

# HAMMOND NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*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.*

*December is always a bustling time at Hammond with many festive activities as we prepare for the Winter Break. In the hallways you can hear the sound of students working on holiday crafts and the excitement for the upcoming break is tangible in the building. Though we still may not be able to tell you in person this year, the Hammond staff would like to wish all Hammond families a safe and wonderful Winter Break!*

*As always, feel free to say hello to Mrs. Olynyk or myself before or after school while we are out supervising the students.*

*Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe December spending time with friends and family!*



### Upcoming Events

Dec 13	Spirit Day - wear red or green
Dec 14	Spirit Day - Ugly Sweater
Dec 15	Spirit Day - Holiday headwear
Dec 16	Spirit Day - fancy/formal or sparkly
Dec 17	Spirit Day - Pajama Day! Last Day before Winter Break
Jan 3	Schools Reopen after Winter Break
Jan 12	Montessori Zoom Parent Information 7:00 pm
Jan 24	Non Instructional Day - No Classes
Jan 27	Spirit Day - dress as your Favourite book character

## RETIREMENT!

We are happy and sad to announce the retirement of our lovely Ms. Isabel Lummis from 33 years of teaching! Ms. Lummis' kindness, thoughtfulness and crafting will be sorely missed by all of us! Please help us in wishing her all the best in her retirement and for time that will be well spent with her family. Thank you, Isabel, for all that you have done for Hammond and you will be missed!

## CALENDAR ITEMS...

- A reminder schools close for Winter Break after dismissal at 2:20 pm on Friday, December 17. We welcome students back on Monday, January 3, 2022.
- On Monday, January 24, 2022 there is no school for students as staff will be involved with School Growth activities.



Please always check the calendar on our Hammond website page <https://elementary.sd42.ca/hammond/>

## LIBRARY NEWS...

Christmas came early to the library this year! Thanks to the Hammond PAC hosting an extremely successful scholastic Book Fair. Mrs. Biles and her team of volunteers (Ms. Wensley, Ms. Ward, Ms Yazicioglu, Ms. Smith, Ms. Wollman, Ms. Braiden and Ms. Kelly) were amazing in setting up, organizing, maintaining and taking down the Book Fair. In total they raised just under \$3,000 for the library! I have already purchased many new books for the library with these funds and will continue to restock the shelves with new books next term.

In addition to thanking the Hammond PAC team, I would like to give a huge thank you to the parents and students who generously supported the Book Fair! It was wonderful to be able to fill the shelves with so many new books!

Thanks so much and have a wonderful holiday break!  
Sue Sigvaldason,  
Teacher - Librarian

## PARKING

Please be respectful of Hammond's neighbouring properties and not block driveways when dropping off or picking up your children. Please do not park for any length of time in our designated handicap parking spaces. Those spaces are for vehicles with handicap passes **ONLY**. If you park there thinking you will only be a moment, that moment could be the time one of our handicap students needs that spot. Your respect and consideration is appreciated.

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 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.
- 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.
- If you have a large vehicle, or are towing any trailers, please consider parking on side streets.
- Please be respectful of our cones and try not to break them.
- **Travel through the parking lot at idle speed.**



## SPIRIT RAISER NEWS...

Hammond *Spirit Raisers*, made up of a group of grade 4 and 5 students in Division 5, have organized a Spirit Day for the week before Winter Break. The Spirit days are as follows:  
Monday, Dec 13 - Wear red or green  
Tuesday, Dec 14 - Ugly Sweater  
Wednesday, Dec 15 - Holiday Headwear  
Thursday, Dec 16 - Wear something fancy/formal or sparkly  
Friday, Dec 17 - Pajama Day

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER...

As the weather is extremely rainy this year, 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**.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS...

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we have had to cancel our Christmas Concerts this year. We hope to be able to sing and entertain parents next year!

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE REMINDER...

Just a friendly reminder we request that you telephone, email [HA\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:HA_reception@sd42.ca), or advise via the parent portal to let us know if your child will be late or absent from school before the start of the school day. There is an answering machine to take your messages if calling after hours or early in the morning. Thank you.



## CONSENT FORMS...

A reminder to parents that still have not finished filling out the consent forms on the parent portal to do so as soon as possible. Please log in to your parent portal and click on the “consent forms” tab at the very top. There are several forms that need to be filled out. Thank you.

## REPORTING

Tuesday afternoon, November 30th, and all day Wednesday, December 1st was dedicated to 3-way conferencing. This year due to COVID these conferences took place over ZOOM which were very successful! It is our hope that sharing learning and goal setting was a positive experience for our students. We appreciate all the support our families give to their children. Your time and encouragement result in your child having a positive outlook on school and learning. Report cards will be sent home before Winter Break.

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## MONTESSORI SOCIETY NEWS...

There will be a Montessori Information Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm. Please pass on the information to families you think may be interested in entering the program. Families can call the school to provide an email address so they can be sent the Zoom Meeting link as well the District will have a registration link on their website [sd42.ca](http://sd42.ca) closer to the date.

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## PAC NEWS ... HAMMOND HAPPENINGS DECEMBER, 2021

December 7 - Fruit and Vegie Day (Provincial Program) - Mandarins

December 13 - PAC Fundraiser - Purdy's and gift card pickup  
Drive thru pickup, please remain in your car 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

December 16 - Hot Chocolate Day - Enjoy a warm holiday treat from the PAC!

January 3 - Next PAC meeting 6:30 pm via Zoom

January 25 - Fruit and Vegie Day - Apples

Ongoing Fundraisers: Cobs - Year round / Photo Expressions - Fall/Christmas photo Sessions

Facebook Pro Tip: Use the magnifying glass icon to search for specific topics on our PAC Facebook group or check the Announcements section at the top for important information.

The PAC would like to give a big thanks to everyone for their support in all of the fundraisers as well as a big thank you to Ms. Sigvaldason, adult and student volunteers at the Book Fair.

**Happy  
Holidays!**

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS...

Registration for kindergarten begins **January 2022**. Registering your child for kindergarten is a big step, but it doesn't have to be a difficult one. With the easy new online registration process, you can register your child from the comfort of your own home. Re3view the registration steps below to ensure you are ready for the big day. Complete steps 1-4 before registration to save time.

- **STEP 1: OPEN A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT** You must open an SD42 Parent Portal account to access registration. If possible, complete this step well before registration.
- **STEP 2: FIND YOUR REGISTRATION DATE** Review the registration categories (SIBLING, CHOICE, GENERAL) to find your registration period. Dates are posted on the school district website. Registration for the 2022/23 school year will open January 5, 2022.
- **STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM** Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2022 at <http://parents.sd42.ca>)
- **STEP 4: REVIEW ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA** The order in which the district places new kindergarteners is determined by the Acceptance Criteria. Review these online.
- **STEP 5: REGISTER** your child at <http://parents.sd42.ca>
- **STEP 6: PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - Registrations begin January 5, 2022

Kindergarten registration for the 2022/23 school year is open to children who are 5 years old on or before December 31, 2022. Visit the district website for detailed information on the five phases (sibling registration, choice registration, general registration, and late registration), registration timelines, and other important information: <http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

#### Kindergarten Registration Phases:

**JAN 5-11: Sibling Registration.** Open for siblings of students already attending the desired elementary school (currently in grades K-6).

**JAN 12: Enviro Registration.** Open for all students who want to participate in SD42's Environmental School.

**JAN 19-24: Choice Registration.** Open for all students who want to participate in any one of SD42's unique program offerings (e.g. French Immersion, Montessori).

**FEB 2-8: General Registration.** General registration for English school.

**FEB 23-July 31: Late Registration.** This phase is for parents who may have missed previous registration phases.

**\*\*online registration always opens at 12:00 pm on each of the first registration days\*\***

### School Closures (Inclement Weather):

It is recognized that from time to time, it may be necessary to temporarily close school/facilities when extreme weather conditions exist and may endanger the health and safety of students/staff. When a decision to close schools is made, information is posted on the SD42 Twitter feed (@sd42news); posted on the SD42 Facebook feed (SD42Facebook); shared with News 1130, CKNW 980, and CBC 690 radio stations; and posted on the SD42 Website ([www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)).

#### WINTER BREAK...

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## 2021 - 2022 School Calendar

School Opening Day for Students (11:00 am dismissal) .....	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
National Truth and Reconciliation Day .....	Thursday, September 30, 2021
Non-Instructional Day .....	Friday, October 1, 2021
Thanksgiving Day Stat .....	Monday, October 11, 2021
Non-Instructional Day (province-wide) .....	Friday, October 22, 2021
Remembrance Day Stat .....	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Non-Instructional Day (district based) .....	Friday, November 12, 2021
Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30 am dismissal).....	Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Conferencing Day .....	Wednesday, December 1, 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 .....	Monday, January 3, 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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