



Hampton Elementary School September 2021 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.

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

Welcome H.E.S. families to the start of another wonderful school year! We are thrilled to be welcoming back our returning students (oh my, how they have grown!) as well as three classes of Grade 2 French Immersion students and two classes of Grade 3 English students. Our staff look forward to partnering with you as we provide the best learning opportunities for your child. Please be in regular contact with your child's teacher and try to become involved; both the Home & School or our Parent Support School Committee are great options which will be held virtually beginning in October!

We will be sending home one message per week to families; the "HES Hawk Squawk" will be sent electronically every Friday around 5pm. We will only send extra messages if there is information you absolutely need to receive before the end of the week. Newsletters will be sent at the beginning of each month. Please ensure your email address is up-to-date in our system as this is the primary mode of communication for school wide messages. The first newsletter is the only one sent in hard copy!

A few things to help make our school year go more smoothly—first, please follow our drop off procedures if your child is being driven to school. A teacher will begin morning supervision at 7:50 so students being driven should not arrive before this time. Students will play outside with their grade level peers until the 8:15 bell when all students will line up in their classes and enter the school to prepare for the day. Please be aware of the speed limit of 20 km/hr on School Street.

We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Keep a positive attitude and a growth mindset around school and learning.
2. Attends school daily and arrives on time (by 8:20) ready for the day's learning experience
3. Completes homework assignments (10 minutes per Grade level)
4. Reads daily (or is read to daily) to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills

Finally, the student handbook is included in the student agenda which will be distributed soon. We ask you to review the information included in these pages with your child. We even have a student handbook scavenger hunt contest!

It is going to be a GREAT year!

~2021-2022 Staff Updates~

Our HES family has a few new additions. We would like to welcome Mme Sarah Morin (teaching Grade 2 FI) and Ms. Heather Avery (working with Grade 5 Smith and Grade 4 Shannon). We also welcome back Rhonda Tremblay (Educational Assistant) with us after a year home with her baby.

- Mrs. Blanchard

School

Photo Day!

Wednesday, September 22
(All classes)



WORDS OF WITSDOM

What are the WITS Programs?



The WITS Programs bring together schools, families and communities to create responsive environments that help children deal with bullying and peer conflict. WITS Primary Program - Teaches children to Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help when faced with peer conflict. The acronym also provides a common language that children and the adults around them can use to talk about and respond to problems. Stay tuned for more information and Words of WITSdom each month in our school newsletter!

Want to know more? <https://witsprogram.ca/families/dealing-with-cyberbullying/>

COVID-19 Checklist Before Leaving Home

Backpack:



Two clean masks



A box or clear plastic bag
to store their masks

Screening:

My child does not have purple markings on their fingers or toes.

My child does not have two of the following symptoms:

- ✓ fever above 38°C or signs of fever (such as chills)
- ✓ a new cough or worsening chronic cough
- ✓ sore throat
- ✓ runny nose
- ✓ headache
- ✓ a new onset of fatigue
- ✓ a new onset of muscle pain
- ✓ diarrhea
- ✓ loss of sense of taste or loss of sense of smell
- ✓ difficulty breathing

Call 811 if symptomatic!

Emergency plan:

I have an emergency plan in place in case the school calls me to pick up my child

Handwashing:

Washing hands with soap and water and let's go!

School phone number:
School starting time:
School ending time:
Bus pick-up time:
Bus drop-off time:

Mark Your Calendar!

September

- ⇒ First Newsletter goes home in paper format.
- ⇒ Home and School Expression of Interest
- ⇒ PSSC Expression of Interest

Sept 20-24 Fundraising for Terry Fox Foundation—Toonies for Terry
Weds. Sept. 22nd—School Photo day
Friday, September 24th—Terry Fox Walk

**rain date Mon. Sept. 27th

Sept. 30th Day for Truth and Reconciliation—Orange Shirt Day



Looking Ahead: October

October 3-9—Fire Safety Week

Monday, October 11th—Thanksgiving Day—No School for Students

October 12-15—Kindergarten Registration Week across ASD-South



Please Note:
All schools in ASD South are
Peanut/Nut Free
& Scent Free



Let's Communicate

We work very hard at Hampton Elementary to communicate on a regular basis with parents through our monthly newsletter, school agenda, school website, e-mail distribution lists, as well as School Connects. The cost of School Connects is covered through funds from our PSSC as well as the District Office. It allows us to send messages in both voice as well as email format at the same time. The text of all phone messages sent to HES homes is also listed on our website and available as an app for your phone. Please check our school website regularly. We are also asking you to fill out the e-mail address field area of the student information forms being sent home with your child. This will enable us to send an electronic copy of the newsletter to you instead of a paper copy to cut down on costs related to photocopying. We also send out any phone messages by e-mail so that everyone is up to date and informed about everything happening at H.E.S. **A PAPER COPY OF THIS FIRST NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT TO EACH HOME FOR THIS MONTH ONLY.** After this month, if you prefer to have a paper copy of the newsletter, and do not have access to the internet, please contact your child's teacher or our school admin assistant to send one home with your child.

Attendance Matters!

Please ensure your child arrives before 8:20! More info available:
<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-5/Pages/Attendance-Matters.aspx>

****Due to COVID -19, students with 2 or more symptoms must not report to school; self-isolate at home and call 811.*****

PSSC—Parent School Support Committee

Next Meeting:

October 18, 2021
To be held virtually

What is the PSSC?

The parent School Support Committee (PSSC) advises the Principal and improves student learning by increasing family and community involvement in the school system.

What are parents asked to do?

- Parents are asked to attend monthly meetings
- Parents are asked to learn about the School Improvement Plan
- Advise the principal on School Improvement Plan
- Review the school report card and provincial report card with the principal
- Advise the principal on development of school policies

What is the time commitment?

Meet once a month for 1.5 hours from September to June

Why should you join?

The PSSC is a great way to learn what goes on behind the scenes in the school. It is an easy time commitment and a valuable way to meet other interested parents and the principal. You get to learn about all the strategies put into place to better educate our children. As a parent you can have a voice in development of school policies.

Expressions of interest should be sent to Mrs. Blanchard via email: sarah.blanchard@nbed.nb.ca

For review of previous meeting minutes, you can find them under the "For Parents" dropbox 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

The Home and School Association is looking for new members to join this year. If you would like to be part of the Home and School Association, we meet once a month for about 1 1/2 hours. H&S Association works very closely with the staff and administration of the school to support students and teachers in a variety of ways. H&S facilitates school fundraisers (including Big Fair Day), Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in February, playground upgrades and works in a supporting role with the PSSC of Hampton Elementary School. We welcome parents, grandparents and/or community members to join our group. Please come and join us.

Next Meeting:

October 14, 2021 6:30pm
To be held virtually

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>

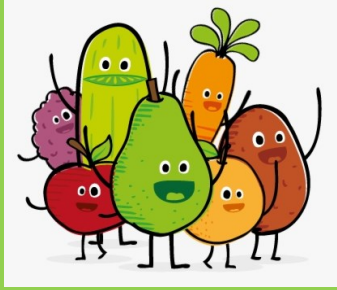
Expressions of Interest will be accepted. Please email Mrs. Stewart: Julie.stewart@nbed.nb.ca

Be sure to like our Facebook page to stay up to date on everything that is going on with the home and school.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/465206760254176/>

Policy 711—Healthy Eating

The Department of Education has an ongoing commitment to promoting healthier eating and nutrition. This is reflected in the release of *Policy 711- Healthier Foods and Nutrition in Public Schools*.



Policy 711, Healthier School Food Environment, sets the minimum requirements for creating a healthier food environment in public schools.

This policy applies to all school districts and public schools in New Brunswick including: classroom, co-curricular, extra-curricular, fundraising, school sponsored and endorsed activities and events.

Here is the link for more info:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/policies-politiques/e/711A.pdf>

September Wellness Theme

This month's wellness theme is encouraging families to take advantage of the still sunny skies and warm temperatures by being active outdoors.

Connect with nature

Day-to-day life is usually a blur of passing lights, blaring sounds, and people's voices. Connecting with nature helps you find peace in your busy life while making the world a better place. The town of Hampton boasts many beautiful trails. You could take an evening stroll, bike ride, or even a guided nature walk. Research shows that spending time in nature can make us happier, more relaxed, and even healthier.

Spend some time each day outside observing what's happening around you. You'll begin to notice things about your environment that you've never seen before, and increase your awareness of your surroundings.



Medication/Health Services and Custody Information

It is very important that the school is kept informed of any **medical or custody concerns** with respect to your child. Please be specific when completing the Information form that was sent home earlier this week. Please provide your child's teacher with any information on the Student Information form. The Dept. of Education requires **formal medical information forms** for children with a severe medical condition (e.g. severe allergies, diabetes, severe asthma etc., or parents with children who require medication at school). This Health Support and Care form is available at the school office (Policy 704). The **No Child Without** program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program. MedicAlert is your child's voice in an emergency. If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 to update your child's file.



Custody information that restricts access to your child can only be put into place if the school has a copy of a court order stating the restricted access.

Education Support Services at HES

Hello Hawk Families!

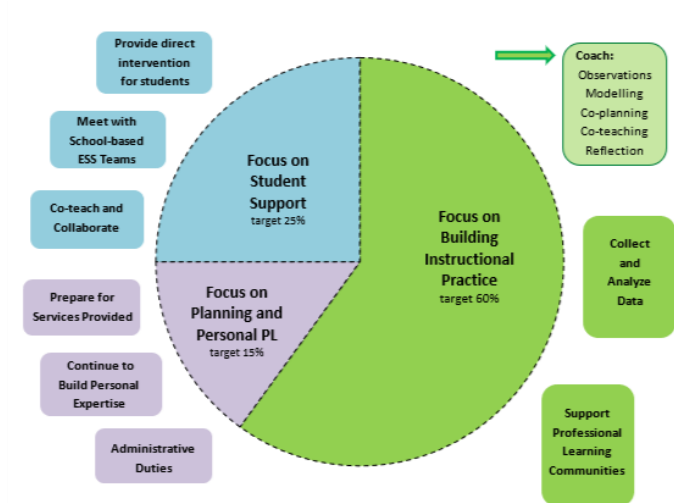
We have three resource teachers at HES- Julie Stewart, Kate Johnson (part time resource, part time guidance), and Heather Avery (working with Grade 5 Smith and Grade 4 Shannon). Some of you may be wondering what the role of the Resource teacher is. Here's a quick overview:

-60% of our day is spent on supporting and collaborating with classroom teachers. For example, classroom observation, co-planning of instruction, initiating and supporting instructional strategies, problem solving, modeling, co-teaching, etc.

-25% of our day involves direct instruction or intervention with small groups of children, and occasionally, with individual students, but in all cases with specific entry and exit criteria, and documentation of outcomes achieved. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will only be working with small groups of students from the same class.

- 15% of our day encompasses administrative duties directly associated with supporting teachers and students. For example, work on personalized learning plans, working with educational assistants, consulting with other professionals, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at kate.johnson@nbed.nb.ca or julie.stewart@nbed.nb.ca



Daily Schedule 2021-2022

Below is our daily schedule

7:50-8:15 Supervision (students play outside—Grade 2 & 3 together and Grades 4 & 5 together)

8:25 Announcements and O’Canada

Learning time begins immediately following O’Canada

10:30-10:45 Recess in classroom (snack)

12:15-12:40 Outside Recess and/or Eat Lunch

12:45-1:10 Outside Recess and/or Eat Lunch

2:40 Dismissal

Class Organization 2021-2022

Here is the final class organization approved for the school year. Overall we will have 15 homerooms this year.

2- Grade 3 Class

3- Grade 2 French Immersion

2- Grade 4 Class

2- Grade 3 French Immersion

2- Grade 4 French Immersion

3- Grade 5 Classes

1- Grade 5 French Immersion

Students have been assigned to classes through a team approach. 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.

Changes in After School Routine

Due to restrictions on bus seating, we are unable to accommodate changes to after school bus routines. Many buses are full and it takes time to arrange alternate transportation. Anglophone South School District has a bus policy that states that: **“Without authorization in writing, from the parent (24 hours in advance), children will be sent home on their regular bus. No same day verbal arrangements will be allowed unless it is an emergency situation.”** Children are not permitted to travel on a different bus after school for play dates, birthday parties, sleepovers, etc. Parents need to make other arrangements for these situations. If you are picking up your child in lieu of them taking the bus, please send a written note to the classroom teacher.

All changes to bussing must be completed through the Transportation Department by calling 832-6143.

“Give to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself.”

Guidance Corner

Greetings HES families!

My name is Kate Johnson. This year, I will once again be a Guidance Teacher that works to support teachers in their delivery of the Personal Wellness and You and Your World curriculums. However, a change is that I will also be taking on Cynthia Veniot's **school counselling** role while she is on leave. This means I will be available to support students in specific areas of need both in one on one or small group sessions.

Because I am nearing the completion of my Master of Education in Counselling degree, I will be obtaining counselling practicum hours on the job this year. I've been assigned a Counsellor Supervisor through a partnership between UNB and District in order to support me in delivering quality services. I'm very much looking forward to working with our students in this new capacity.

If you feel that your child would benefit from one -on-one or small group counselling support at any point in the year, please let their teacher know, or reach out to me directly to me at kate.johnson@nbed.nb.ca or 832-6021 to discuss details.

Thank you,
Kate Johnson

You're invited to a powwow: 'Honouring the Children and Peace' First Nation Elders, the students and staff of Hampton High School, and the Town of Hampton have established a partnership to hold a powwow titled 'Honouring the Children and Peace' in the Hampton Town Square Saturday, September 25 from 12:00-5:30 (rain date: Sunday, Sept. 26). The gathering will begin with two powwow drums leading a grand entry of Elders, dancers, student representatives, and community leaders into the Town Square. To open the powwow, Elders will share their insights regarding the children of residential schools. Dancers representing various First Nation dances (traditional, grass-dancers, fancy shawl, jingle dress, and tiny tots) will engage the public in a colourful cultural experience.



School Discipline Expectations

The staff of Hampton Elementary School has been diligently and gently teaching children a variety of expected behaviors and routines. We firmly believe that students who do not master these behaviors and routines may need extra practice in order to meet the expectations of school discipline. These behaviors and routines are expected to be mastered by all students before the end of September. The staff asks for your support if and when your child may need to have extra practice in any of the school discipline expectations. The following are just a few of the routines and behaviors that teachers will be reinforcing for the month of September; saying please and thank you; movement in hallways; morning announcement routine; fire drill exit; how to speak to an adult, and many more.

Grade 5 student leadership

All grade 5 students are invited to express interest for leadership opportunities this school year. Each week Leadership jobs will be assigned to a Grade 5 homeroom class so students can work together for a week at a time within their homeroom class. We will have grade 5's who will be part of the Recycling Team, Playground Safety Leaders, Volunteers and the list goes on!



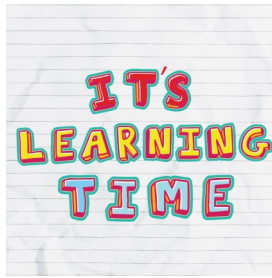
Terry Fox

Hampton Elementary School will be participating in the Terry Fox National School Run Day on September 24th. Students will learn about the heroic efforts of Terry throughout the month and have the opportunity to raise funds for cancer research. We are asking for students to collect Toonies for Terry through the week of Sept. 20-24th. Classes will walk in homeroom classes to enjoy some fresh air in the spirit of Terry Fox.



Instructional Time

All public schools in the province follow curricula prescribed by the New Brunswick Department of Education. Curricula expectations are extensive and at H.E.S we must attempt to protect valuable instructional time.



Please note that in order for students to be ready to learn, they must be in the building no later than 8:20 AM. Interruptions to the instructional day are to be limited to emergencies.

- If you need to communicate to your child's teacher through the day, please send a note in the child's agenda with the information or request a phone call after instructional hours.
- If you are delivering something to your child through the day, please leave the item at the office and we will see that it is delivered to the classroom at noon or recess.
- If you are meeting your child after school and this is not their regular after school routine, please wait until after the bus dismissal and then pick up your child at the front doors.

School Supply and Student Fees

Our school fees for all students grades two to five are \$52.00. This includes all consumable supplies and school performances/events for the school year. If you have financial difficulty covering any of those school fees, please bring your concern to the attention of the school administrative team. The school fee is a one-time fee but can be paid in multiple installments if that is easier for you and your family.

Calling and Visiting the School

The phone number for the school office is 832-6021. **The best time to contact teachers is after 2:45 p.m.** as it is almost impossible for teachers to leave their classrooms unattended during the school day. Please also be observant of the fact that schools are very busy places. If you wish to see a teacher or administrator at the school, please call and make an appointment, and we will gladly find the time to meet with you. We are unable to accommodate drop-ins this year due to COVID restrictions in place. If you must take your child out from the school during instructional hours please buzz into the office and your child will be brought outside to you.

CONTEST! Student Handbook Scavenger Hunt

Please complete and return the Student Handbook Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win a **FAMILY NIGHT OUT!** We hope this is a fun way to learn about our school!

Music Room in September:

Welcome back HES families, I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful summer we had.



Grade 2-3's- The human body is the first musical instrument and the students this month will be exploring different ways to make music, such as clapping, stomping, patting knees and snapping fingers. In doing so the students will also be learning the difference between what the beat, and the rhythm are in a piece of music. Percussion instruments will also be used for these purposes during the month of September.

Students will also be using poems and simple songs to practice using their singing voices- tone that is pleasant, light and never forced or shouty. In doing so they will be reinforcing their knowledge about beats and rhythm's as well as their knowledge on the dynamics, tempo, and pitch of a piece of music.

Grade 4-5's- Students will be reviewing and building on prior knowledge they have of the different musical elements such as dynamics, tempo, pitch, rhythm and form. This will be done through games, songs, and class activities. They will then be demonstrating their knowledge of these elements by creating their own pieces of music and presenting them to their classmates.

Students will be focusing on Strand 1 of the Music curriculum outcomes this month which focuses on creating, making, and presenting. GCO 1- Students will explore, challenge, develop, and express ideas, using the skills, language, techniques, and processes of the arts. GCO 2- Students will be expected to create and/ or present, collaboratively, and independently, expressive products in the arts for a range of audiences and purposes.

Please reach out with any questions and/or concerns that you may have.

Submitted by Ms. Leblanc

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*"There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all."
– Jacqueline Kennedy*



SEPTEMBER

P.E. News



Intramurals

Students will have the opportunity to participate in grade level **Fun Runs** during lunch recess.

What's Happening in PE?

Welcome back Hawks! It's time to get our bodies moving. The focus for this month will be routines and procedures, basic movements, endurance, team building, and being safe during physical activities. Students will practice these skills through a variety of games and stations.

Terry Fox



Hampton Elementary School will be participating in the Terry Fox National School Walk Event on September 24th. Students will learn about the heroic efforts of Terry Fox and have the opportunity to raise funds for cancer research. Stay tuned for more details.



Let's start the year off on the right foot! Please remember to dress for the weather and wear proper footwear to P.E.



"I Can" Statement of the Month

- I can move safely through a variety of physical activity indoors and outdoors (Grade 2).*
- I can be safe in a variety of physical activities (Grade 3).*
- I can select safe practices in a variety of physical activities (Grade 4).*
- I can act respectfully and safely in a variety of physical activities (Grade 5).*