

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 School Events

Oct 26	Pumpkin Patch Day
Oct 28	Hot Lunch - Little Ceasars
Oct 28	PAC Movie Night
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 2	Fruit and Vegie Day
Nov 4	Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza
Nov 7	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
Nov 10	Non Instructional Day No School in Session
Nov 11	Remembrance Day No School in Session
Nov 16	Spirit Day - Twin Day
Nov 17	Hot Lunch - Subway
Nov 21-23	Book Fair
Nov 25	Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza
Nov 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 11:30 am
Nov 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences No School in session

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's amazing that we are already heading into November. Time if flying, however, as there has been so much going, Boys' and Girls' triple ball has been in full swing, with both teams making a spirited effort. The boys' team is still undefeated at the time of writing. Hammond students also participated in both intermediate and primary cross-country meets, braving the weather that has taken a sharp turn for the worse.

We would like to thank the PAC for their incredibly committed work on behalf of our school community. The effort that went into creating the giant pumpkin patch and petting zoo for the kids was amazing, and they will remember it long into the future.

The month has ended with PAC movie night here at the school and as there are many other events coming up, please stay tuned. Have a great month and we will see you around the school.

Megan and Adam



SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS...

- There is a Non-Instructional Day on **Thursday, November 10th**.
- School will be closed for Remembrance Day **Friday, November 11th**.
- Early Dismissal (11:30 am) Parent/Teacher conferences on **Thursday, November 29th**
- There are Parent/Teacher conferences (all day) on **Friday, November 30th**.

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 **BEFORE THE START OF THE DAY**. 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.

Dismissal at the end of the day is **2:20 pm**

A reminder to parents that there is no supervision after school. If you are going to be late, please make arrangements with someone you trust to have your child picked up on time at your usual meeting spot.

SKIP THE DISHES...

The office will not accept Skip the Dishes orders. If your child has forgotten a lunch, we have food to help with such an emergency. Email their teacher and your child can go see our Child Care Worker for a sandwich and snacks!

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.

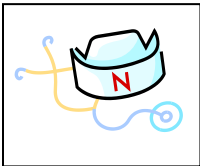
HALLOWEEN

Many classes will be doing special activities on Halloween, and we will have our Halloween assembly Monday, October 31st. 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). Thank you.



LOST AND FOUND...

Lost and Found is bursting at the seams! 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! Please come in and check the rack! 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 (blue 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 has a Facebook page and frequently updates information there. They can also be reached at hammondelempac@gmail.com

The next PAC meeting is via zoom on November 7 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome! Join the zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81132782497?pwd=71chOdBTKh5Pk9POLsukSkt-lrULux.1>

Meeting ID: 811 3278 2497

Passcode: 785950

PAC's By-Laws and Constitutions will be reviewed. Please contact hammondelempac@gmail.com if you are interested.

Scholastic Book Fair is coming on November 21, 22 and 23. The students will be attending with their classes during the day. We will need volunteers to offer an evening family event. Please contact hammondelempac@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.

The British Columbia Agriculture in the Classroom Fruit/Veggie/Milk Program will be delivering free healthy fruit and veggie for the school and milk for grades K-5's on November 2, November 23, and December 7.

Little Caesar's hot lunch is on October 28, Boston Pizza is on November 4, Subway on November 17 and Boston Pizza on November 25.

Family Movie Night is October 28 and the movie is "CoCo". Doors open at 6:30 and the movie will start at 7:00. This event is for Hammond School families only and **supervision is required for children**. Admission is free. There is a cash concession. Donations to the food bank and the school's breakfast club are welcomed!

Fundraisers:

- Neufeld closes on November 4
- Kid Art Cards will be coming home soon and the deadline to order is November 21
- Purdy's Chocolates: Information to follow
- Parents Paint Night is on December 2. Information to follow.
- Photo Express Family Photo Night: Information to follow

Any concerns or questions please contact hammondelempac@gmail.com

MONTESSORI SOCIETY NEWS

We hope all Montessori families received the annual alternative fundraising form. As in past years, we are requesting a cash donation rather than asking families to contribute to various fundraisers throughout the year. These funds are important for supplying our classrooms with Montessori materials and supporting our teacher's professional development. If you are able to contribute to the program in this way, please return donations to your classroom teachers by November 18th. Thank you!

Our next Montessori meeting is Monday, November 7th at 7:00 pm, more details will follow, but 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.

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.