

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

Happy October Everyone! I can't believe how quickly September has flown by and now all our students are settling into the routines of their new classes. I am already hopeful for a more positive year as we are able to have sports, music and clubs return at school for students. These types of events help make the culture of Hammond so positive and I look forward to seeing our students thrive in these activities.

I am also looking forward to our Pumpkin Patch day this October and so glad that we are able to make this event happen for our students again this year thanks to our amazing PAC!

Please feel free to say hello to Ms. Olynyk and myself while we are outside supervising students before school, recess, lunch and after school.

All the best and have a wonderful October!



SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS...

- There is a Non-Instructional Day on **Friday, October 22.**
- School will be closed for Remembrance Day **Thursday, November 11th.**
- There is a Non-Instructional Day on **Friday, November 12th.**

HAMMOND WEBSITE CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Please visit our website: <https://elementary.sd42.ca/hammond/> for all current events including fieldtrips, sports and school events. Please click on "View All Events" under Upcoming Events and our school calendar will give you all current information.

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. 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 before going to classrooms.

Upcoming School Events

Oct 14	Spirit Day - Crazy hair
Oct 19	Fruit and Vegie Day
Oct 20	Pumpkin Patch Day
Oct 21	BC Shake Out
Oct 22	Non Instructional Day No School in Session
Oct 25	Grade 6/7 Immunizations
Oct 28	Photo Retakes
Nov 2	Fruit and Vegie Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day No School in Session
Nov 12	Non Instructional Day No School in Session
Nov 16	Spirit Day
Nov 23	Fruit and Vegie Day
Nov 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 11:30 am
Dec 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences No School in session

STUDENT PICTURES and RETAKES...

A retake opportunity has been scheduled for the morning of Thursday, October 28th. If you would like a retake send the card that you received with the original access code back to the school with your child on October, 28th.

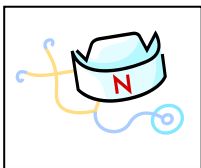
HALLOWEEN

Many classes will be doing special activities on Halloween, and we will have our Halloween assembly Wednesday, October 29th. We ask parents to help their children make appropriate decisions around costumes making sure that the costumes are appropriate for elementary school (ie. no weapons, or “adult themed” costumes). We also ask that any snacks or treats sent to school be individually wrapped and store bought only. Thank you.



LOST AND FOUND...

Lost and Found boxes always seem to be full. This year, we will put all the lost and found items outside the school front doors for viewing by parents every few days. The items are hung up on a clothing rack in the foyer where students walk by in hopes they will recognize something and take it home! Making sure you label your child’s clothing items (especially coats) will help us enable the items get returned! Outdoor clothing is our most frequently found “lost” items as children wear them outside and then discard them during breaks because they get hot running around playing 😊 Putting your child’s name will greatly reduce our lost and found and keep your child’s items from ending up being donated!



MEDICAL ALERTS...

Just a reminder that if you have a child with health related issues that may need medical intervention while at school, proper paperwork is required to be updated each year. Please drop by the office to complete the necessary forms. Thank you.

CONSENT FORMS...

Please take a few moments to fill out the online consent forms found in your parent portal. These consent forms are vital to the school for such things as Ipad use, yearbooks and consent to go on walking fieldtrips. The emergency release forms are required in case of natural disasters. Please see either your classroom teacher or Ms. Fitzpatrick in the office if you are having parent portal issues.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL FORMS...

The student verification forms (pink sheet) either have been or will be coming home shortly. Please review the information on the sheets very carefully and make any necessary changes. It is very important that the school has the correct information! Please sign the back of the form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

PAC NEWS...

Hammond PAC will provide a monthly newsletter. As well Hammond PAC has a Facebook page and frequently updates information there. They can also be reached at hammondelempac@gmail.com

MONTESSORI SOCIETY NEWS

The Maple Ridge Montessori Society would like to thank all of the families who have donated to our annual alternative fundraiser so far. These donations are critical to supporting our program and we are so grateful. We are still collecting donations so it’s not too late!

Our next Montessori meeting is Monday, November 1st at 7:30 pm, following the PAC meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

Bikes and Scooters

There are a lot more students riding bikes and bringing scooters to school. 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.

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.

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 to school in the morning. Notes in your child's planner or emails to the teacher are great communication options, as well. All teacher emails can be located under the staff tab on the school website. 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.

ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL

During this unprecedented time, we ask that parents and care givers do not enter the building, at this time. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with the Principal or Vice-Principal, please call the office to make an appointment. As well, all questions, inquiries, drop offs and pick ups can be accessed through the office window next to the front doors. We ask for your patience when at the window as we may be on the phone or engaged in something in the office and cannot necessarily attend to you as soon as you knock.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

As the weather is about to get rainier, it is important that your child is sent to school dressed appropriately for the weather. As well, an extra set of clothes kept at the school will enable your child to change should he or she get wet or muddy while playing during recess or lunch. We will be sending the students out during these breaks rain or shine. Please encourage them to *dress for the weather*.

PARKING LOT REMINDER ...

To all new families to Hammond, and a reminder to those families using the parking lot at the end of the day, if everyone follows our procedures and is patient for 10 minutes, things will go smoothly and safely. It is with cooperation, patience, kindness and respect for others and following a few simple guidelines that we can minimize the frustrations and keep the parking lot safe for everyone.

Guidelines:

- When double parked or stopping beside a yellow curb you **MUST** stay in your vehicle so you *can move* it if the person you are blocking needs to exit the lot. Many times we have Staff that need to get to meetings outside of our school.
- Do not block an open parking space.
- It is imperative that we leave a **clear path** through the middle of the lot so traffic can keep moving.
- If you get to the flagpole and your child has not arrived yet, **continue to circle** the lot until they do.
- Do not park at the entrance that funnels traffic into and out of the lot as it blocks traffic flow.
- Use the perimeter sidewalks to walk to the overflow lot rather than weaving in and out of the cars.
- **Travel through the parking lot at idle speed.**
- Please turn your vehicle off while waiting/parking. We are an idle free zone!
- Our parking lot is fairly small for the population of our school and during drop off and pick can be quite congested! If you are driving a larger vehicle or towing a trailer, please consider parking on one of the many side streets and walking to the school to pick up your child/children.
- Please **OBEY** all legal street signs around the school including bus stops and municipal issued no parking signs.

HAMMOND HAPPENINGS from PAC



October 2021

Week of Oct 12 - 15

Look for Neufeld's and Cobs information coming home with your kids.

October 14

Crazy Hair Day

October 19

Fruit & Veggie Day (Provincial Program)

Different fruits and veggies will be provided throughout the year to promote healthy eating and introduce kids to a variety of choices.

October 19

Pumpkin Pickup

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Laity Pumpkin Patch 1:30pm. Volunteers needed to help load the pumpkins and bring them to Hammond for our own Pumpkin Patch. (we have a trailer)

October 20

Pumpkin Patch

We are setting up a Pumpkin Patch at the school again this year. The kids will each be able to choose a pumpkin to bring home, and each child will receive a cup of hot chocolate to be shared with their class.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers needed at 7:45am to help set up the Patch for the kids, and throughout the day to help keep things running. If we get enough help we can schedule shifts. Please get in touch with us if you can help.

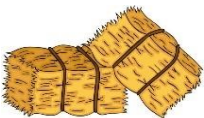
October 22

Non-Instructional Day (no school)

October 28

School Photo RETAKES

ITEMS NEEDED:



- We are looking to borrow wheelbarrows for the transport of pumpkins at the school.

- If you have decorations you would like to loan or donate, i.e. corn stalks, bales of hay, etc. that would fit in with the Pumpkin Patch theme, please us know.



CAN YOU

Please contact the PAC Exec if you can help with volunteering or needed items.

HELP?

You can reach us on the Facebook page, or by email at HammondElemPAC@gmail.com

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

November 01

Next PAC meeting, 6:30pm via Zoom

November 09

Neufeld's Fundraiser Pickup

November 11

Remembrance Day (no school)

November 12

Non-Instructional Day (no school)

November 22 to 24 Book Fair (Students Only)

