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Principal's Message



To both our returning and our new families, Welcome to Hammond Bay! We hope you and your family have had a wonderful and restful summer break. The staff is looking forward to another exciting year of learning with your child(ren).

Every month, Hammond Bay distributes a newsletter, containing important and pertinent information for the upcoming month. It is also an avenue to celebrate students' achievements. All of our newsletters are distributed online to those who have signed up for the Newsletter List Serve (please visit our website to subscribe). They are also uploaded to our school website every month.

We have had some additional staffing changes over the summer. We are currently staffed for 15 divisions and 352 students. Below is the staff list for this year:

Librarian – Mme. Jacqueline
SST – Mme. Mitchell & Mme. St-Pierre
Music/Band – Ms. De Verteuil
Kindergarten – Mme. Kathleen
Kindergarten - Mme. Linda
Grade 1 – Mme. Natascha
Grade 1 - Mme. Raduta
Grade 2 – Mme. Kim
Grade 2 - Mme. Monica
Grade 2/3 – Mme. Anneli/TBD
Grade 3 – M. Mercier
Grade 3/4 – Mme. Knobl
Grade 4 – Mme. Kelly
Grade 5 – M. Palmer
Grade 5/6 – M. Mark/TBD
Grade 6 – M. LaBounty
Grade 6/7 – Mme. Isabelle
Grade 6/7 – M. Kevin
Aboriginal EA – Mme. Danica
EA – Mme. Sue-Ellen
EA – Mme. Amy
Noon Hour Supervisor – Mme. Shirley
Library Clerk – Mrs. Kim
Custodians – Mr. Foster & Mr. Sinnott
Counselor – Ms. Silickas (Thursdays)
Psychologist – Ms. Cote
Speech & Language – Mr. McGann (Fridays)
Child & Youth Care – Ms. Posnikoff
Secretary (Main) – Mrs. Clark

Secretary (Thur & Fri) – Mrs. Lockhart
Vice-Principal – M. Mark
Principal – Mme. Bohm

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's educational plan, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or myself. I look forward to meeting with you.

Christine Bohm

Vice Principal Message

I would like to thank the students and staff for a fantastic September start up. After only 3 weeks, Ecole Hammond Bay is already starting to feel like home. I am very excited about the many clubs and activities that are happening around the school. Our recent House assembly provided a fantastic way for the school to come together and greet our new kindergarten students. Big thanks to M. La Bounty for leading this. I am also very proud to be a newly appointed member of "Les Loups" (The wolves) and I am looking forward to seeing the House totems displayed in the main entrance. Along with cross-country and football, I am also very excited to be working with the grade 4 and 5's on a mountain biking program after school on Wednesdays. Again thanks to the entire Hammond Bay Elementary community for such a warm welcome. Just a quick note that my Vice Principal office has moved locations. It is located in the former meeting room in the courtyard. My office hours will be Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. I can be reached via email at jmark@sd68.bc.ca and by phone at the school 250-758-5711.



BELL SCHEDULE – 2017 - 2018

Our bell schedule for this year is as follows:

MONDAY

8:35 a.m.
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Start
Short Recess

11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Lunch Recess
1:27 p.m. Dismissal

TUESDAY – FRIDAY

8:35 a.m. Start
 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Short Recess
 11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Lunch Recess
2:27 p.m. Dismissal



Nut Aware

We greatly appreciate the effort Hammond Bay families make to ensure that our school is safe food zone for all students. While we cannot guarantee a nut free environment, we are reminding parents/guardians that snacks and foods containing nuts are not encouraged to be brought to school. We have a number of students and staff with severe life threatening allergies to nuts. We thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Rainbow Groups

Rainbows is a peer support group program for children who have had significant changes happen in their family. Those changes could include divorce, death, foster care or any other loss. The purpose of the Rainbows group is to alleviate the pain that accompanies grief, loss and change. The group focuses on 12 different topic areas helping children to share feelings and learn coping strategies. The groups are small and delivered for different age groups, the groups are led by me and I am a trained Rainbows facilitator. The group will meet during school hours (for about 30-60 minutes) and will last for 12 weeks. If you have questions about the group or would like your child to participate, please contact me at 250-668 8493.

Sandy Posnikoff
 Child and Youth Family Support Worker

Student Council

Our student council is off to a great start! We had over 65 students come out to our first meeting ready to change the world!

We work with students from Grade 5 through 7 every Friday at long recess, planning special events and fundraisers for WE Schools. We make sure to include school events, as well as both local and global causes.

We are looking forward to working with another enthusiastic group this year and we thank you for your continued support of our ideas. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

Mme Natascha, Mme Kim, and Mme Jacqueline

Absences

If your child is absent from school or know of dates your child will be away, we would ask you to please give the school a call by 8:35 am at 250-758-5711. If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a detailed message on our answering service. Your child’s safety is of the utmost importance to us.

Planners/Agendas

The teachers would like to use the Student Agenda again this year. However, pursuant to the Office of the Superintendent’s letter dated October 2006, the purchase of School Student Agendas must be optional. The School Student Agendas have been customized and include useful information. Should you wish to purchase a School Student Agenda, they are available for purchase at the cost of \$6.00 from the classroom teacher until September 22nd, and thereafter from the office.

Student Supplies

Each classroom has a Student Supplies List. These lists are available online at the new school website listed above. Paper copies of the Student Supplies List will be available from the classroom teacher. Teachers may also be asking for supplemental supplies or funds for specific supplies used in the classroom. Please make cheques payable to School District 68.

Student Verification Forms

In September the school sends home Student Verification Forms for parents/guardians to look over and sign. This form contains important information about your child: current home address and phone numbers, medical information, allergies, etc. It is vital that this information is up to date for each school year. Please return this form to the classroom teacher by September 15th.

Earthquake Comfort Kit

Every year we ask parents/guardians to provide their child with an Earthquake Comfort Kit. The kit is usually a ZipLock bag (medium sized) which contains some items designed to provide comfort to your child while they wait for their parent/guardian to pick them up from school after an emergency has occurred. Items such as a playing deck of cards, a small toy, and a note from the parent/guardian is usually included. Please refer to the Earthquake Comfort Kit letter insert in the June Report Card envelope for more details. Please ensure that your child has his/her own Comfort Kit at school by the end of September.

School Entrances/Exits & Parking Lot

On the first day of school, teachers will be reviewing the areas of entering and exiting for the students in their classrooms. We will be encouraging students to use these specific doors for entering and exiting the school at all times. *The front door is not for student use*, unless indicated by the school staff.

The parking lot is a very busy place at the beginning and end of our day; and parking spaces for parents will be at a minimum. Please respect other families and do not double park or block cars in. Parking is encouraged on Morningside Drive, at Neck Point Park and on Shores Drive. Please arrange a location for drop off and pick up with your children. We would ask everyone to not park in our entrance/exit. In case of emergency, the entrance/exit needs to be open and accessible.

Kindergarten students will enter and be dismissed directly from their classrooms' outside doors. Grade 1 and Grade 2 (Mme. Kim) will use the exterior courtyard door (towards the upper playground). Grade 2 (Mme. Monica) and Grade 3 will be entering and exiting via the back door in the Fire Lane. Grade 3/4 will enter directly into their classroom using their outside exit door at the back of the school. Grade 4 Grades 4 and 5 will enter and exit through their classroom exterior doors towards the front of the school. Grades 5/6 will use the side entrance located in the Fire Lane, and the classes in the Portables will enter and dismiss directly from their rooms.

Drop Off and Pick Up

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:20 am, unless they are attending the Kidz Company daycare or are involved in a school run morning activity. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) are picked up at the end of the day by 1:45 pm (Mondays) and 2:45 pm (Tuesdays-Fridays). Students whose parents are late will be asked to remain at the office. If you know you will be late, please contact the office a *minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day*, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

We would ask everyone to please respect the No Parking in the upper round about. This area is reserved for Day Care drop off and pick up and for those needing to parking in the Handicap Parking.

Volunteering

Parent volunteers are always welcome in our school. If you have time and/or a particular area of expertise, please do not hesitate to have a

conversation with the classroom teacher(s). A Criminal Record Check must be completed and be on file at the school. Criminal Record Checks can be completed and submitted to the RCMP directly by visiting the school's new website and following the directions given under the Parent tab. Drivers for field trips and/or teams must also have, in addition to the Criminal Record Check, a Volunteer Driver Form completed. These forms are available in the office.

Hammond Bay Paperless

We will be making a concerted effort this year to go as much as possible paperless. To receive our monthly newsletters and other important information, please visit our school's website and sign up to be on our Newsletter List Serve. If you change your email address throughout the year, please make sure to re-subscribe yourself. You can unsubscribe at any time. Thank you for helping us trying to be a "green" facility.

Meet the Teacher Night

We will be having our "Meet the Teacher Night" on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30-7:30 pm. There will be 2 sessions for parents, both a half an hour long. This gives families with more than one child an opportunity to visit the sibling class. Teachers will be explaining daily routines and classroom/school expectations, in addition to their curricular outlines. If you have specific questions/concerns regarding your child, please make an appointment to meet with the teacher at an alternate time.

Please bring your calendars/agendas to the evening as Parent-Teacher Conference signup sheets will be posted.

Band Rentals

Students in Grades 6-7 who are taking Band this year, are welcome to try and rent instruments at our annual Band Instrument rental event Friday, September 22nd in the Gym. Mme. De Verteuil will be available from 2:30-5:00 pm to help students select an instrument and answer any questions.

Terry Fox Walk/Run

On September 25th we will be honoring the memory of our Canadian Hero: Terry Fox, by participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk/Run at Neck Point. All money raised will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you for your support!

Spirit Days

Each month, we will be encouraging our students and staff to wear our school colours: blue and yellow. Spirit Days are part of our campaign to build a welcoming school community. Our first day is Friday, September 23rd.

Dress Code

As in the past, we appreciate the fact that our students come to school appropriately dressed for our school activities. Please remember to have a pair of running shoes at school if you are planning to wear sandals or flip-flops to school.



Students are expected to dress appropriately for each season and weather. T-shirt logos must be appropriate and shirts should cover the midriff. Clothing or jewelry that have reference 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. Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students.

Run Program at Neck Point

We will start our fall running program at Neck Point on September 25th. Classes will be invited to participate two times a week. This is great conditioning in preparation for the Cross Country North Zone and District Meets in October and November. Permission slips were sent home already and are needed to participate in this activity.

Sports

Football season is upon us! The league games begin on September 18th, with our Bantam Boys and Bantam Girls teams participating. Thank you to Mrs. Lewis and Mme. Isabelle for coaching and sponsoring the Bantam Girls team; and Mr. Stevenson and M. Kevin for coaching the sponsoring the Bantam Boys team.

Cross Country has also begun. Our Neck Point Runs are part of the training regime for the Cross Country Zone and District competitions. The Cross Country team meets every Wednesday at lunch recess on the lower field. Please direct inquiries to M. Palmer, who is the teacher sponsor.

Students born in the year 2008-09 are considered to be “Tyke”, in 2007-06 they are “Pee Wee” and in 2005-04 they are “Bantam”. These categories are determined by NETPEA and pertain to all sports offered through the association.

PAC News

Hammond Bay’s Parent Advisory Council had its first meeting on September 11th. It was wonderful to see such a large number of Hammond Bay parents attend. The PAC meetings are open to all parents/guardians of students attending our school. Meetings begin at

7 pm at the school on the second Monday of the month.

The PAC executive for this year are:

- Chair – Jennifer Therriault
- Vice Chair – Gabrielle Kosmider
- Secretary – Leslie Sansalone
- Treasurer – Alison Chang

If you have questions or comments for the PAC, please contact them directly via their email address: ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com

Mark your calendars!

- Sept 11 PAC meeting at 7 pm
- Sept 14 Fire Drill
- Sept 15 PAC Family picnic/movie
- Sept 18 Football Season begins
- Sept 18 Picture Day
- Sept 20 Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-7:30
- Sept 22 Band Instrument Rental 2:30-5:00
- Sept 21 Earthquake Drill
- Sept 25 Terry Fox Run/Walk
- Sept 28 Lockdown Practice
- Sept 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Oct 2 PAC meeting at 7:00
- Oct 5 Science World presentation
- Oct 6 Professional Development Day
- Oct 9 Thanksgiving – Schools are closed
- Oct 16-19 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct 20 Professional Development Day



School Calendar for 2017-18

Schools Open for Students	Tuesday, September 5
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Friday, October 6
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9
Non-Instructional Day / Pro D Day (Provincial PSA)	Friday, October 20
Remembrance Day (Observed)	Monday, November 13
Last day of classes before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22
Schools Re-Open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8
BC Family Day	Monday, February 12
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)	Monday, February 19
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Tuesday, February 20
Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 16
Good Friday	Friday, March 30
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, May 11
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21
Administrative Day - Schools area closed	Friday, June 29

There are 188 days in session.



Grade 6 Immunization Consent

Watch for immunization consent packages for grade 6 students that will be sent home early in the fall. Students in grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent(s) or representative. Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Canadian Parents for French announcements

As a network of volunteers, the Canadian Parents for French (CPF) supports French immersion and core French education in schools through the promotion and creation of learning opportunities, as well as advocacy. We will update you regularly on our events and other French language opportunities locally. Contact us at cpf.nanaimoladysmith@yahoo.com and <http://bc-yk.cpf.ca/chapter/nanaimo-ladysmith>

Thank you for supporting French as a second language in Nanaimo and Ladysmith, home of one of the largest French immersion student populations in BC. Support us by becoming a member - www.cpf.ca