

HANTSPORT Connection

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April 2016



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL...

- ◆ Monday, April 4—Light It Up Blue Kick Off—WEAR BLUE
- ◆ Thursday, April 7— 9 am Dare to Dream dance performance for the school
- ◆ Thursday, April 7—Mother's Day Flower Orders are now DUE
- ◆ Thursday, April 7 - Report Cards released
- ◆ Wednesday, April 13— Evening Student Led Conference 6:00-8:30 pm
- ◆ Thursday, April 14 - NO SCHOOL for students AM Student Led Conference PM Inservice
- ◆ Wednesday, April 20—Home & School 7:00 pm
- ◆ Friday, April 22—EARTH DAY and BLUE SOCK HOP—wear your best blue socks and anything else BLUE
- ◆ Friday, April 29—Middle Level trip to Mermaid Theatre
- ◆ Wednesday, May 4— 7:00 pm Hantsport School hosts monthly AVRSB Board Meeting
- ◆ Saturday, May 7—Mother's Day Flower Pick Up (11 am—2:00 pm)
- ◆ Tuesday, May 10—Annapolis Valley Honour Choir performs for school
- ◆ Monday, May 16 Grade 5 to 6 Orientation in morning, at 6:30 pm Parent Information Meeting
- ◆ Tuesday, May 17—Grade 4/5 Learn to Fish Program
- ◆ Wednesday, May 25—Apple Blossom Festival Opening 6:00 pm
- ◆ Thursday, May 26—Hantsport School Grand Opening

**Light It Up Blue
for Autism
Awareness
Wear BLUE on
Monday, April 4**

Please check our website (hantsport.ednet.ns.ca/) regularly for updated information and announcements. We are also sending out Alert Solutions text messages and emails regarding upcoming events. Please call us with any updated email or cell phone numbers to receive messages.

When report cards go home on Thursday, April 7, you will also be receiving an invitation to Student Led Conference on April 13 and 14. This is an opportunity to see your student's work and have them explain it to you. The students will be working hard to prepare for this so please make an effort to have at least one family member attend.

LIGHT IT UP BLUE FOR AUTISM

Monday, April 4: (Since April 2 is a Saturday, we will start our activities then.)

Jake Lewis to make a morning announcement stating it is officially Light It Up Blue Day for Autism Awareness. This will kick-start Autism Awareness month for the month of April. He will also announce events that will be happening that morning.

Students and staff wear blue clothing, nail polish, hair colour, etc. Meet in the gym for a group picture, aiming for a light bulb formation if possible.

School bulletin boards will be decorated with inspirational words, phrases, quotes, images on light bulbs and ribbons.

Art activity: school mural: Hantsport School Lights It Up Blue for Autism Awareness : Set up a few HUGE blue tissue paper and blue construction paper mosaic murals on the glass panes in the lobby and each class can come down and put their blue mosaic piece on the windows. Each piece will be unique (as are our students with ASD) and put together to form a mosaic light bulb and possibly a few trees in the cafeteria. As the sun shines through it, it will actually give the effect of being lit up! (Or so we hope!) We will try to have as many as the glass panes will allow in the lobby and cafeteria.

The murals can stay up for the month of April as a reminder of what we are learning about.

Jake will make mini presentations to interested classrooms about how autism affects him, and how it is only a piece of who he is.

Teachers can read autism related stories, share success stories of people diagnosed with autism, challenging the views people may have of those diagnosed with autism.

Since we don't want to stop there, we propose to do one activity a week for the rest of April to continue promoting Autism Awareness! These may include:

Literacy connection: librarian will be reading autism themed stories when elementary classes come for story time. There will be other books available for middle school through the library and the resource teachers via the Autism Centre.

Noon hour blue chalk hopscotch and skipping chants led by grade 4/5 class.

Paint your pinkie blue

Face painting

Blue Sock Hop (April 22) – led by our primary student with autism (who LOVES to dance and has led a few assemblies in dancing!)

It's Good to Think Differently! Bulletin Info Board of great thinkers and leaders who think differently! (Steve Jobs, Einstein, and others suspected of having ASD or have been diagnosed with ASD)

We can take pictures and or/videoclips to send to the Valley Chapter, AVRSB, school newsletter, school website etc., once we've done it. The work can remain up for the month of April for Autism Awareness month if we would like to do that.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES...

There has been interest expressed in having noon hour, and possibly after school, clubs available for students. Some ideas being discussed include:

- GSA
- Anime
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Board Games
- Drama/Improv
- Art

We are also open to other ideas and parent volunteers.

In addition to this, our **Running Club** is starting up again next week. This year, due to scheduling conflicts, we will be running at noon time two days a week building up to the Valley Fun Run in Canning on Saturday, May 14. Students in all grades are invited to participate.

HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE:

Mother's Day Bouquet order forms are due back April 7th

Mother's Day Gift Basket - Raffle Tickets \$2 ea or three for \$5 - *going home soon.*

Hantsport Blend T.A.N. Coffee - orders are due back **Wed April 20th**

Whole beans or ground - Regular \$13/bag , Decaf \$14/bag (new price) **Next Monthly Meeting: Wed, April 20th 7PM**

LIBRARY ALMOST READY

The library is **almost** ready! Classes will be coming to borrow books in April. We have a beautiful, big, comfortable space to enjoy, with lots of new books for all ages and interests. The library will be open for middle school students at recess and noon on Mon., Tues., and Thursdays.

Lori Noseworthy

DARE TO DANCE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Dare to Dance -- the Nova Scotia challenge that dares your school to dance. Hantsport School has chosen to dance for 20 minutes during National Dance Week, April 22-29. We'll all get together and do some hip hop, step dance, conga lines or just boogie on down. And by dance, we mean the whole school!

In combination with Light It Up Blue, we will be holding a BLUE SOCK HOP at noon (or during an assembly) on EARTH DAY, Friday, 22 April.

Our school could win a free dance workshop for your school, courtesy of PERFORM!

Hantsport Home & School Coffee
Order Program through T.A.N.
Coffee

Thanks for your support

DEADLINE is April 20

Don't Miss
Out on Your
Coffee Order



Name				
Class				
QUANTITY		DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
Regu- lar	Decaf			
		Hantsport School Blend (GROUND) TAN COFFEE	\$13.00	
		Hantsport School Blend (WHOLE BEANS) TAN COFFEE	\$13.00	
		Hantsport School Blend (GROUND) TAN COFFEE	\$14.00	
		Hantsport School Blend (WHOLE BEANS) TAN COFFEE	\$14.00	
TOTAL				

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If you have any questions, contact Kristy Webster 902-691-6841 (call or text)
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be getting started with our Doctors of Nova Scotia Run Club next week. The Run Club is a free, school-based running program designed to help children and youth lead more active lives. Students from P-8 are encouraged to join. The program is offered across Nova Scotia. The club will run from April 7-May 14, with our goal being to attend the Valley Fun Run held in Canning on Saturday, May 14th. This year, Run Club will take place twice a week during noon hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the main lobby on Monday, April 4th for those students interested. If your child has signed up, more information will follow.

Feel free to contact the school if you have further questions. Looking forward to a new season!

Thanks,

Running Club Team Coaches (Angie Lockhart, Wendy Hudson, Angela Bigelow)

ATHLETIC UPDATE:

TRACK AND FIELD

- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 interested in being on the Track and Field Team, please see Ms. Conroy to sign up, **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY - but welcome!** We try to have at least one student, per gender, per event. There are many events to participate in such as short distance running, long distance running, group running (relays), throwing, and jumping. For a complete list of events, please see Ms. Conroy.
- **Basketball Athletes** - Please make sure your uniforms are returned to your coaches ASAP if you have not already done so!

Congratulations to Mrs. LeBlanc's Primary /One class who have won a colouring contest sponsored by the RRFB Nova Scotia and Valley Waste. We will receive a \$500 cheque for the school and other prizes for the students. Well done everyone!!!