, October 19, 2018
Non-Instructional Day (district)..... Friday, November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day Stat ..... Monday, November 12, 2018
Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30 am dismissal)..... Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Conferencing Day ..... Wednesday, November 28, 2018
Last day before Winter Vacation ..... Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation ..... Monday, December 24 to Friday, January 4, 2019
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation..... Monday, January 7, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (curriculum implementation day)..... Friday, January 25, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (school based)..... Thursday, February 14, 2019
Schools Not In Session ..... Friday, February 15, 2019
Family Day Stat ..... Monday, February 18, 2019
Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30 am)..... Thursday, March 14, 2019
Conferencing Day..... Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Break..... Monday, March 18 to Friday, March 29, 2019
Schools Reopen after Spring Break ..... Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday..... Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday ..... Monday, April 22, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (district)..... Monday, April 29, 2019
Victoria Day Stat ..... Monday, May 20, 2019
Non-Instructional Day (school based)..... Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Last Day for Students (12:00 pm dismissal)..... Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Year-end Administrative Day ..... Thursday, June 27, 2019
Schools Close for Summer Vacation ..... Friday, June 28, 2019

SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE



Warning Bell:	8:25 am
Classes Begin:	8:30 am
Recess:	10:10 – 10:25 am
Lunch:	12:00 - 12:40 pm
Classes Dismissed:	2:20 pm

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