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Principal's Message



As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on the progress made in their learning. It was a pleasure to read and sign everyone's Report Card. I would encourage our students to strive to continue the excellent progress made to date, in Term 3.

We have had some beautiful art being displayed around the school from different classes over the past few months. It is always wonderful to see the exceptional pieces the students have created, and all should be very proud of their accomplishments. Well done!

The Foundation Skills Assessment 2015-16 were completed by Grade 4 and 7 students. They have been all marked and will be returning to the school, and will be coming home with your child on March 31st. If you have any questions about how to read the results of the FSA for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to go through them with you.

The Satisfaction Survey for this school year is coming to a close on May 15th. Students, staff and parents of Grade 4 and 7 students were invited to take part in the online survey. If you did not receive the notice sent home with your child, and would like to participate, please contact the school office for another password.

Our Concours d'art oratoire event continues again this year, however, in a different format. As this is a pilot year, some classes may be attempting the new presentation style. The school selection will take place at the end of April, with a District presentation occurring in May at the Port Theatre. Congratulations to all students who are presented and/or have presented their speeches. It takes much courage to stand before your peers and speak. Well done everyone!

The Grade 3's have completed the Swim to Survive program this week. Please take the time and ask your child about what they learned. They love to share their pool stories.

The Swim to Survive program will be offered for the first time this year to Grade 7 students. The program will focus on drowning prevention,

survival in water after an accidental fall in and understanding risk-taking behavior in youth around water activities. Students will be participating in three sessions: the first two at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and the final session at Westwood Lake. Further information and permission slips will be coming home after Spring Break.

Ecole Hammond Bay would like to thank VIU Nursing students and coordinators for presenting "Handwashing" in our Grade 1 and 2 classes. Students were made aware of the bacteria living on their hands, and the necessity of washing their hands frequently, especially after a washroom visit.

Once again, PAC is sponsoring the Spell-a-thon event with the students. Spelling lists will be coming home with your child this week to review over Spring Break. Teachers will be completing the assessments during the week of April 4-8th.

Mark your calendars! Ecole Hammond Bay is proud to host a Scholastic Book Sale on April 21 and 22. Items will be in both French and English. More information will follow in April. Thank you to PAC, and especially Ms. Kosmider, for organizing this event.

Nanaimo District Secondary School will be hosting an Open House on April 14th from 5:30-6:45 pm. While this event is primarily for Grade 7 students and parents, all families are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for students and parents to become acquainted with the various programs that are offered at NDSS, including extra-curricular activities.

As we all look forward to a rest from all our hard work, the staff and I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful and relaxing Spring Break.

Christine Bohm

Mrs. A's Corner -



Drama 4/5 and Drama 3 Clubs have finished their spring sessions. I would like to thank students who participated and would like to

acknowledge the leaders for these groups: Rhys W, Ayden F, Rachel S, Isabella R, and Ciera L. Our leaders were enthusiastic, prepared and full of fun!

On February 28, 29 and March 1, I attended the Artstarts Showcase in Vancouver. Artists show a small sample of their performance so that School District 68 can book professional actors, dancers, and musicians to perform in our schools. This program is associated with the Vancouver Foundation which provides our grant each year. We are grateful to have their support. The Parent Advisory Council fundraises to match the grant and to provide experiences for students at Ecole Hammond Bay. Thank you. The Hammond Bay Spring Concerts will be held May 11 and 12. Each of the two concerts will feature Kindergarten to Grade Five music classes. Concerts will be held during the day and will start at 12:45. We hope you will be able to join us to hear your child(ren) share their music. Enjoy your spring break! Thank you for your continued support for the fine arts at Ecole Hammond Bay.

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.

Report Cards

The second report cards were issued on March 9th. Please take this opportunity to speak with your student(s) about their learning. If you wish to meet with the teacher about your child's progress, please contact them directly or leave a message with the office.

Please note: Report Cards have been distributed to students without the envelope if the original envelope was not returned back to the school after Term 1.

Spell-a-thon

The Yearly Spell-A-Thon will be starting soon. The big test will take place during the week of April 4th. Following the test, students will be asked to collect their pledges and return them to the school.



Spelling sheets and pledge forms will be sent home with Report Cards on March 9th. Students will have three weeks to study their words and collect their pledges.

Various prizes will be awarded to students in recognition for their participation. Thank you to Jennifer Therriault for organizing this event for us. This is an important PAC fundraising event

and we would like to thank all families for their support.

Track and Field

Grade 3 to 7 students will be invited to participate in our School Track and Field Meet on May 5th at the Rotary Bowl. We will need many parents to help us at the Track Meet. Please contact the office if you can help out at the Rotary Bowl.



Run Program at Neck Point

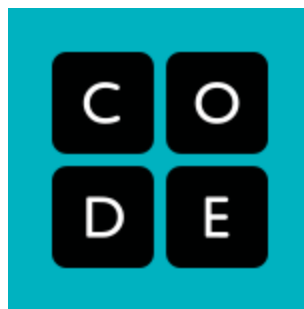
We have started our spring running program at Neck Point. Classes will be invited to participate twice a week. This is great conditioning in preparation for our Track and Field season. Permission slips were sent home already.



Library News

CODING:

Students in Gr 3-7 have been introduced to Coding during their library time. Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. One-hour tutorials are available in over 40 languages. To start your coding adventure with your family, visit: <https://hourofcode.com/>



Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Box is overflowing. All items are on display in the foyer, and have been for the past two weeks. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity by March 11th.



When Children Should Stay Home From School

During this time of year there are a number of colds and flus around. These can spread amongst others quite easily. For the health of the staff, students, and volunteers in the school, we ask that you take into consideration the

following information. If your child has any of the following symptoms they should be kept home from school.

Fever - Keep your children home if they have a fever. Wait until children are fever-free before letting them return to school.

Diarrhea/Vomiting - Keep children home if they've vomited twice or more in the last 24 hours. They can return to school after symptoms clear up or your doctor says they're no longer contagious.

Severe cough and cold symptoms should keep kids home from school. A serious cough could be a sign of contagious conditions like whooping cough, viral bronchitis, or croup.

Pinkeye - is contagious, and children should stay home from school for the first 24 hours after treatment begins.

Upcoming School Events Mar/April

March 9	Report Cards Home
March 11	Spirit Day
March 13	Daylight Savings Time
March 12–29	Spring Break
March 29	School re-opens
April 1	Hot Lunch
April 4-8	Spell-a-thon
April 4	PAC meeting at 7 pm
April 6	Fire Drill practice
April 11	Spelling Forms due
April 13	ePIRLS assessment for Div 9
April 14	Camp Quality Presentation K-5
April 15	Spirit Day/Hot Lunch
April 21-22	Scholastic Book Fair
April 26	Class/Team/Whole School Photos

2015-2016 School Calendar

March 11	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
March 25	Good Friday – schools are closed
March 28	Easter Monday – schools are closed
Mar 29	Schools re-open after Spring Vacation
May13	Non Instructional Day
May 23	Victoria Day – schools are closed
June 29	Last day of school for students
June 30	Administrative Day - Schools closed