



Highland Park Junior High School

September / October News

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

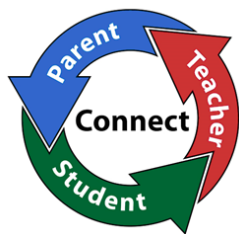
We are into our second month of the 2019-2020 school year with many great things happening for Highland Park students new and returning. We cannot thank the community and parents enough for all your support as this continues to make our school a positive place of education for our students.

Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month in Nova Scotia. The goal of the month is to help Nova Scotians build awareness of Mi'kmaq history and heritage, and to increase understanding of the province's rich Mi'kmaq culture.

Treaty Day marked the beginning of Mi'kmaq History Month as proclaimed in 1993 by then Premier John

Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy. Several events are planned throughout the month. Its purpose is to promote public awareness about the Mi'kmaq culture and heritage for all citizens of Nova Scotia. For more information, visit the Mi'kmaq History Month Committee's website: <http://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/>.



Parent Teacher Meetings—Two Different Locations

The first Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on: **Thursday, November 28th from 1-3 p.m. at Mulgrave Park, 123 & 133 Jarvis Lane, Halifax.** and **Thursday, November 28th from 6-8 p.m. in the Highland Park Gym.**

If there are any questions or concerns you may have about your child before then, please don't hesitate to contact the teacher at the school before too much time passes.

Grade 9—Take our Kid to Work Day

We encourage parents and guardians to invite their own child to spend a day on the job. If you are unable to host your own child, there are still ways for your child to participate. Here are some suggestions:

- ⇒ Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to host your child at his or her workplace.
- ⇒ Contact the school, speak with the principal, career studies or co-op teacher and ask if they can assist you with finding a suitable placement.

- ⇒ Ask the parent of another Grade 9 student who is participating, if your child could join them for the day.
- ⇒ Contact local businesses, ask if they are hosting students for Take Our Kids to Work, and inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.

Community Project

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The seventh grade ELA classes started the year off with a unit on 'Community'. We have been exploring what community means to them, how communities thrive, and what hinders

communities from being great. To launch the unit, we welcomed Mary Ledger, a travelling art coach with the school board. She led us through an amazing art project that culminated in a giant mural of all the students' favourite local spaces. It now hangs

prominently above the class as a reminder that we must all live together, and to be kind and compassionate to our neighbours!"

Athletics News

Highland Park Athletics is off to a busy start fielding both Girls and Boys Soccer teams who are halfway through their schedules. The girls have been working hard and major improvements have been evident throughout the season. The boys are strong on paper and look to transfer that onto the field to follow up an undefeated season last year. Highland Park staff and students would like to thank Tara Ibrahim and Jesse Thomson for their volunteered time coaching the teams.

Grade 7 student Parker Smith will be representing HP at the Citadel Zone Cross Country meet at Point Pleasant Park on October 4th - Good-luck Parker!

Girls Volleyball has started with tryouts

and will start their season at the end of October. The team is still looking for a skillful, experienced coach to help so anyone interested please contact Mr. Jerrett (kjerrett@hrce.ca) ASAP!

Basketball will be starting tryouts mid-November for both girls and boys. Their respective seasons will start in early January. We are still looking to confirm a coach for the girls team, again, anyone interested please contact Mr. Jerrett (kjerrett@hrce.ca) ASAP. We would like to thank Trevor Walter for his continued support coaching the boys team for a third straight year.



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Mi'kmaq Identity Quilt

Grade 8 & 9 students reflecting on the spirit of Orange Shirt Day through this Mi'kmaq Identity Quilt



Through the Mi'kmaq Identity Quilt, grade 8 and 9 students were reflecting on the spirit of Orange Shirt Day and reconciliation by choosing a component of their identity to represent in the Mi'kmaq language. The orange strings that tie the

piece together symbolize unity and support, and intend to honour those who were impacted by the residential school system in Canada more than a century ago.

Introduction from our new Band Teacher

Hi HPJH community and families; My name is Lisa Clarke and I am the band teacher at HPJH. I have been involved in music all my life, and studied voice and flute privately for years. I joined band in grade 6 and never looked back. I am a flute player and have played flute for 30 years. I'm really excited to work with the band students and make band a fun learning experience for everyone. In my program, the students will be taking play-

ing tests that will incorporate basic skills we work on in our band music, and a short piece from our book, Standard of Excellence. Looking ahead to our Holiday music, we have already begun to work on a couple of pieces and the students seem to really like the music I've chosen. It is my hope that in band this year we will grow together, and learn together, and of course, produce



A Hack-O-Thon Style Event for a few of our Students

This is a problem-solving event focused on environmental sustainability, engaged citizenship, and mentorship.

Our school has nominated 5 grade 9 student ambassadors to attend this event on October 23. These students will be responsible to take

the ideas of their peers to E-Mission and bring the key learnings back to the classroom. E-Mission will be the time for students to collaboratively apply their learnings from the toolkit and solve the presented environmental problem with guidance from a subject matter expert. This event will provide links to outcomes for Healthy Living 9, Citizenship 9, Science 9 and Technology.



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Dalhousie BEAM - Because Everyone's Ability Matters

The BEAM program is an opportunity for children with a wide range of cognitive and physical disabilities to come and partake in different activities with students studying in the health professions. This program is held for one hour on a weekly basis where each participant is paired with a student buddy. The program is **FREE** to participate in!

WHEN?

THURSDAYS FROM 6-7PM

SEP 26

OCT 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

NOV 7, 21, 28

WHERE?

**Collaborative Health
Education Building (CHEB)
ROOM 170
5793 UNIVERSITY AVENUE**

WHO?

**IF INTERESTED,
PLEASE CONTACT:
dalhousieBEAM@gmail.com**

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HRCE Parent Navigators

Parents and Guardians – Do you need someone to talk to about...

Understanding supports within your child's school and the ways to access these supports?

Supports available for your child in your community?

Concerns regarding your child's academic, emotional, and/or social well-being?

Processes such as school registration, bussing, or the Parent/Guardian Concern protocol?

An upcoming parent teacher or school meeting?

If so...contact an HRCE Parent Navigator!

Parent Navigators will help guide and connect you with the most appropriate resources to help address your questions.

They are willing to connect through email, phone, or to meet in person in a comfortable setting in your community!

No appointment or referral process is necessary. Simply reach out!

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