



Hampton Elementary School June 2016 Newsletter



HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MISSION:

Help and believe in,
Each student so
that he or she can
achieve his or her
highest potential in
a,

Safe, supportive in-
clusive environment.

Last day for stu-
dents—June 19th
First day back—
Tues., Sept. 8th

Principal's Message

It's that time of year when the sun is out and the weeks just fly by. With less than 4 weeks to go, this year is no different! As I write this final Principal Message of the 2015-2016 school year, we have much to reflect on. Last evening I met with our new families joining HES in the Fall and I am always so proud to show them our school and the exciting programs and initiatives that make us unique.

This year we have focused on the renewal of a three year School Improvement Plan. As a staff we have focused on assessment practices that provide students and parents with timely information about student achievement that allows students, teachers and parents to plan for the next steps in each child's learning. Each of the areas below represent things we worked on as a school team with the support and guidance of our Parent School Support Committee and Home and School.

- Curriculum Teaching and Learning: If you stop by any of our classrooms you'll see Guided Reading, Daily Five, Guided Math and technology. Students are using our ever growing number of 16 I pads to read, create and extend their learning. We are proud of the many accomplishments and successes of all our students throughout the year. Hampton Elementary students and staff have grown in so many ways and their love of learning is evident in all they do.
- Special Presentations: Art Richard (bilingual performer), Theatre New Brunswick The Young Company, Writers in the school: Susan White, Calithumpians, Children's Book Week: Mary Ann Lippiat, Imperial Theatre visit
- Events: Bus Safety, Terry Fox Walk, Career Expo, Remembrance Day Ceremony, WITS kickoff, National Jersey Day, Youtube Channel Launch, Jump Rope for Heart, Art in the Saint John Market, many successful movie nights, Christmas Concert & Parade, Popcorn days & Plant sales

Please encourage your child to read and keep up with practicing their math facts and playing the math games they have learned. This will help students to strengthen and maintain the skills they have worked so hard to gain over this past year.

It has been a year of learning and growing not only for students but for myself and I love every minute of my time here at Hampton Elementary. The students are incredible as well the staff. The opportunity to work within such an amazing community is a treasured gift. Thank you for all of the support and patience provided to me over this past year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send a huge thank you to our parent and family volunteers (H&S, PSSC, Library, Class Activities, WITS ambassadors, Book Fairs, Clubs, ...) and so much more for all they do for our students and school community. The parents are incredibly giving of their time and it is all done to enhance the experiences of our students throughout the year.

I am looking forward to working with you again next year. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all our families a safe and relaxing summer.

- Mrs. Blanchard



WORDS OF WITSDOM

*Have a wonderful summer
and remember to use your
WITS!*

Mark Your Calendar!

June

Thursday, June 2nd—DATL Art from the Heart

Saturday, June 18th—Bigger, Better Fair Day

Friday, June 24th—Last day for students and it is a half day

June is a very busy month. Check out our June calendar for more important dates!

Looking Ahead: September

Wednesday, August 31st —Welcome Back Social

Tuesday, September. 6th—First day for students

September 15th—Picture Day



Hot Lunch and Milk Program

Our 4th round of milk is now underway. Thank you for your support of the Milk in Schools Program this school year.



http://www.dairygoodness.ca/milk-in-school/new_brunswick/parents

Milk will end June 17th with hot lunch continuing the last week of school.

Our lunch tickets will continue to be sold after the announcements on Monday. Your child can buy a book of 10 hot lunch tickets for \$25. Most meals will cost one ticket (\$2.50 value). Hot lunch is cheese pizza on Monday/Wednesdays, Hamburgers and yogurt tubes on Tuesday (order placed on Monday) and Subway on Thursday (orders placed on Tuesday). Pita Pit (chicken pita & smoothie) on Friday (ordered Thursday) which will cost 2 tickets (\$5).

Physical Education Corner Track and Field

Selected students will be representing Hampton Elementary School at our annual District Track and Field meet taking place in Sussex. An information sheet will be sent home with selected students. Students will be participating in the following events:

Running:

50m

100m

200m

400m

Running long jump

Shot put

Standing Long Jump



We know these students will be rewarded in their effort through diligent practice, athletic performance and sportsmanship.

Check out our new climbing wall!! Kids have been busy perfecting their climbing skills as they traverse the wall. Thank you to the Hampton River Runners for their donation.



Mrs. Stewart

<http://hamptonelementarype.weebly.com/>

School Improvement Plan

2015-2018

The School Improvement Plan for Hampton Elementary encompasses four main areas. Literacy, Numeracy, School Climate and Enhancing Communication with parents about the School Improvement Plan. The plan is posted on our website and is reviewed monthly by staff and members of the PSSC. There will be updates in the monthly newsletters within areas of the School Improvement Plan.

Learning about Literacy

Goal #1 Literacy: To develop and improve instructional practices, assessment and intervention in Literacy

Summer Reading

The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to **three months** of reading progress and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/calendar/summer>

The ABCs of Improved Reading

Access to books. It's critical that kids have access to a wide variety of books over the summer months, but we know that access alone doesn't make a strong impact.

Books that match readers' ability levels and interests. For young people's reading skills to improve, they need to read books that align with their own reading levels. Reading books that are too easy or too hard won't help!

Comprehension, as monitored and guided by an adult, teacher or parent. The most important piece to making summer reading effective is the help of an adult who can ask questions and guide kids to better understand what they are reading.

With these three ingredients, your summer reading program will soar!

Other ideas include:

1. Check out the local library! You can register now for their 2016 Summer Reading Club at

<http://www1.gnb.ca/0003/src=cle/2016/en/index-e.asp>

2. Find new books! Yard sales and your local library are cheap and easy. Scholastic book orders are also a great option:

http://www.scholastic.ca/clubs/images/OA16/POA16_N.pdf

3. Using technology for research rather than gaming! There are a number of great websites including:

<https://newsela.com/> (news articles for students in grade 2-12) and <http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispectus> (award winning nonfiction books)

4. Find opportunities to write! Write a postcard from a trip you've taken or help you make your grocery list for the week. Writing in a journal about all the adventures they've had over the summer will also provide loads of writing ideas for the upcoming school year.

Most importantly—HAVE FUN READING!

Numbers, Numbers, Everywhere

Goal #2 Numeracy: To develop and improve instructional practices, assessment and intervention for Numeracy

How to help support Problem Solvers in Mathematics

To be successful in math, children need to be able to solve problems. When children are provided with opportunities to solve their own problems in life, they are more willing to tackle math problems on their own. Think about some of the "problems" children may experience every day:

- Deciding what to wear
- Taking what they need to school for the day (e.g., lunch, homework, shoes)
- Finding friends at recess
- Choosing what do after school
- Being hungry and needing a snack

If parents and teachers solve these problems for children, we take away the chance for children to develop problem solving skills and the belief that they can do things on their own. We cannot expect a child who has everything done for them in life to be an independent problem solver in math.

By stepping back and providing children with the opportunity to solve their own little problems, like what to wear or how to get together with a friend, we prepare them for tackling bigger problems later on, like the ones they get in math class!

CAN YOU KENKEN?

Some of our students have been exploring math games and iPad apps to improve their numeracy skills. One challenging and fun app you might like to try out at home is the game KenKen found on the NCTM website (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics). It is similar to Sudoku but can involve all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Can you KenKen?

PSSC—Parent School Support Committee

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 13th

6:30 p.m.

The PSSC last met on the evening of our HES Orientation Night Monday, May 30th. Thank you to Jamie, Shelly and Sue for leading our families on a tour of the school.

The final PSSC meeting for the 2015-2016 year will be June 13th. This is an opportunity to reflect on many of the accomplishments achieved by the school as a result of this involved, dedicated group of parents.

For review of previous meeting minutes, you can find them under the "For Parents" dropdown on our Hampton Elementary School website or follow the link here: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1939/Pages/PSSC.aspx>

Home and School Association

Last Meeting:

Weds., June 22nd

6:30 p.m.

- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to make it a successful year for the H&S. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and that we can count on continued support in the fall.
- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for Bigger Better Fair Day. We still need a few more volunteers to sign up for an hour or two to help with games and other activities. Please email hes.homeandschool@gmail.com with what time you can help out with or return the form sent home with the Synervoice.
- We are holding a Movie Afternoon on Tuesday, June 7. Let us know if you are available to help pop popcorn in the evening of Monday, June 6. Thank you to the teachers for providing supervision for this event.
- Final regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the school library to go over final details for Bigger Better Fair Day.
- H&S will have a year-end wrap up social on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 PM at Vito's in Quispamsis.

Our final meeting of the year is quickly approaching. This year has been about giving back. We have used our fundraising to support classrooms through the purchase of FM systems, white board markers, books and continued to support teachers in many ways that help to improve the learning conditions for our students.

All of our Home and School Meeting Minutes can be found under Home and School on the HES school website: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/1939/Pages/Home-and-School.aspx>

Questions? Email hes.homeandschool@gmail.com

It's Bigger...

It's Better...

It's Coming...



Bigger Better Fair Day

Saturday, June 18th 10AM—2PM

A Hampton tradition for over 30 years, Hampton Elementary School's Annual Big Fair Day.

This event is open to EVERYONE! Bring your family for some fun family activities there will be games, bouncy castles, BBQ, and best of all....prizes!

Proceeds from Big Fair Day this year will be going towards the Hampton Elementary School's Playground Replacement Project.

The rain location is in the Hampton Community Centre.

Questions? Contact the Home and School at hes.homeandschool@gmail.com



Report Cards and Student Placement

Report Cards will go home on **Friday, June 24th**. The report card will not state what classroom your child has been assigned to for the 2016-2017 school year at Hampton Elementary.

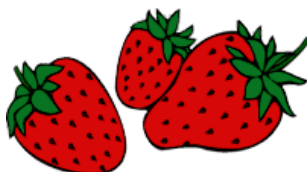


We are always adjusting class lists over the summer to create balanced classrooms, and we are still waiting to complete the hiring of all of our teaching staff for the new school year. You can check to see who your child's teacher will be for the coming school year by attending our Back to School Social event on Wednesday, August 31st. Students will not be taking home a school supply list as a result of a parent survey earlier this year. If your child is not attending school on the 24th, please inform the school office and the report card will be mailed to you. No report cards will be given out early or ahead of June 24th.

Policy 711—Healthy Eating

Berry season is almost here!

As the weather gets warmer, the birds start singing and that also means that fresh local berries will soon be available to us at our grocery stores! Did you know that strawberries are actually part of the rose family, and are grown in every province in Canada! Or that a blueberry bush can grow to be 7 feet tall!? You might not also know that these berries are little nutrition power-houses! Here's why they are good for us:



- All berries contain vitamin C (especially strawberries!) Vitamin C helps us heal cuts, keep gums, teeth, and bones healthy and keep blood vessel walls strong due to its antioxidant properties (neutralizes harmful molecules in our cells).
- Blueberries contain a powerful antioxidant (*anthocyanin*) in its blue colored skin that may play a role in cancer prevention.
- Berries also provide us with soluble fibre which keeps our digestive systems running smoothly.

June Wellness Theme

AVOID OVER-SCHEDULING DURING THE FINAL WEEKS OF SCHOOL

At the end of the school year, children can often become over-scheduled. They still have their regular after-school activities. They have school projects to complete and final tests. There are school plays, concerts, banquets, spring sports and other special events. Your child and your entire family can become stressed and even ill. Your child may not know when to cut back to maintain balance. You'll need to help.

A child who is over-scheduled:

- Is irritable or mopes around.
- Can't concentrate.
- Is restless at bedtime.
- Picks fights.
- Starts overeating.
- Complains of stomach-aches, headaches or mysterious illnesses.



Grade 5 Students

Our Grade 5 students are moving onto Hampton Middle School! They will be very busy over the next few weeks with several events planned to help support the transition from HES to HMS. Some transition events this year included: a music performance at HMS, outdoor walking with HMS students, Question and Answer in small groups and a tour of HMS. The last week of school students in Grade 5 will have a Bike Rally, BBQ, swimming, Field trip and a Moving Up Ceremony.

HES will miss this group of students but we know they are prepared to take on new challenges as they being the next leg of their journey. They have contributed so much to the school and have been a tremendous help in so many ways! I know they will take with them the skills and open-mindedness to ensure they continued success. Best of Luck to all of you and remember to Work Hard!



Summer Camps for Students

We have received several brochures and information from various organizations regarding Summer camps and Summer programs available for students. If you are interested in enrolling your child in YMCA Summer camps, Soccer Camp, Hampton Bible Camp, Kings Way Junior Volunteer Summer Camp, UNB Seawolves Football Camp, drama camp or any other summer programs you can look for this information on our parent board or table in the school lobby. Please feel free to take any brochures that you may need. Also, you may want to check out more programs which are available on the public library website at <http://www.gnb.ca/0003/children.asp>



Jump Rope for Heart



A HUGE thank you for all your support in the Jump Rope for Heart Campaign this year. We will announce in the Hawk Squawk our final tally once we have all forms returned.

Marigolds

HES Students are planting Marigolds again this year on June 15th. We will also have an end of year plant sale to clear out the Greenhouse for the summer. You can find our plant sale at Bigger Better Fair Day!



Lost and Found

Please remember to check out our Lost and Found items before leaving at the end of June. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity the first week of July.



Medication



If you have medication at school for your child at school please stop in before the end of June to take it home for the summer. In September, forms will need to be filled out again to have medication administered at school. Thanks for your assistance.

Checking at Home

Please make a special effort to check at home for any text books, library books, school supplies or equipment. If you find anything hiding under the bed or behind the door that belongs to Hampton Elementary, please return it to school so that we may complete our year-end inventory.

Grade 5 Moving Up!

Mark your calendars! Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd beginning at 8:45 a.m. with a small reception to following in classrooms.



Daily Schedule 2016-2017

Below is our daily schedule for the 2016-2017 (no changes)

7:50-8:10 Supervision on the Playground

8:25 Announcements and O'Canada

Instruction begins immediately following O'Canada

10:00-10:15 Recess

11:50-12:10 Outside Recess

12:10-12:35 Lunch: students eat in classrooms

2:40 Dismissal

Class Organization 2016-2017

We are well into the process of planning for the 2015-2016 school year. The following class organizations have been approved. If you know anyone moving into the area and planning to register their child please call the school 832-6021. Our school administrative assistants will be available until June 23 and return on August 27.

1 Grade 3 Class 2 Grade 3 French Immersion

1 Grade 3/4 Class 2 Grade 4 French Immersion

1 Grade 4 Class 2 Grade 5 French Immersion

2 Grade 5 Classes

Students have yet to be assigned to classes for next year. As a staff, we reflect on a variety of factors, such as achievement, work habits, behavior, ratio of boys to girls, friendships, learning styles and teaching styles. Our goal is to maintain a balance in each classroom in order to facilitate each student's ability to achieve to his or her potential. Please know that we have the best interest of all our students and staff in mind when classes are created.

“Love can change a person the way a parent can change a baby-awkwardly, and often with a great deal of mess.”

– [Lemony Snicket](#), [Horseradish](#)



THANK YOU

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Princess Auto Saint John for the recent donation of 60 ear protectors for our school. These are learning tools students use in the classroom to help block out distractions so they are better able to focus on the task at hand. We are able to provide each classroom with a half dozen of these to use in the classroom.



Moving in? Moving Out?

If you are planning a move to another school this summer, or know of someone moving into our school area for the 2016-2017 school year, please notify the office

as soon as possible.

No Child Without—Medic Alert

Did you know that one in five children lives with a medical condition, allergy, or special need that must be communicated during a medical emergency? In many cases, children are the most vulnerable because they are often too young, too afraid, or too hurt to express themselves. “No Child Without” is a charitable program that protects children and supports school officials to address concerns about students living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs. For information on FREE medical identification services, please see the office for a brochure.



End of Year Parent Survey

Stay tuned to your email for a quick survey to give input into what went well at HES and also an opportunity to provide suggestions for improvement! We hope you will take a few minutes to complete this for us!

Home and School presents the movie: Zootopia—a fun afterschool event



Tuesday, June 7th, 3PM

Cost is \$5 (includes juice box & popcorn) and supervision for HES students is provided

Sun Safety

June is the month of year-end outings and each class has something special planned. If your child's trip includes spending time outdoors, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, have plenty of water and use sunscreen. Sunscreen is important everyday. If it is cloudy or sunny, the UV index in June is usually very high and everyone should protect their skin.



Have a safe and happy summer holiday!

“Have you ever noticed how parents can go from the most wonderful people in the world to totally embarrassing in three seconds?”

– [Rick Riordan, The Red Pyramid](#)

Guidance Corner

Summer Fun

When the school year is winding down, families are often busy planning vacations, signing kids up for summer sports and activities, and figuring out how to keep their children busy and safe for the summer. While it is not a good idea to over-schedule your children, it is very important to make sure you have some ideas planned that will keep their minds thinking and learning - using that fabulous brain! Children's minds are like sponges, there are opportunities everywhere for them to learn something new. Here are a few ideas:

Join the summer reading program at the public library

Make sure you set aside time to read each day. Pick out a couple longer books to read aloud this summer - let your child help make the choices!

Visit museums or zoos with your children. Spend more time at their favorite exhibit or near their favorite animal and really learn some facts about it.

make a point to learn something about new places you may visit on vacation (ex. What is the biggest industry or employer in the community, who were the first to settle there etc.)

Play games that require children to count. Board games, card games, or counting somersaults in the pool - whatever it is, they'll be using their math skills!

Learn some new recipes together. There are many kid-friendly recipes that don't even involve using the stove.

Go camping! There is so much to learn from nature. Tell stories around the campfire and sing songs. Take hikes in the woods. Stroll along the beach.

Make sure to limit "screen time" to no more than one hour per day. Too much time spent on video games and computers will have a negative effect on their learning, physical health and social skills.

Wishing you many sunny days and lots of fun over the summer!

BACK TO SCHOOL/MEET THE TEACHER OPEN HOUSE AND ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

On Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting a Back to School/Meet the Teacher Open House and Ice-Cream Social (sponsored by the Home and School Association and the PSSC.). This is a drop in event for you to join us for an ice-cream, meet your child's teacher, sign up for PSSC committee and hear about classroom expectations. Your child can also drop off their backpack, indoor sneakers and leave them in their classroom.



**School Begins in the Fall 2016
for Students on
Tuesday, September 6th.
See you all then!**