

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.*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe how quickly the month of February has flown by! I am looking forward to the next week as students prepare their work to share at conferences. Though we are still in the midst of the pandemic, I am impressed by how well the students are playing outside, by the amount of artwork on display in the hallways and by how well they are following the protocols to maintain health and safety. As always, feel free to say hello to Mrs. Olynyk or myself as we are outside before school, recess, lunch and after school. We wish everyone a safe and happy Spring Break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday, March 29th.

CONFERCING DAY / REPORT CARDS...

A reminder that students will be dismissed at 11:30 on **Thursday, March 11th** and do not attend on **Friday, March 12th** to allow for conferencing. Students do not attend. Make sure you have signed up for a zoom conference. Once teachers have submitted conference highlights, reports will be sent home.

STUDENT TRANSFERS ...

School District 42 allows students to attend a school other than their “catchment” school or “neighbourhood” school, provided there is space available at the school of choice. Parents who wish to have their children transfer to another school, or transfer in or out of a different program (ie. French Immersion, Cyber School, Montessori) for September, are required to complete a Student Transfer Request Form available at their current school. The first phase of this transfer process ends April 4th. Transfer requests submitted after the April 4th deadline will be put on a waitlist.

If you have plans to move/transfer over the summer, please give the office a “heads up” for our next year planning. Thank you!

STUDENT LATES AND ABSENCES

We appreciate the effort by parents to either call in or put absences through on the parent portal. If your child is late past the 8:40 am grace period, please have them come to the office to sign in and get a “Welcome to School” slip. If they are going to be absent or late, please either call the office or put in a parent portal before the start of the day. Thank you!

CALENDAR EVENTS

Please visit our website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/hammond/> for all Hammond calendar events.

Upcoming Events

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| Mar 11 | Early Dismissal @ 11:30 for conferencing |
| Mar 12 | Conferencing Day - No school for students |
| *March 15- 26 Spring Break* | |
| Mar 29 | Welcome Back! |
| Apr 2 | Good Friday - no school |
| Apr 5 | Easter Monday - no school |
| Apr 21 | Secretary's Day |
| May 12 | Pro D Day - no classes |
| May 24 | Victoria Day |
| May 26 | Grade 7 visits to high school |
| June 29 | Last Day - Early Dismissal 12:00 pm |

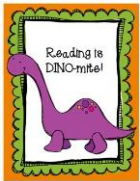
THE BIG CRUNCH...



Hammond Elementary School participated in The Big Crunch and on March 3 for our third year. The Big Crunch was founded and coordinated by FoodShare Toronto. It is a fun initiative to get kids, parents, and staff to take a bite and raise awareness about the impact food has in our lives and the importance of healthy eating. This moment of united biting started 11 years ago and since that time over 1,000,000 people have participated.

GRADE SEVEN NEWS...

All grade 7 students should be registering for grade 8, on-line, through the parent portal by now as the first phase of grade 8 registration closed February 19th. Parents should be receiving an email advising of their child's placement prior to Spring Break. Just a reminder, if any changes are required to the registration form, or the choice of school, you will need to contact your child's assigned secondary school directly. If you require a Transfer, the first transfer phase is open until March 5, 2020. Please go to your child's assigned school to fill out a transfer form.



LIBRARY NEWS...

Book Fair is coming virtually after Spring Break! Thank you in advance for supporting this great literary event, and thanks to the PAC and to Laetisha Biles for organizing.

LOST and FOUND...

Please drop by before we close for Spring Break to take a look at our lost and found. We will put it all out front of the school on Thursday and Friday.

A REMINDER TO SPRING AHEAD...

Day Light Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 14th. Turn your clocks ahead one hour



SPRING BREAK

Spring Break begins Monday, March 15, 2021 with students returning to school on Monday, March 29*, 2021

