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Greetings, Hawk Families!

It is hard to believe we are waving goodbye to students for another year and wishing them a happy summer. They have all made wonderful progress and have grown up right in front of our eyes! Our students have learned, laughed, and made many great memories during the past year. We are very proud of them, and we thank you for allowing us to be a part of helping them navigate their world and be so successful in it!

As the summer begins, I want to remind you of a few key items that will need tending over the next few months:

- If not picked up by Monday, <u>student report cards</u> will be mailed on Tuesday. Please share a moment with your child reflecting on the progress they made and allow them to share their accomplishments with you.
- If any of your <u>contact information</u> (address, phone numbers, email addresses) changes over the summer, please email me at <u>sarah.blanchard@nbed.nb.ca</u> with any changes. We don't want you to miss anything we send you! Also, we will need all renewed, updated, or new alternate bus forms <u>by August 30</u>.
- You will find there are no school supply lists again this year. As a result of a request from parents, we have an <u>all inclusive student fee</u> of \$60 which will include all student consumable supplies, agendas, skating (10 visits), and school performances (minimum 3). We ask families to provide a backpack, lunch bag, indoor sneakers, box of tissues (2) and an inexpensive pair of ear buds or head phones.
- Throughout the summer, make <u>learning a priority</u>! Our Raz Kids subscription lasts all summer—please encourage your child to read daily even if it is just for 15 minutes. In addition, every public library has a summer reading program in which you can enroll your child. Encourage your child to write postcards on a trip or keep a vacation journal. Always pack books for the car. Leave notes to your child in unexpected places. There are also fun ways to practice math skills. Find a new recipe, and figure out how to double the recipe or cut it in half. Check out <u>bedtimemath.org</u>, play games, estimate your grocery bill, practice figuring out the tax, count the number of pieces of junk mail—the possibilities for incorporating math in your daily life are endless!
- Mark your calendars now for our <u>Back to School Night</u>! This is a great opportunity for us to welcome you back to school, pay your child's student fee and for you to meet your child's teachers and gain an understanding of what they will learn throughout the school year. We look forward to seeing you here on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30PM as we kick off another wonderful year at Hampton Elementary School.

To those families and students leaving us this school year, we wish you all the best. I also extend a special thank you for your involvement in Hampton Elementary in so many different ways.

Enjoy the summer. Relax, read a good book, and enjoy your family and friends. We will see you in August!

Sarah Blanchard Principal Hampton Elementary School