



Hampton Elementary School

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Newsletter



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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

"Time flies when you're having fun." This figurative sentence describes the year perfectly. There is excitement in the air that is contagious as the weather begins to feel like summer might be here! As I write this final Principal Message of the 2014-2015 school year, we have much to reflect on. This year we have focused diligently on the wrapping up of our 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 pod of 8 ipads to read, create and extend their learning. Grade 5 students explored creating Movie Previews to communicate their learning of various curricular areas. We are proud of the many accomplishments and successes of all our students throughout the year. Hampton Elementary students have grown in so many ways and their love of learning is evident in all they do.
- Special Presentations: Art Richard (bilingual performer), Symphony NB, HHS Glee Club, Writers in the school: Diane Carmel Leger, Calithumpians (Permaculture), MCS Charlotte's Web, Children's Book Week: Shane Peacock, Comic Art Tour
- Events: Bus Safety, Terry Fox Walk, Career Expo, Remembrance Day Ceremony, WITS kickoff, Empty Stocking Fund, Santa Shuffle, National Jersey Day, Healthy Eating with Famer Dave, Jump Rope for Heart, Art in the Saint John Market

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 my first year as your Principal and I have loved 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



Walk Away
Ignore
Talk it Out
Seek Help

WORDS OF WITSDOM

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

Mark Your Calendar!

June

Saturday, June 13th—Big Fair Day

Friday, June 19th—Last day for students



Looking Ahead: September

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd—Welcome Back Social

Tuesday, Sept. 8th—First day for students

Hot Lunch and Milk Program

There will be no hot lunch or milk for the last week of school June 15-19th, 2015

Track and Field

Selected students will be representing Hampton Elementary School at our annual District Track and Field meet taking place in Sussex. 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.

Goodbye and Congratulations

The staff and students would like to wish Mrs. Armstrong all the best on her retirement. We appreciate all the contributions you have made to HES and we are going to miss you!



PSSC—Parent School Support Committee

Last Meeting:

Monday,
June 8th, 6:30 p.m.

The final PSSC meeting for the 2014-2015 year will be June 8th. 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.

Home and School Association

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 Hokki Stools, supported the library with the purchase of new chairs, books and bookshelves, and continued to support teachers in many ways that help to improve the learning conditions for our students.

For updates about Home and School, please ask to be part of our Facebook group under "Hampton Elementary School Home and School".

Last Meeting:

Tuesday,
June 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Big Fair Day

Big Fair Day, Saturday, June 13th is approaching very fast. This year's annual fundraiser is being held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 10am-1pm and will be located at the Hampton Arena. Big Fair Day is a fun activity filled morning with fair themed games and prizes. There is also a BBQ, Bouncy castles and a silent auction. Big Fair Day has been part of the Hampton Elementary School for over 30 years.

Big Fair Day is a fundraiser for Hampton Elementary School. Last year BFD raised over \$3000.00. The money raised was used to purchase materials for the library and help support the ongoing upgrades to the playground. This year the Home and School Association would like to raise \$4000.00 to purchase new equipment for the playground.

Ways to help: email to volunteer for the class booth or to donate an item for the silent auction or BBQ, such as water or juice. Donation items can be dropped off at the school during school hours.



Questions? Contact Nicole Richardson at hes.homeandschool@gmail.com

Report Cards and Student Placement

Report Cards will go home on **Friday, June 19th**. The report card will not state what classroom your child has been assigned to for the 2015-2016 school year at Hampton Elementary.

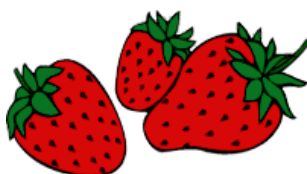


We are always adjusting class lists over the summer to create balanced classrooms, and we are still waiting to complete the hiring of all of our teaching staff for the new school year. You can check to see who your child's teacher will be for the coming school year by checking class lists that will be posted on classroom doors on the evening of **Sept. 2nd, 2015**. Also, enclosed in the home report envelope will be a school supply list for your child for next year. If your child is not attending school on the 19th, 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 19th.

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. Transition events include: a music performance at HMS, outdoor Zumba with HMS students 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 begin 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 raised \$3300.00, just shy of our goal of \$3500 but Mrs. Blanchard has agreed to be a Fly On the Wall anyway!

Marigolds

HES Students are planting Marigolds again this year on June 10th and we will have a sale the next day with those remaining on June 11th \$1.00-\$3.00.



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 18th beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a small reception to following in classrooms.

Daily Schedule 2015-2016

Below is our daily schedule for the 2015-2016 (no changes)

7:50-8:10 Supervision on the Playground
8:25 O'Canada and Announcements
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 2015-2016

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.

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, September 2nd 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.). 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 school supplies at this time and leave them in their classroom.



Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!
School Begins in the Fall for Students on
Tuesday, September 8th. See you all then!



SPEAKING OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE...

(FROM THE ASD-S SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT)

Good Times With Games...



Did you know that playing a game can help your child's language GROW? Playing a game is a great way to have fun with your child and build language at the same time!

Games help your child...

- ask and answer questions
- give and follow directions
- tell stories
- take turns and play fair
- remember things
- learn new words
- describe things
- HAVE FUN!



Here's a list of fun games that you might be able to find at the toy store, at second hand shops, at garage sales, online, or maybe even at Grandma's house:

- **Clue Junior**
5-8 years – Parker Brothers
- **Cranium Cadeo for Juniors**
7 years and up – Cranium, Inc.
- **Go Fish**
4 years and up – various companies
- **Goosebumps Story Telling Game**
7 years and up – Parker Brothers
- **Guess My Name Game**
6-10 years – Ravensburger
- **Guess Where?**
6 years and up – Milton Bradley
- **Guess Who?**
6 years and up – Milton Bradley
- **Hedbanz Junior**
7-14 years – Pressman Toy Corporation
- **I Spy-Mouse Follies**
4 years and up – Giftcraft Toys
- **I Spy-Puppy World**
4 years and up – Giftcraft Toys
- **Loaded Questions Junior**
8 years and up – All Things Equal, Inc.
- **Magnetic Boards/Create a Scene**
3 years and up – Smithport
- **Mystery Garden**
4-12 years – Ravensburger
- **Original Memory Game** or variations
3-6 years – Milton Bradley
- **Outburst Junior**
7-14 years – Golden Hersch
- **Pictionary Junior**
7-12 years – Pictionary, Inc.
- **Race to the Roof**
5-10 years – Ravensburger
- **Scattergories Junior**
8-11 years – Hasbro
- **Scrabble Junior**
5 years and up – Hasbro
- **Secret Square**
4 years and up – University Games
- **Silly Stories**
4 years and up – Binary Arts
- **Taboo Junior**
8 years and up – Hasbro
- **Tell a Story**
4-8 years – Ravensburger
- **Three for Me**
4 years and up – Patch Products
- **Tri-Bond Kids**
7-11 years – Patch Products
- **Twenty Questions**
12 years and up – University Games
- **What's in Ned's Head?**
4 years and up – Fundex Games

Want more information on speech and language? Read the Talk Box Resource List.

Everyday and everyway – GAMES ON THE GO...

Children learn language every single day and in almost everything they do! When you're on the go, a perfect way to spend time with your child is to play a GAME ON THE GO...Here are some ideas for games that are easy to play, build language, and don't cost a thing! Remember, play these games in the language you know best.

- **I Spy:** Take turns guessing things that you see. Pick something that you can both see, but don't say what it is. Give clues until your child guesses what you are describing. For example, if you spy a knife, you might say, "I spy something sharp", "I spy something long", or "I spy something that I eat with".
- **What am I?:** Take turns giving clues to guess objects that you think of. Your descriptions will sound like a riddle! For example, if you are describing a goldfish, you could say, "I'm orange, I swim, and I have fins. What am I?"
- **Chain Game:** Take turns saying words that go together. See how long you can go without breaking the chain! For example, start by saying, "sun". Your child then adds a word that goes with "sun", like "summer". You will need to come up with a word that goes with "summer". You may end up with a very long chain of words like, "sun"- "summer"- "hot"- "beach"- "sand"- "sandcastle"- "shovel"- "pail". Keep going until you can't think of any more words.
- **Twenty Questions:** Take turns thinking of a person, place, or thing. Don't say what you're thinking of. The other person asks questions to guess what you're thinking of. You can only say "yes" or "no" when you answer. You're only allowed to ask 20 questions to guess what the object is.
- **Simon Says:** Give 1, 2, or 3 directions to your child. Start most of your directions with "Simon says". For example, say, "Simon says, touch your ear, then jump up." Your child can only follow the directions that start with "Simon says". If you don't say "Simon says" at the beginning of your direction, she shouldn't do what you say. For example if you say, "Turn around and clap your hands", your child should do nothing and say, "You didn't say Simon says!" Take turns being the person who gives the directions.
- **Word Subs:** Say 2 or 3 sentences that are exactly the same except for one word. Ask your child to tell you the word that you changed in the sentences. For example, you three sentences could be, "I folded your shirt and put it into your drawer. I folded you undershirt and put it into your drawer. I ironed your shirt and put it into your drawer." Your child would then tell you the words you changed were "shirt" and "undershirt", and "folded" and "ironed".
- **Telephone Number:** Say a list of 3 to 5 numbers. Say each number, like "3-6-9-4-5". Don't say "thirty-six thousand, nine hundred forty-five". Have your child say the numbers back to you in the right order. As this gets easier for your child, add one more number. Let your child give you a list of numbers to repeat!
- **Throw One Back:** Name 2 or 3 things that belong to the same group or category, and 1 thing that doesn't belong to that group. Have your child tell you, or throw back the object that doesn't fit. For example, if you say, "broccoli, celery, hotdog, lettuce", your child would say, "Hotdog does not belong, because it's not a vegetable."
- **Mix-Up:** Tell your child 4 or 5 words that are all mixed up, but that make up a sentence when they are in the right order. Ask your child to put the words in the right order! For example, if you say, "outside, is, it, cold", your child would tell you the sentence, "It is cold outside." To make this trickier, ask your child to tell you 2 sentences with the same words. For example the words, "outside", "is", "it", and "cold" can also turn into the question "Is it cold outside?"
- **Word Building:** Give your child a word. Ask him to add another word to it to make a new word. For example, if you say, "rain", your child could add the words "coat", "bow", "hat", or "fall" to make the words "raincoat", "rainbow", "rain hat", and "rain fall".

These games are fun to play with the whole family! Play them in the car, on a walk, at the doctor's office, in a line up...

Go to www.parentlinkalberta.ca for more Talk Box ideas.

