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Principal's Message



As the 2017-2018 school year begins to draw to a close, we would like to congratulate our students on their hard work this year.

With only a few more weeks to go, we encourage everyone to continue to strive to do their best.

Our Spring Concerts were wonderful. Students showcased their musical talents in the Kindergarten-Grade 6 performances. Thank you to Mme. De Verteuil for preparing and organizing the Spring Concert Showcase, Island Credit Savings Union for sponsoring the Schools on Stage program, allowing Ecole Hammond Bay to perform at the Port Theatre free of charge; and thank you also to all of the staff for their participation and support. Congratulations to all of our students on their wonderful performances!

Our Grade 7 students have just returned from Camp Qwanoes, their year-end field trip. Thank you to M. Kevin, Mme. Isabelle, and all of our parents who volunteered as chaperones. A wonderful time was had by all!

Track and Field season is underway. Congratulations to all of our students who participated. You all did very well! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered at our School Track Meet. It was a wonderful day for all! More information about the upcoming Zone and District Track meets is given below.

The last session for Grade 7 students for Swim to Survive will be on June 14th at Westwood Lake. Students will be putting what they have learned into practice during this final session.

Mark your calendars! Our Grade 7s will be performing Music in the Park on June 13th, starting at 12:40 pm out on our school lawn. Parents are invited to come and hear a selection of music, while enjoying treats provided by the staff as part of the Parent Appreciation event.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to be a part of the Hammond Bay Construction Committee. We will be meeting for the

continuation of the last meeting on May 29th. The FAQ for parents will follow.

Christine Bohm

Vice Principal's Message

The month of May has been a very busy and productive time here at Hammond Bay. We have been blessed with beautiful weather for our numerous events and learning. I would like to take a moment to remind students that summer vacation is still a month away and despite the many activities and field trips happening, there is still lots of important learning to take place in the classroom.

I was very proud and excited to be a part of the Hammond Bay Track and Field day. It was a great reminder of how fantastic our students are, with both their participation and excellent behaviour throughout the day. Good luck to our students who have qualified and will represent us at the school district's zone track meet.

A big shout out to Madame DeVerteuil, our amazing staff and the students who participated in the Spring Concert at the Port Theatre this past week. I was so impressed with the display of talent and music appreciation. It was fantastic to be able to host an event where there was room for parents to appreciate the wonderful classroom performances.

Finally, I am very excited about the great turnout for mountain bike club this past month. Bike to work and school week kicks off on May 28th and the mountain bike club will be hosting our very own Cyclocross race for students in the Mountain Bike Club on Thursday, May 31st from 3:00 to 4:30pm.

I'm looking to finishing off the year with a fantastic month of June.

Class Placement Requests for 2018-2019

As the end of the school year approaches, many parents start to wonder about their child/ren's class for next year.

The staff and I will be meeting in June to work on class organization and composition for next year. The following is a tentative class organization for the 2018-2019 school year:

Kindergarten	Kindergarten
Grade 1	Grade 1
Grade 2	Grade 2
Grade 3	Grade 3
Grade 3/4	Grade 4
Grade 5/6	Grade 5/6
Grade 5/6	Grade 6/7
Grade 7	

At this point, I must stress the tentative nature of this organization. Changes to our school schedule can take place as late as the first week of September depending on student enrollment.

In assigning students to their new classes, 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 have been given the opportunity to submit a letter to the principal stating the type of learning environment you believe your child would need to be successful. ***The deadline for submissions was May 25th.***

Late French Immersion

Bonjour! Have you ever wished your child were fluent in both official languages? Over half a million Canadians have achieved functional bilingualism through French Immersion. In our school district, one student in 10 is enrolled in French Immersion and will graduate ready to pursue a bilingual career or post-secondary studies in French. Over the past 40 years,

thousands of students in our district have had great success in Early French Immersion (EFI), which starts in Kindergarten or Grade 1.

In response to a number of expressions of interest from parents and in accordance with recommendations from the recent French Immersion Review, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools introduced a Late French Immersion (LFI) program beginning in September 2014.

If your child is entering Grade 6 in September 2018, they are eligible to enroll in LFI and join those graduating from secondary school with bilingual Dogwood certificates. LFI is a fully funded public education program with no additional costs. **Late French Immersion Registration still Open** There are still spots available in our 2018/2019 class. If you would like to register or need more information, please have them contact Mike Lundine @ 250-754-6845

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 2018-2019 school year.

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. After school, our staff provides 15 minutes of supervision. We would ask you to please contact the school office at 250-758-5711 if you are running late or know that you will be picking your child up after 1:30 (Mon) and 2:30 (Tue-Fri). The safety of your child(ren) is important. We will provide additional supervision at the office for those students.

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/from 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 so it must be stored at the office.

Student Council

Student Council has been meeting regularly and working hard to change the world one small act at a time. We recently had Peter Sinclair, the director of the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, visit the school during an assembly where students presented him with a donation of cash and food, raised during our spring food drive. He was very impressed with our students' dedication to helping out locally.

Our next event is a Popsicle Sale and Twin Day scheduled for June 8th with proceeds going to the BC Red Cross for flood relief. Our donation will be matched dollar for dollar by the federal government. Popsicles will be on sale at lunch recess for \$1 each. Students can also dress up as a twin, triplet or other! Let's celebrate our wonderful Hammond Bay community, do some good, and enjoy a treat at the same time!

Merci!

Mme Natascha & Mme Kim



Track and Field

Congratulations to all of the students who participated at our School Track and Field event May 16th. A big thank you to all of the staff, parents and caregivers who volunteered to make these days a huge success. Students who have qualified for the Zone Track and Field event on May 30th have been notified of their events and the schedule for the day via the permission slip. All permission slips are due back to Mme. Bohm by Friday, May 25th (except Bantams).

Hammond Bay Jerseys will be distributed on Tuesday, May 29th to Tyke and Pee Wee students who have returned their permission slips. Distribution for Bantams will take place on Wednesday, May 30th. *All jerseys must be washed and returned to Mme. Bohm by Friday, June 7st* for the District Track & Field the following week.

A friendly reminder to all Zone Track participants, that **students will need to be picked up from the Rotary Bowl by their**

parent/guardian or parent designate. There will be no bus for the return to school.

Please note that students who qualified for the 100 m must have their parents/guardians drive them to the Rotary Bowl in the morning. These races begin promptly at 9am. Students will not be re-slotted if they miss their race.

Please ensure that soccer shoes and cleats are not worn at Track & Field. Students will be disqualified from competing.

Students who qualify for the District Track & Field (June 7th) will be notified as soon as the Zone results are received.

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 has a reference to drugs may not be worn to school. **Beach wear; spaghetti strap tops, short shorts, muscle shirts etc. are not to be worn at school.** Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students.

Fun Day

Students will celebrate the end of the year by enjoying fun activities at the end of June. Remember to wear comfortable clothing, running shoes and bring a bottle of water. Stay tuned for the date and more information to come during the month of June.

Parent Appreciation Event

We would like to show our appreciation to all our parents/guardians who have volunteered their time and expertise in classrooms, for clubs and teams, and the school in general. Please join us for our Parent Appreciation Event, June 13th for Music in the Park, starting at 12:40 pm on our school lawn.

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 to School

- 1) **Bike School starts on MONDAY, MAY 28.**
Sign up your child by emailing me their name at cheadey@gmail.com. So many PRIZES and a couple of fun events! Let's see how many kilometers we can rack up this year. Last year we clocked nearly 500km!
- 2) **Hammond Bay Mountain Bike Club Student Cyclocross Race – Thursday, May 31st, 2018 –**
Race starts at 3:00pm – Finish at 4:00 PM – Students registered in the Hammond Bay
- 3) Mountain Bike Club are able to participate. Staff and Parents are encouraged to come on out and cheer the riders on.
- 4) **Celebration Station, Friday, June 1, 2018.**
There will goodies and give small giveaways for our commuter kids and parents. Thank you to those who have offer to help with some baking!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 30	Zone Track & Field
June 7	District Track & Field
June 8	Hot Lunch
June 11	PAC meeting / AGM
June 13	Music in the Park / Parent Appreciation Event
June 14	G7 Swim to Survive
June 22	Gr7 Year End celebration / Hot Lunch
June 25	June Assembly
June 28	Last Day of school

Community Event –



istrict students are invited to try rowing with the Nanaimo Rowing Club. All lessons start at the clubhouse in Loudon Park at Long Lake.

Summer

We will once more be offering summer learn-to-row sessions through [Nanaimo Parks and Recreation](#). Registration may be done online or at any of the Parks and Rec facilities.

Cost is \$75 payable to Parks & Rec, plus \$30 fee for insurance payable to the club. **Bring in this article to your first session and receive \$10 off the insurance fee.** Snacks provided. We will be offering the following sessions:

- Dates: all sessions are Monday to Friday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Course #162588: Jul 3-6 (note: Tues-Fri, fee \$60 +\$30)
 - Course # 162589: Jul 16-20
 - Course # 162590: Jul 30-Aug 3
 - Course # 162591: Aug 13-17
 - Course # 162592: Aug 20-24

For more information contact email nanaimo.rowing@gmail.com. See you at the lake!