

Harry Miller Middle School

Blue Bear Herald



Welcome Back to School!

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Welcome HMMS families to the 2012-2013 school year. Our staff is very much looking forward to working with you to ensure your child has a positive and successful school year. Our staff is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment in which our students can grow academically, emotionally, and socially.

We believe communication between home and school is of utmost importance. We encourage you to contact the school with any questions or concerns you may have. Parents are asked to please contact the classroom teacher first. Should you wish to speak with an administrator after having done this, please contact Mrs. Demmons at demmobej@nbed.nb.ca or Mme. McCrea at mccreaer@nbed.nb.ca.

We value the support of parent volunteers. We appreciate all the help parents give us as we strive to meet the diverse needs of all our students. Should you wish to give of your time, please contact the school.

Ms. Lewis is our new Administrative Assistant. She will be available between 8am and 3:45pm to help answer your questions.

School Mission Statement

A special thank you to all families who attended our Meet the Teacher event on September 13.

We are looking forward to another great year at HMMS! ☺

At Harry Miller Middle School, we promote pride in achievement through learning by *respect* for one another, *responsibility* for excellence and *right choices* for our future and our community.

Music



Junior and Senior band have begun and it's not too late to join! **Junior Band (grade 6)** rehearsals are held on **Tuesdays from 3—4:30**. **Senior Band (grade 7 & 8)** rehearsals are held on **Thursdays from 3—4:30**.

Each year, we have a series concerts and fundraisers, all in an effort to promote the band program, purchase new equipment, or help fund trips at the end of the school year. Last year, the Senior Band attended the Atlantic Band Festival in Halifax and competed with dozens of other bands from Canada and abroad and received a **Silver medal!** We hope to continue our success in the coming years with other types of trips.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Palmer, our Music teacher, at 849-5515 or genevieve.palmer@nbed.nb.ca.

The 3 Rs of HMMS

*Respect of self and
others*

*Responsibility for
actions*

Right choices.



Sports Connect

The soccer season is in full swing. With four teams running, the fields are always busy. All four teams are currently undefeated. Way to go Blue Bears.

The District 6 Badminton Tournament is scheduled for Nov 14th. Tryouts for each grade level team will begin mid-October. Listen for announcements. Grade 6 students will play at Quispamsis Middle school, grade 7 will travel to Hampton Middle school and the grade 8 team will play at home, at Harry Miller.

Cheerleading is in full swing. This year we had a huge turnout to tryouts with close to 70 girls interested in Cheerleading. There will be a Varsity team and a Team Silver again this year. The Varsity team practices Tuesdays and Thursday's from 6:15 – 8:30 for Varsity and Team Silver will practice Wednesdays from 6 – 8pm and on Sunday from 1 – 4.

If any parent or guardian is interested in helping out with a sport group here at Harry Miller during the 2012-2013, we welcome your assistance. We are currently looking for coaches for the Basketball season. For more information, contact Mrs. Throop at 849-5515.

For up to date sport schedules and information, please go to the Harry Miller website and go to the Athletics section.

Guidance Corner

The B Factor

The KV Atlantic Superstore is offering a Bullying Information & Support Network October 11th, at 7-9. The meeting will be held at the KV Atlantic Superstore in the Community Room.

The “B” Factor is a monthly support group and information resource for Victims of bullying, parents or guardians of children who have been bullied, and those who want more information.



*Our Guidance
Councilor Ms. Pearce is
available to meet with
students throughout the
school day. Referral
forms are available
from teachers or outside
Ms. Pearce's office.*

Anti-Bullying Awareness Week at HMMS



Grade 6,7 and 8 students celebrated Anti-Bullying week at HMMS. Students posed in the shape of a hand, which is the universal sign of Stand Up to Bullying. Anti-Bullying Awareness Week ran September 24-28. There were many activities planned including assemblies, pledge murals, and trivia games. ***We made the front cover of the Valley Viewer!***

Important Dates to Mark on your Calendar

- October 1** French Cultural presentation at KVHS (FI students)
October 3 Fall Immunization Clinic (Grade 7 girls) & Whooping Cough Clinic
October 8 Thanksgiving Day
October 9 School closed to students (Professional Learning Day)
October 20 Band Day at HMMS
October 22 Picture Re-takes



Technology

Check out these cool sites:

(Web Tools That Provide a URL)

Vocaroo

Audio recording tool
<http://vocaroo.com/>

RecordMP3

Another audio recording tool
<http://www.recordmp3.org/>

Drawz It!

Drawing tool with shapes, stamps, and a text tool
<http://www.drawzit.com/>

Scribble Maps

Mark up a Google Map
<http://scribblemaps.com/create/>

SketchUp 8 It is a fun, free 3D drawing tool for everyone. Teachers quite enjoy for Math.
<http://sketchup.google.com/download/>

<http://www.sketchup.com/intl/en/download/index2.html>

Summo Paint

An online image editor and drawing application that is very similar to Photoshop. <http://www.sumopaint.com/start/>

1001 Free Fonts

Free Fonts for Windows and Macintosh <http://www.1001freefonts.com/>

HMMS Bell Schedule

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| 8:25 | Bell to begin the day |
| 8:30-8:35 | Homeroom |
| 8:35-9:25 | First Period |
| 9:25-10:15 | Second Period |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-11:20 | Third Period |
| 11:20-12:10 | Fourth Period |
| 12:10-12:50 | Lunch |
| 12:55-1:15 | SSR/Mental Math/ Skills |
| 1:15-2:05 | Fifth Period |
| 2:05-2:55 | Sixth Period |
| 2:55-3:00 | Homeroom |
| 3:00 | Dismissal |

