

# 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.*

*Hello Hammond Families,*

*December is upon us, the snow is on the ground, and the longest term of the school year is drawing to a close. The halls are filled with the sound of music as the children prepare for the exciting Winter Concerts that are to come. It's a fun time of year with many events for our neighbourhood to look forward to.*

*The weather has made things a little challenging over the last little while and we appreciate your patience with rescheduled conferences and other disruptions.*



*As always, we are grateful to our PAC for all of their support. Don't forget to check the upcoming Movie Night on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you all the very best for a happy holiday season,*

*All of us at Hammond*

### RETIREMENT!

We are happy and sad to announce the retirement of our lovely Librarian, Ms. Sue Sigvaldason from 40 years of teaching! Ms. Sigvaldason has been a back bone of Hammond Elementary for close to 15 years! Her nickname is Sue the Glue because we as a school depend heavily on her! Please help us in wishing her all the best in her retirement and for time that will be well spent with her growing family. Thank you, Sue, for all that you have done for Hammond and you will be sorely missed!

#### Upcoming Events

Dec 5	PAC meeting 6:30 pm
Dec 6	Entrepreneur Fair 12:30 to 3:00 pm
Dec. 7	Rescheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences - No classes
Dec 12	Spirit Day - Ugly Sweater
Dec 13	Spirit Day - Wear Red or Green
Dec 14	Spirit Day - Fancy Outfits Christmas concert - 1:00 pm
Dec 15	Spirit Day - holiday headwear Christmas Concert - 9:00 am
Dec 16	Spirit Day - Pajama Day! Last Day before Winter Break
Jan 3	Schools Reopen after Winter Break
Jan 23	Non Instructional Day - No classes

### CALENDAR ITEMS...

- A reminder schools close for Winter Break after dismissal at 2:20 pm on Friday, December 16. We welcome students back on Tuesday, January 3, 2022.
- On Monday, January 23, 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...

This year's book fair before Winter Break was amazing! Thanks to the Hammond PAC hosting an extremely successful scholastic Book Fair. Mrs. Biles and her team of volunteers were amazing in setting up, organizing, maintaining and taking down the Book Fair. The money raised is going to help fund PAC programs.

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!

On a personal note, I'll be retiring at the end of December. After working over forty years in Maple Ridge School District, I am going to get to sleep in, ski mid-week, stay up late, shop when the stores aren't busy and take advantage of all the senior discounts! I will especially enjoy helping my daughter out with my new granddaughter.

It's been a pleasure working and teaching at Hammond. The staff is awesome and the parents and community have been super supportive. I will miss all the children and families I have come to know over the last 14 years. I hope to come back to visit and even TOC in the New Year.

Wishing you all the best in 2023!

Sue Sigvaldason,  
Teacher - Librarian

## TRIPLE BALL NEWS...

The Girls Volleyball Team had a fun and exciting season! Thank you to Randy French for coaching and teaching our kids so many new skills. We learned how to paly as a team and to work together. Great Job Team!

Congratulations to the Boys Volleyball Team for going undefeated all season and winning the first ever Boys District Volleyball Championship in school history! A special thanks to all the parents, staff and students that supported the team all season long. Mr. Cadiz is so proud of the teams' commitment, hard work and dedication. FEEL THE STING!

## 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 12 - Ugly Sweater

Tuesday, Dec 13 - Wear Red or Green

Wednesday, Dec 14 - Fancy Outfits

Thursday, Dec 15 - Holiday Headwear

Friday, Dec 16 - 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***.



## HAMMOND ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERTS...

We are super excited to announce that Winter Concerts will be back in full swing!! Our students are practicing daily for their performances in front of a live audience this school year! We will hold the Winter Concerts on 2 days -

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 1:00 pm for families of Odd Divisions

Thursday, December 25, 2022 9:00 am for families of Even Divisions



## 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

We have rescheduled the parent/teacher conferences to Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Teachers will be re-connecting to set up appointment times. There will be no-classes on that day. 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.

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS FAIR - DECEMBER, 6, 2022 (12:30 PM TO 3:00 PM)

Our Young Entrepreneurs from Divisions 1, 2, 12 & 13 invite parents, teachers, and students to attend their "Young Entrepreneur Show" at Hammond Elementary on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

This is a great event for other students to be inspired, learn about business, have fun, and shop for Christmas! Students will visit this showcase event with their classes during regular class time. We will be open in the gym from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Students and parents may want to bring along a nominal amount of money for shopping. There will be a lot of creative products to choose from. Prices generally range from \$0.50 to \$6. Thank you for your support! See you there!

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## PAC NEWS ...

### Upcoming PAC Dates

Fri, Dec 2 - **Hot Lunch**, Little Caesars

Fri, Dec 2 - **Paint Night**, "Gnome for the Holidays"

Fri, Dec 2 - **Deadline** to order **pizza** for **Movie Night** (Hot Lunch website)

Thurs, Dec 8 - **Treat Day**, TCBY Frozen Yogurt - **End of day** (this is not lunch)

Fri, Dec 9 - **Movie Night** "Elf"

Dec 12 to 16 - **Art Card orders** will come home (check your child's backpack)

Tues, Dec 13 - **Purdy's Pick-Up** 6-7pm

Wed, Dec 14 - **Deadline** for **January Hot Lunch** orders

Mon, Jan 9 - **PAC General Meeting**, all welcome.  
Fri, Jan 13 - **Hot Lunch**, Loz Takos  
Fri, Jan 20 - **Hot Lunch**, Pizza Pizza  
Fri, Jan 20 - **School Dance** (all grades), more details to come  
Fri, Jan 20 - **Deadline for February Hot Lunch orders** (information to follow)  
Fri, Jan 27 - **Hot Lunch**, Subway

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.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS...

Registration for **kindergarten** begins **January 4, 2023**. 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 2023/24 school year will open January 4, 2023.
- **STEP 3: REVIEW THE REGISTRATION FORM** Review a copy of the online registration form before registration day. (Available starting January 2023 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 4, 2023

Kindergarten registration for the 2023/24 school year is open to children who are 5 years old on or before December 31, 2023. 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 4-10: Sibling Registration.** Open for siblings of students already attending the desired elementary school (currently in grades K-6).

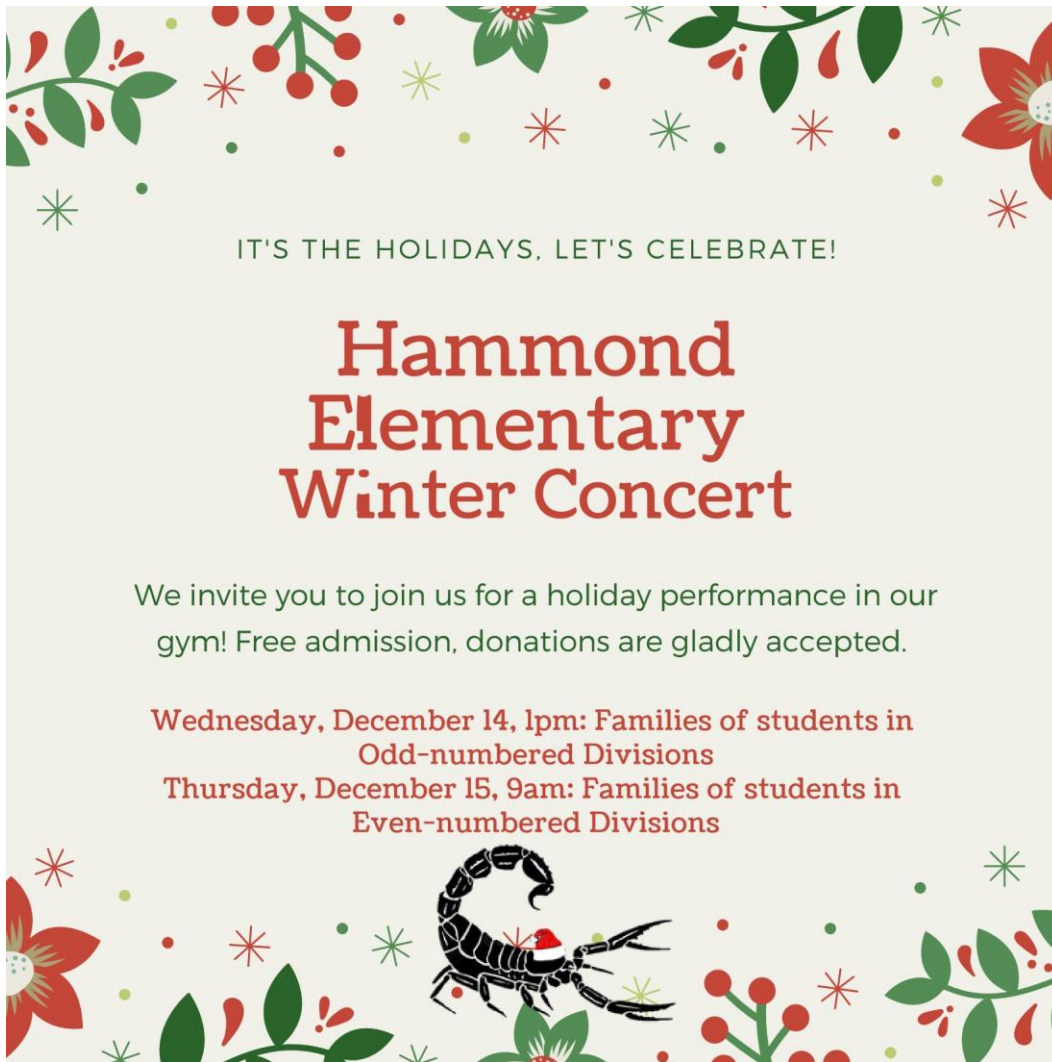
**JAN 11: Enviro Registration.** Open for all students who want to participate in SD42's Environmental School.

**JAN 18-23: 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 1-7: General Registration.** General registration for English school.

**FEB 22-July 28: 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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## 2022 - 2023 School Calendar

School Opening Day for Students (late start 12:30 pm-2:20 pm).....	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
National Truth and Reconciliation Day.....	Friday, September 30, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (School Growth Planning Day) .....	Monday, October 3, 2022
Thanksgiving Day Stat .....	Monday, October 10, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (province-wide) .....	Friday, October 21, 2022
Non-Instructional Day (school-based) .....	Thursday, November 10, 2022
Remembrance Day Stat .....	Friday, November 11, 2022
Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30 am dismissal).....	Tuesday, November 29, 2022
Conferencing Day .....	Wednesday, November 30, 2022
Last day before Winter Vacation .....	Friday, December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation .....	Monday, December 19 to Monday, January 2, 2023
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation.....	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (district based).....	Monday, January 23, 2023
Family Day Stat .....	Monday, February 20, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (school based) .....	Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Early Dismissal for Conferencing (11:30 am).....	Thursday, March 9, 2023
Conferencing Day.....	Friday, March 10, 2023
Schools Not in Session.....	Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17, 2023
Spring Break.....	Monday, March 20 to Friday, March 24, 2023
Schools reopen after Spring Break.....	Monday, March 27, 2023
Good Friday.....	Friday, April 7, 2023
Easter Monday.....	Monday, April 10, 2023
Non-Instructional Day (district based).....	Wednesday, May 10, 2023
Victoria Day.....	Monday, May 22, 2023
Last Day for Students (12:00 pm dismissal).....	Thursday, June 29, 2023
Year-end Administrative Day .....	Friday, June 30, 2023
Schools Close for Summer Vacation .....	Monday, June 30, 2023

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:	2:20 pm



***The Family Education and Support Center is excited to have the following courses and workshops available for this winter.***

• For a full list of programs, see the winter program guide: [Family Education and Support Centre Winter Program Guide](#). To register, call 604-467-6055 or visit <https://www.familyed.bc.ca/>.

**Anger Monsters (8-12 years):** This children's program is designed to teach children 8-12 yrs old what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger. The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques. Date: Feb 4- Mar 4 (Sat) Time: 330pm-530pm Cost: \$90 \*price is for 1 child and 1 parent/guardian\*

**Anger Monsters (6-7 years):** This children's program is designed to teach children 8-12 yrs old what anger is. This program is designed to allow participants to be able to identify their triggers and learn tools to help control their anger. The parents program features skills from Neufeld Institute, including various anger cycles and goals of behavior. Participants will also learn how to help support their child's efforts to tame their anger, along with different calming techniques. Date: Jan 7- Jan 28 (Sat) Time: 330pm-530pm Cost: \$90 \*price is for 1 child and 1 parent/guardian\*

**I Am Awesome (Spring Break Camp):** This course is designed to help young people with communication styles, triggers, "I" statements, looking at their special inner qualities, how to deal with stress and how to be a friend. We are offering two sessions. Ages 7 - 11 Ages 6-8 years Date: Mar 13 - 17 Time: 8am - 12pm Cost: \$86/child Ages 9&10 years Date: Mar 20 - 24 Time: 8am - 12pm Cost: \$86/child

**STEPE:** Developmentally appropriate parenting skills for children aged 0-6. Programming for children 0-6 is available. Date Jan 30- Feb 24 (Tues/Fri) Time: 1-3pm Cost: FREE

**Parenting Resilient Children:** Understand better what resiliency is and how we can foster it in our families. Please note, this workshop will take place via Zoom. Date: Feb 14 (Tues) Time: 10am - 12pm Cost: \$15

**Conflict Resolution Parenting:** Learn how to use "I" statements, conflict management styles, trigger scale, active listening, paraphrasing and open questions for parenting. This workshop will take place via Zoom. Date: Jan 10 (Tues) Time: 10am - 12pm Cost: \$15

**Healthy Relationships:** This 2-part course looks at the fundamentals of any adult relationship including the foundation, needs, wants, and communication skills. Date: Feb 4 & Feb 11 Time: 9am-3pm Cost: \$90/per person \*must register in pairs\*

**Men's Anger Management:** Explores the complex nature of anger, recognizing triggers, alternative methods of expression, and how to defuse anger. Date: Jan 15- Feb 5(Sun) Time: 9am - 2pm Cost: \$90

**Brave New You:** Women learn about creating and keeping their boundaries, healthy communication, managing challenging conversations, expressing feelings and identifying personal needs. Date: Feb 4- Mar 4 (Sun) \* no class Family Day weekend Time: 9am - 2pm Cost: \$90