

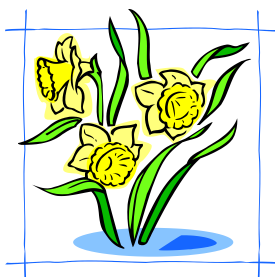


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Principal Message

Time has been flying by...already the first two months of 2016 have past. As spring approaches and the staff begin to plan for the remaining months of this school year, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and effort our students have demonstrated during the first two terms. We would encourage them to continue to work hard during these next few months. Well done!



We have had a few staffing changes this month. We would like to take this opportunity to wish a farewell to Mme. Lena, who has begun her maternity leave. We would similarly like to welcome Mme. Isabelle Goyer and M. Lukas Laurie. Mme. Goyer has taken over from Mme. Lena in Division 10, and Mr. Laurie will be the teaching partner of Mme. Dominique in Division 11.

The registration for Kindergarten 2016 is almost done. New families have until Feb 29th to register at the school. Once again, Kindergarten and Grade One applications were processed at the District level through a Lottery format. Welcome to Hammond Bay for our 44 new registrants in Kindergarten and 6 in Grade One!

The Foundation Skills Assessment 2015-16 are coming to an end this week. Thank you to the students, parents and teachers for their patience and support as our Grade 4 and 7 classes complete this Ministry of Education mandated assessment. Results will be sent home to parents at the end of April.

The Satisfaction Survey information for Grades 4 and 7 parents/guardians was sent home this week with your child. Please take a few minutes and complete the online survey from the Ministry of Education. The survey closes at midnight on May 15th. If you have not received the information sent home with your child and would like to complete the survey, please contact the school office and we will arrange for a new login code for you.

The Science Fair was once again a huge success! Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who worked so hard to promote curiosity and scientific inquiry. Over the two days of

presentations, we had over 200 students participating. Well done!

We were lucky to have Inuit author Michael Kusugak visit our school recently. Mr. Kusugak is the author of many children's books, including "A Promise is a Promise" and "Hide and Sneak". Primary and Intermediate classes were invited to the library for an hour of story-telling and an Inuit presentation. Thank you to SD68 and Mme. Lou for organizing this wonderful event.

Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council for their continued support of the Literacy Goal. In celebration of National Literacy Week (January), PAC kindly sponsored and helped prepare hot chocolate and cookies for all of our students to enjoy as they read during our Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) event.

The weeks leading up to Spring Break will be ones filled with many activities for students, both in the classroom and extra-curricular. Some activities we are looking forward to are: Jump Rope for Heart/Stroke, Anti-Bullying Day, Theatre One presentation of "Boo!", the Maple Sugar Festival, and Green Day. For a complete calendar of events, please see the Upcoming Events section below.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's educational program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s) and/or myself. We look forward to hearing from you.

Christine Bohm

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.



Jump Rope for Heart

On February 18th, all classes will participate in our annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Students jump rope in 15 minute blocks in support of the Heart and

Stroke Foundation's program to promote healthy hearts through physical activity. We appreciate Mme. Bohm's organizing this event and thank you to our staff for participating.

Concours d'art oratoire

The concours d'art oratoire has a new format this year! During the months of February, March and into April, students in Grades 4-7 will be asked to develop a "PeckaKucha" presentation. This format involves students being able to use visuals to support their speech. For more information about the new visual and non-competitive format, please visit the website: <http://www.pechakucha.org/faq> or speak directly to your child's classroom teacher and/or this year's Concours coordinator: Mme. Lou (our Librarian).



Student Council

Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in the Student Council's February event: Val-O-Grams. Student Council raised over \$200! All proceeds go towards supporting local and international "Free the Children" sponsored initiatives.

Our next activity will be "Green Day" to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Everyone will be encouraged to dress in green on March 11th.

Grade 7 Transition Activities

NDSS Counsellors visited our school at the end of January to meet with Grade 7 students and begin the process of Course Selection.

All Course Selection sheets have been forwarded to NDSS for processing. If your child is planning on attending NDSS next year and you have not completed their Course Selection sheet, please contact NDSS directly. For information regarding Course Selection for other secondary schools in our district, please contact the secondary school in question directly.

Information regarding transition activities at NDSS will be shared with parents as soon as they are communicated to us.

Anti-Bullying Day- February 24

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day will be observed on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

Everyone is urged to show their support to promote anti-bullying by wearing pink. For more information about Pink Shirt Day visit <http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/> or ask your student's classroom teacher about the activity the school has planned.

Report Cards

The second report card will be issued on March 9th. It will be distributed to students without the envelope if you have not returned the original back to the school. There is still time to return the first report card envelope if you have not done so. Thank you.

If you wish to meet with the teacher about your child's progress, please contact them directly or leave a message with the office.



Upcoming School Events Feb/Mar

Feb 18	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb 19	Gr 3 Swim to Survive Pool Session
Feb 22 & 23	District & School Based Professional Development Days – Schools are closed for students
Feb 24	Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day
Feb 26	Hot Lunch
Feb 26	Gr 3 Swim to Survive Pool Session
	Monthly Assembly @ 1:40 pm
Mar 1	Maple Sugar Festival
	Theatre One presentation Gr5-7
Mar 4	Gr 3 Swim to Survive Pool Session
	Gr 1 Hand washing Presentation
Mar 9	Report Cards Home
Mar 11	Hot Lunch/Spirit Day
Mar 12-28	Spring Break
Mar 29	School re-opens

Inside Shoes (Not only for Primary Classes)

All students are encouraged to have a pair of shoes (preferably running shoes) that they keep as their "inside or gym shoes".



With our Daily Physical Activity program students should be ready to take part in some form of physical activity every day. Appropriate shoe wear is important. During the winter our fields are very muddy and wet footwear tracks the mud and dirt into the school, the classrooms and the gym. Please help us keep our school clean and ensure that our students are well equipped for their sport and physical activities.

Library



New books just arrived!
Thanks to the PAC money from our successful fall Scholastic Book Fair, the library is expanding its collection again. Over \$1000 of new books (French, English, Fiction, Non-Fiction K-7) will be available to staff and students in the next couple of weeks.

Please continue to check-in your books every week. Grades K-2 maximum two loans. Grade 3-7 maximum three loans.

Parent volunteers are always welcome to shelve books during the week. Thank you!
Merci et bonne lecture J

Mme Lou
Teacher Librarian

Sports

Skip Club is wrapping up for this year. Well done Primary and Intermediate skippers!

Congratulations to all our Volleyball players on a season well played. Both of our Bantam teams made it to the final rounds. Also, a very big thank you to all our coaches and sponsors for donating your time and expertise to the students of Hammond Bay: Mme. Hannesson, Mme. Monica, M. La Bounty, Mme. Danielle, Mrs. Alexander, and Mme. Kim.

Basketball season is now underway. Game schedules have been distributed for all teams via the Sponsor Teachers. If you have questions about the schedules for practices and/or games, please speak with the team's teacher sponsor.



Thank you to the following people for coaching and sponsoring our teams:

Pee Wee Boys:
Coach & Sponsor: M. La Bounty

Pee Wee Girls:
Coach: Mrs. Cederberg
Sponsors: Mme. Kathleen & M. Mercier

Bantam Boys:
Coach – Mr. Linder
Sponsors– Mme. Danielle & M. Kevin

Bantam Girls:
Coach – Mrs. Alexander
Sponsors – Mme. Bohm

Thank you to all the parent/guardian drivers who volunteer to drive our players to the games at

various locations in the School District. Please be reminded that drivers must have a Criminal Record Check and Volunteer Driver Form completed and on file at the school to drive team members.

Players are reminded to wear sport shorts, t-shirts and proper inside basketball shoes to all practices and games. Students wearing jeans, pants and street shoes will not be permitted to practice or play on game day. Students missing practices may not be able to play as much during regular games as players who attend practices regularly.

Wishing everyone a great season!



Things on Wheels

As the weather begins to improve and students start to ride their bikes to school, we would like to remind everyone that “things with wheels” (ie: scooters, roller blades, wheelie shoes, skate boards and bicycles) are not permitted to be rolled on/ridden on school property. Please dismount once you enter our gates.

Electronic Devices

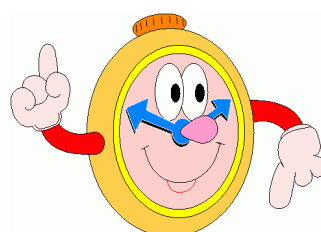
We have noticed an increase in cell phones and electronic devices at school recently. We would like to remind parents/guardians and students that all electronic devices (tablets, cell phones, etc) must be turned off and remain in the student's backpack throughout the school day.

Pokemon Cards

While we do not discourage students from playing “Pokemon” at recess, we are not permitting trading of cards to take place at school. We would appreciate if you would please take the opportunity to speak with your child regarding our “no trading” rule, as we will be doing the same at our next assembly.

Lost and Found

Just a reminder for students and parents to check the lost and found for any missing items. Everything currently in the The Lost and Found box will be displayed for the first two weeks in March. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated to a local charity on March 11th.



March 13, 2016 Daylight Savings Time – “Spring Forward”.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be March 7th at 7:00 pm. New members and/or interested parents/guardians are always welcomed to attend.

PAC Movie Night

Bring your blanket and stuffy and join us for PAC Movie Night this Friday, February 19th. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$2 per student. Parents are free! There will be a small concession available.

Hanging Baskets

PAC is sponsoring “Hanging Baskets for Mother’s Day” fundraiser. Order forms were sent home with your child at the beginning of February. If you have missed receiving an order form and would like to have one, please email PAC directly at ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com. Orders will be accepted until March 11th.

Spell-a-thon

Once again PAC is supporting our literacy goals by sponsoring the Spell-a-thon. The lists of study words will be coming home with your child on Report Card day. Please practice with them over Spring Break as the testing week will be April 4-8th.

Thrifty Smile Cards

The PAC is once again promoting Thrifty Smile Cards. If you are interested, or would like additional information, please contact the PAC directly at ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com. All proceeds will be directed towards the Upper Playground Improvement Project.

Hot Lunch

Bi-monthly PAC is sponsoring the Hot Lunch program for students. This is a regular big event needing many helpers to volunteer. Thank you to everyone who has been coming on Fridays to sort and deliver all the meals. As always, if you have specific instructions, questions or comments about the food, the ordering system and/or the delivery, please contact the PAC directly at ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com.

2015-2016 School Calendar ✂

Feb 22	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)
Feb 23	Non-Instructional Day (School Based Pro D Day)

Mar 11	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
Mar 28	Easter Monday
March 29	School re-opens after Spring Break
May 13	Non Instructional Day
May 16	Non Instructional Day
May 23	Victoria Day – schools are closed
June 30	Last day of school for students

Community Information & Events

Power Up – Sexual Health Education

www.powerupworkshops.ca

COMING SOON
Body Smart: Right from the Start
(ages 3-7)

Please contact Power Up if you are interested in ordering: *Puberty: Coming to a Body Near You*

