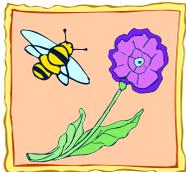




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Principal's Message



This is an exciting time of year at Hammond Bay. We have so many exciting activities still on the horizon before the end of the year. We encourage all students to take part in the variety of options available.

As we have just completed the Spell-a-thon, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students for taking on the challenge of learning all those words. I am hearing how well you've done!

We have begun our whole school weekly Neck Point Walk/Runs in preparation for the Track & Field season. Our School Track and Field date is May 18th. Parent volunteers are needed for the day. If you are interested, please complete the bottom portion of your child's permission slip and/or email me at cbohm@sd68.bc.ca.

We have once again offered the DARE program to the Grade 5 students. Lessons are on Friday mornings in both Division 10 and 11. Thank you to Constable Wilson for instructing and to PAC for supporting this valuable program. Parents are invited to the DARE Graduation on May 19th. Please RSVP with Mme. Kelly at Kelly.Payne@sd68.bc.ca.

Please come and join us May 3 and 4 for the Spring Fine Arts Performance. We are looking forward to seeing the musical and dramatic talents of your children. Thank you to Mme. Karpuik for organizing this wonderful event.

Grade 7 students will be participating in the Swim to Survive program, starting April 25th. Permission slips have been distributed already along with a synopsis of the program. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or myself.

Our students participated in the Patati Patata competition this year. We had five upper intermediate students present at the school level on May 5th. Well done to everyone! The District level competition took place on May 18th at the Port Theatre. Congratulations to Rhys W. for presenting at the District competition. Thank

you to Mme. Kelly for organizing the school event.

Hammond Bay is once again hosting two sessions of Bedtime Shenanigans. This event is aimed at children 3-4 years old and filled with crafts, story-telling, music and movement, and a snack. Our first night was very well attended. Our second Bedtime Shenanigans evening is coming up on Thursday, May 18th at 6-7:30pm. Please RSVP the school if you are wishing to attend with your child.

Come and enjoy our Young Entrepreneurs Fair on April 20th. Students in Grade 6 and 7 have been learning about financial planning and have prepared wares to sell. The event will run all day in the gym. Items range from .50\$ to 5.00\$. Thank you to M. LaBounty, Mme. Danielle, and M. Kevin for organizing this wonderful event.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place April 21-25 in our school Gym. Although the Fair is open to the general public all three days, students will only be permitted in the gym at lunch recess and after school. Please be aware we are asking students to not make purchases for their friends or to lend money.

Bookfest and Healthamongus are two beloved annual events happening at Hammond Bay in May. Thank you Mme. Alison and PAC for sponsoring the Bookfest. Information about Healthamongus will be coming home shortly from the classroom teacher.

Just a reminder to all parents that May 12th is a Professional Development Day for teachers. School will be closed for students.

Christine Bohm

Vice-Principal's Message

Happy Easter!! I hope everyone had a restful long weekend. As the warmer, sunny weather begins, it's a great time to talk to students about sun safety. A hat and sunscreen are always helpful to keep students safe and feeling good while at school. Water bottles are a great asset to have on hand as well, to keep hydrated. They can be left at school along with additional

sunscreen as the school does not provide these items.

I also wanted to take a moment to congratulate all our Patati & Patata contestants for their excellent effort and hard work. You all did an amazing job! Rhys W was the winner at Hammond Bay to go onto the regional finals at The Port Theater, where she did another great presentation. A final huge thank you to our two judges who did an amazing and thorough job assessing all performances.

A bientot,

Kelly Payne

Fine Arts Performance

We would like to invite you to our Fine Arts Performances on May 3rd and 4th at 1:00 pm in the Gym. Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be performing some musical and dramatic entertainment. Please see the schedule below for when your child is performing. Thank you to Mme. Wendy for organizing this event.

Wednesday, May 3rd 1:00 Gym

Div 1 – Mme.Linda

Div 3 – Mme. Raduta

Div 5 – Mme. Kim

Div 7 – Mme. Anneli/M. Palmer

Div 9 – Mme. Williams

Div 11 – Mme. Dominique/Mme. Kelly

Thursday, May 4th 1:00 Gym

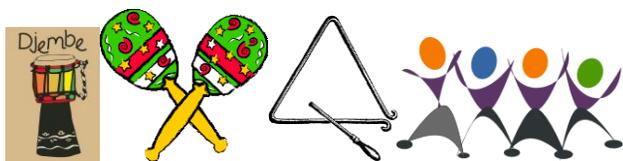
Div 2 – Mme. Kathleen

Div 4 – Mme. Natascha

Div 6 – Mme. Monica

Div 8 – M. Mercier

Div 9 – Mme. Foster



Are you moving?

If you are planning to move away from the Nanaimo area or are transferring your children to another school next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2017-18 school year.

Class Placements for 2017-18

Staffing for the next school year has yet to be finalized by the School District; however Hammond Bay staff will begin the process of student class placements in the last month of school.

The staff works carefully as a team to discuss the best placement for their students. We consider the following criteria when making these decisions;

- Gender balance

- Mix of academic ability levels
- Student learning style
- Teaching style
- Student's special needs
- Child and parent relationship with teacher
- Maturity level
- Work habits
- Physical and intellectual growth
- Contractual agreement
- Educationally relevant information from parents

The decision for placement is primarily based on the recommendation of the student's present teacher(s), the person(s) most familiar with their needs but according to the *School Act*, it is ultimately the Principal's decision and responsibility.

Parents may submit a letter to the Principal stating the type of learning environment you believe your child would need to be successful. **Please do not indicate a specific teacher**, but rather frame your comments in constructive and positive terms which highlight the educational merits for your child. Teachers will also be reading the letters. Please do not make an appointment with the teacher or myself to discuss the content of your letter. **Only written requests to the Principal, submitted by May 26, 2017, will be considered in the process.** In arranging new classes, we will endeavor to place students in the best educational setting. Please note that teacher assignments to specific classes will not be confirmed until late June, or even September. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Erase Bullying Resource

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with School Districts across the province have developed and implemented an online student and parent resource about and to report bullying incidents. Please visit www.erasebullying.ca for more information.

After School Expectations

Hammond Bay School is located in an ideal setting. Students love to stay after school and play on the playground and in the surrounding forest. Only two school staff offer after school supervision (Front and Upper Playground) for 15 minutes after dismissal. Due to this limited level of supervision, I would like to thank parents for picking up their children promptly after dismissal. Students playing in the forest should be directly supervised by their parent or a parent

designate. Unaccompanied students are not allowed in the forest. Please review expectations regarding “stranger safety” with your children. We often have strangers walking through our school grounds or walking in the forest on their way to Neck Point Park.

Spring/Summer Allergy Season

We have had many students come to the office complaining of seasonal allergies such as itchy/watery eyes etc. If your child has seasonal allergies, please stop by the office to complete a Medication Form and provide us with your child’s allergy medication (Benadryl/Chloratrimon). This will save you a trip to the school with medication. Students must not keep medication in their backpack; it must be stored at the office.

Spell-a-thon

The big test took place the week of April 18-21st. Following the test, students were asked to collect their pledges and return them to the school by April 25th. All students who participate in the Spell-A-Thon will receive a token gift. Thank you to PAC for sponsoring this event. This is an important PAC fundraising event and we would like to thank all families for their support.



Track and Field

Track and Field practices have now started in the students’ PE classes.

Grade 3 to 7 students are invited to participate in our School Track and Field Meet on Thursday, May 18th at the Rotary Bowl (9:30-1:45).

Permission slips will be coming home during the first week of May. As always, we will be needing parent volunteers to help out with the events. If you are available, please complete the bottom portion of the permission slip or contact Mme. Bohm directly at 250-758-5711 or cbohm@sd68.bc.ca. We will be needing approximately 14-16 volunteers.



Healthamongus

Upcoming on May 17-19th students in Kindergarten – Grade 2 will participate in the annual Healthamongus Days event with Nanaimo Parks and Recreation at Beban Park. Healthamongus Days is an event with games and activities to encourage a healthy lifestyle through activity. This year the activities will be taking place outside, so remember to dress for any type of weather!

Dress Code

As in the past, we appreciate the fact that our students come to school appropriately dressed for our school activities and the weather. Please remember to have a pair of running shoes for PE at school if you are planning to wear sandals. **Flip Flops are not appropriate footwear for school.** T-shirt logos must be appropriate and shirts should cover the midriff and should not be off the shoulders. Clothing or jewelry that have references to drugs or alcohol may not be worn to school. Beach wear: **spaghetti strap tops, short shorts, muscle shirts, open back t-shirts etc. are not to be worn at school.** Students will be asked to change or school clothing may be offered if alternative clothing is not available. Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students.



Library News

Bonjour,

Thanks to the generosity of our PAC, École Hammond Bay will welcome Bookfest authors in early May. We look forward to presentations by Scott Chantler, Ruth Ohi and Celestine Aleck, as well as a few teen authors whose stories were published in the anthology, *In Our Own Voice*. Bookfest (Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival) will be held on Saturday, May 7th at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre and Harbourfront Library. Tickets are available at <http://www.bookfest.ca>

Bonne lecture!

Madame Alison

Sports

As we wind up the Basketball season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parent coaches, helpers, and teacher sponsors for their dedication and support to our teams of students. The Pee Wee teams have completed their season, and the Bantam teams are moving into playoffs. Congratulations to all the participating students on your spirit and enthusiasm! Well done!

Cougar/Bear Safety

In the spring, summer and fall, bear sightings in the vicinity of schools are fairly common and occasionally there is a sighting of a cougar. All sightings should be reported to 1-877-952-7277. Ask for the conservation officer on duty.

Below are a few basic safety rules with regard to cougars. More detailed information is available on the internet at www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/

- Never approach a cougar. Although cougars will normally avoid a confrontation, all cougars are unpredictable. Cougars feeding on a kill may be dangerous.
- Always give a cougar an avenue of escape.
- Stay calm. Talk to the cougar in a confident voice.
- Pick all children up off the ground immediately. Children frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack.
- Do not run. Try to back away from the cougar slowly. Sudden movement or flight may trigger an instinctive attack.
- Do not turn your back on the cougar. Face the cougar and remain upright.
- Do all you can to enlarge your presence. Do not crouch down or try to hide. Pick-up sticks or branches and wave them about.

Students walking to and from schools:

- Walk in groups.
- Stick to the roads – do not walk through bush.

Bike Safety

As summer approaches and the weather is getting better, here are a few bike safety rules to remember:



- Always wear a safety approved bicycle helmet.
- Always ride in view of your parent or guardian.
- Let your parent or guardian check that your bicycle is in good mechanical shape.
- Make sure your bicycle is safe and has reflectors, lights and a bell.
- Look both ways at intersections and make eye contact with drivers before proceeding.
- Give a warning as you approach walkers/runners to pass them.
- Watch closely for cars leaving driveways.
- Ride with traffic.

SD 68 is looking for Homestay Families

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools is currently seeking caring and supportive homestay families who would welcome the opportunity to share their home with an international student.

The students are generally 15 to 18 years of age and would attend the high school in your neighbourhood. The district pays a stipend to homestay families.

If your family is interested in this rewarding experience to share our Canadian culture, and offer support and guidance to young international students, please contact Diane Carswell, Homestay Coordinator at diane.carswell@sd68.bc.ca.

PAC INFORMATION

Wow! Thank you parents and guardians for your tremendous support of PAC. Through our various fundraisers and Fun Lunch initiatives we are able to enrich our students school life with such privileges as Authors In The Classroom, Artists In The School, subsidized field trips, courtyard and roundabout improvements and many other activities.

Delivery of Mother's Day hanging baskets will be the first week of May. Extras were ordered so if you missed the pre-ordering deadline you still have a chance on getting one (first come first served) baskets are grown locally and cost \$20.00.

Spell-A-Thon has begun in some divisions and will continue next week April 18th-21st. Pledges are to be handed in by April 25th.

Scholastic 50% Book Fair. This is a great time to stock up on summer reading material at a great \$\$\$. Fair dates are April 21st - April 24th & April 25th. Opening times will be in next week's reminders.

5 Fun Lunch dates left. Next lunch is Friday April 21st with the cut-off on Saturday April 15th.

On-Going Fundraisers: Thrifty's Smile Cards * Cobs Bread (both locations just mention Hammond Bay School) * Soap Exchange Country Club Mall

Next PAC Meeting is Monday May 8th at 7:00PM. Can't make the PAC meetings and have questions or concerns, please email us at ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com
Also check us out on Facebook 😊

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 20	Young Entrepreneur Fair Neck Point Run
April 21-25	Scholastic Book Fair
April 21	Hot Lunch
April 24	Div 7 Field trip

April 25	Grade 7 Swim to Survive
April 26	Neck Point Run Spell a thon Prize Draw Div 5 & 6 Field trip
April 27	Student Council Popsicle Sale Grade 2 Open House Assembly – Grade 2 presenting
April 28	Neck Point Run DARE for Grade 5
May 1	Div 7 Field trip Neck Point Run
May 2	Grade 7 Swim to Survive
May 3	Fine Arts Performance Popcorn Day
May 4	Bookfest Fine Arts Performance
May 5	Bookfest Neck Point Run DARE for Grade 5 Hot Lunch Student Council Popsicle Sale
May 8	Neck Point Run
May 9	DARE for Grade 5
May 10	Neck Point Run
May 11	Welcome to Kindergarten Bedtime Shenanigans
May 12	Non Instructional Day
May 16	Neck Point Run
May 17	Grade 7 NDSS Tour
May 18	School Track & Field
May 19	Grade 6 Immunization DARE Graduation Hot Lunch
May 22	Victoria Day – schools are closed
May 23-26	Grade 7 Field Trip
May 23	Neck Point Run
May 25	Div 9 Field Trip Neck Point Run
May 30	Neck Point Run