

HAMMOND NEWS

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Newsletter #7 - June 18, 2021

*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

Jun 25 Last Day for Students
9:30 Zoom Assembly

Jun 27 Admin Day

Sep 7 Welcome back!
First day of School - dismissal
at 11:00

Sep 23 Student Photo Day

Sep 28 Non Instructional Day - no
classes

Oct 22 Non Instructional Day - no
classes

Nov 12 Non Instructional Day - no
classes

Nov 30 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal 11:30

Dec 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Classes

Dec 15 Christmas Concert - am

Dec 16 Christmas Concert - pm

Dec. 17 Last Day before Winter break

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another landmark year at Hammond Elementary! Though we find ourselves in unprecedented times and the students were not able to complete the year in traditional fashion, there are many reasons to be so proud of our students this year. First and foremost, I am proud of their resilience. In the midst of a pandemic I witnessed our students rise to the occasion time and time again through their kindness, their empathy and their courage. So many times this year I have seen students helping others and choosing to be kind during these difficult times.

Academically I have seen so many examples of exemplary work proving that though the world may be different, their minds are very much alive! Artistically I have seen our halls plastered with beautiful works of art. Socially, I have seen students of multiple ages come together out on the field to play their favorite games in inclusive ways.

Though we were not able to celebrate this year as we would during normal circumstances, I am very proud of the work our teachers for maintaining normalcy for our students. Equally, I am proud of our students for rising to the challenges faced and meeting them with such resiliency. I would like to thank the staff, parents, students, PAC, Montessori Society and all other volunteers for making Hammond such an amazing community! I look forward to a wonderful year at Hammond next year!

Stay safe, take good care of each other and have a great Summer!

*Sincerely,
Wes Reamsbottom*

STAFFING UPDATE...

We have a number of staff changes for next year. We appreciate the commitment and dedication they have shown to our students, and we wish them all the best in their new endeavours;

We say farewell to the following staff members:

Ms Reid, Ms Hague, Mr. Crossley,
Ms. Meedin (maternity leave), Ms Asghar,
Ms Weins and Ms. Yeo West

We say hello to the following new staff members and congratulate those that have accepted longer positions:

Ms Brown, Ms. Baron, Ms. Rippon
Mr. Saeedi-Mephram and Mr. Sesto



MOVING OR LEAVING...

If you know that you will be leaving the school next year because you are moving or have other plans, please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we can make necessary changes before school starts. If you are moving out of District, there is a form to fill out to give us permission to release your child/childrens' files to the next school.

YEARBOOK...

Thank you to the PAC and the Yearbook student helpers, for organizing an opportunity for students to have a yearbook. It is a great memento for our students.

TERRY FOX DAY...

Thanks to the Hammond families for your generous donations, our Terry Fox fundraising campaign was a huge success again this year. Our goal was to reach \$1,500.00. In the end, we reached a total of \$2,311.00! As a celebration of surpassing our goal, Mr. Reamsbottom was cowboy for a day. Check out our twitter page (@HammondSD42) for a picture! We would like to thank the following students who volunteered their time and energy to be part of the Terry Fox Committee: Chelsea Skoro, Jaxon Fowler-Brown, Danielle Grafu, Jessika Upper, Keanna Gill, Madisyn Murdock, Felix Fowley, Luke McKie, Logan Seabrook and Selena Beveridge Rowe. Their enthusiasm certainly got the whole school hyped!

GRADE 7 SCHOOL LEAVING...

On Tuesday, June 22nd we will have a celebration for the grade sevens. Students may dress up, if they choose. "Card the Yard" will be set up on school grounds until 8:00 pm if families would like to take pictures.

WESTVIEW BEGINNING BAND...

Advanced Band for Grade 6 and 7 students will be meeting with the WSS grade 8 band from Sept. 13 to January 20, 2022 on Tuesdays 1:45 to 2:45 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Advanced band will only be offered half the year for 2021/2022. If you have any further questions, please email the band director at Westview at linda_jensen@sd42.ca.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL...

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 with dismissal at 11:00 am.** Students will be returning to their last year's classroom on this morning and new students to Hammond will report to the library.



Kindergarten students have a gradual entry plan. This plan will be sent to parents in early July. New kindergarten students do not attend the first two days to allow for teacher/parent intake meetings.

STRONGSTART...

The StrongStart program at Hammond will be open for drop-in between 8:30 - 11:30 Monday through Fridays starting again in September, 2021. Opening Day will be announced at a later date.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS...

The principal will be available at times during the last two weeks of summer vacation. The secretary will be in the office starting the week of August 30th, 2021

PAC NEWS...

We would like to thank Darcy Kelner for stepping up and taking on the role of Fundraising Chair! The PAC is still looking for someone to be the DPAC representative. If you think you would like to volunteer for this exciting role, please email the PAC at Hammondpac@gmail.com Thank you for a great year and we will see everyone again next year. Keep an eye out for our AGM meeting in September.

COMMUNITY NEWS...

Make reading fun this summer! Kids who read over the summer do better at school. Join the Fraser Valley Regional Library Summer Reading Club. Visit www.fvrl.ca.

Grass volleyball for beginners

Summer 2021

For the registration email Coach Anastasia
at hello@vball4kids.ca or call at (672) 880-0510

Age: 6-8, 9 - 12, 13 - 15 groups
Boys and girls play together

Price: \$20 per session
the first session is free

Locations: Maple Ridge | Pitt Meadows

Schedule: by your request



volleyball 4kids



Grade 5/6/7 Westview Beginning

Elementary Band Mrs. Linda Jensen, Music Director ljensen@sd42.ca

Are you interested in joining elementary band? Have you always wanted to play the trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet or saxophone? Westview Secondary School and School District No.42 offers a one hour beginning band class at Westview once per week for the entire school, year for free! We are holding an information meeting Sept 22nd at 7 PM via Zoom. Mrs. Linda Jensen will be on hand to answer your questions, explain the program and help you choose the best instrument for you.

Music makes you smarter and we have a lot of fun!

When: Tentative: 8:30-9:30 am Mondays from September 27th 2021-Jan 17th 2022 ,
Then Thursdays 27th- mid June 2022

Where: Westview Secondary School Music Room 1180

Who: Students in grade 5, 6 & 7

Experience: None required!!

Cost: Free music lessons, you supply the instrument and music stand

Uniform: Black pants and shoes and band t-shirt (\$15)

Method Book: Standard of Excellence Book 1 (\$15 Value)

Concerts: Nov 3, Jan 19, April 12& June16

Cheques payable to Westview Secondary for \$30 (shirt & book)

WSS. Beginning Registration Form

Student Name: _____ Elementary School: _____ Div # _____
Grade in September 2021: _____ Phone No: _____ BirthDate: _____
Parent Signature: _____ Home Email: _____
Instrument Interested In: _____ Paying By: _____

School Supplies for 2021-2022

To help families collect their children's personal school supplies, beginning this September (2021) Hammond Elementary, is charging a flat fee of \$55 **per child** (planner included). This flat fee of \$55 **per child** will cover ALL personal school supplies (planner included) that each child will need for the school year. Intermediate classes will be given a list of items that are required, not included in the flat fee and may not need to be purchased each year **Parents will have the option to pay \$55 once in September or over two installments (September-\$30, February-\$25).** For most families this means....one payment, once a year, to take care of all their child(ren)'s personal school supply needs. This flat fee will ensure that school supplies bought for all students:

- Are the appropriate learning supplies for the grade level
- Are of good quality and will last the year
- Are cost effective
- Will eliminate the "hassle" factor many families experience struggling to find required supplies
- Will help to reduce visible inequalities with regards to student socio economic situations by ensuring everyone has the consistent and comparable learning materials

How will this process work?

Classroom teachers will bulk order the required student school supplies in June and through out the year as needed. Supplies will be delivered to the school in August and will be ready for use when children arrive in September. Teachers will ensure that students have the school supplies children require through out the school year. If a child leaves part way through the year they will be provided with supplies to take with them for their new school.

Any families with additional questions about this process, or who are concerned about financial hardship, are encouraged to speak with their classroom teacher directly for assistance.

The following items are required for INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS ONLY (Gr. 4 to Gr 7) but may not need to be purchased each year:

- 1 pair scissors metal 7" - right or left hand
- 1 plastic ruler (30 cm long - marked in cm/mm)
- 1 pencil box/case
- 1 calculator, basic 8 digit, dual power
- 1 geometry set (compass, protractor) - *Grade 6/7*
- 1 usb flash drive, 4gb
- 1 set of headphones
- 1 2 or 3 inch Binder
- 1 box of pastels
- 1 pair of clean, "non-marking", inside running shoes. (we encourage students to wear proper "running shoes" which are to be used for gym as well as inside shoes.)
- 1 gym strip (t-shirt, shorts, drawstring bag)



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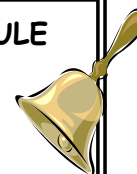


2021 - 2022 School Calendar

School Opening Day for Students (11:00 am dismissal)	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Non-Instructional Day	Tuesday, September 28, 2021
Thanksgiving Day Stat	Monday, October 11, 2021
Non-Instructional Day (province-wide)	Friday, October 22, 2021
Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30 am dismissal)	Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Conferencing Day	Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Remembrance Day Stat	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Non-Instructional Day (district based)	Friday, November 12, 2021
Christmas Concert – am	Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Christmas Concert – pm	Thursday, December 16, 2021
Last day before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter Vacation	Monday, December 20 to Friday, December 31, 2021
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 4, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (school based)	Monday, January 24, 2022
Family Day Stat	Monday, February 21, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (school based)	Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30 am)	Thursday, March 10, 2022
Conferencing Day	Friday, March 11, 2022
Schools Not in Session	Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18, 2022
Spring Break	Monday, March 21 to Friday, March 25, 2022
Schools reopen after Spring Break	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (district based)	Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Last Day for Students (12:00 pm dismissal)	Wednesday, June 29, 2022
Year-end Administrative Day	Thursday, June 30, 2022
Schools Close for Summer Vacation	Friday, July 1, 2022

SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE

Warning Bell:	8:25 am
Classes Begin:	8:30 am
Recess:	10:20 – 10:35 am
Lunch:	11:50 - 12:30 pm
Classes Dismissed:	2:25 pm



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