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Principal's Message

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome to Ecole Hammond Bay some new staff members: Mme. Abbott (Grade 5 teacher) and Mrs. Rapanos (Noon Hour Supervisor).

Students and staff have been very busy over the last few months. Here's a brief sampling of activities which occurred in the last month:

- Me to We event in Vancouver
- Student Council organized "We Scare Hunger" Food Drive and Halloween Craft activities
- Grade 7 organized the Halloween Dance
- North Zone and District Cross Country Meets
- Volleyball season started
- Remembrance Day celebrations presented by M. LaBounty's Grade 6 class and Choir led by Mrs. Andruski-Collins
- Scholastic Book Fair – A Big Thank you to PAC
- Fine Arts Performances by Bluesberries, Rock the Arts and Ballet Bohemia
- Card Club with M. Kevin

Thank you to M. LaBounty's Grade 6 class, the Choir, Mrs. Andruski-Collins, Mme. Raduta and Mme. Williams, Mr. Collins and the cadets for the moving Remembrance Day ceremony. Thank you also the Canadian Legion for the donation of the Remembrance Day poppies.

During the first term, teachers have been administering the NLPS (English) and ALPIN (French) District assessments. These assessments are formative, designed to determine the strengths and challenges of our students in their learning. Teachers will be analyzing the data during the PLC's with the aim to improve instructional practice and increase target learning. Also during the PLC's, teachers have been delving into the new curriculum and developing exciting ways to incorporate all that Neck Point Park offers into students' learning.

As Term One comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students on a job well done. It is always a pleasure to read and sign everyone's Report Card. Keep up the hard work!

Christine Bohm

Mrs. A's Corner

Hallowe'en celebrations were terrific fun at Ecole Hammond Bay! Our school has a lot of spirit! The Primary Costume Parade and dance; the Intermediate Dance and the Family Dance gave students time to wear their costumes and to have fun with friends.

Rock the Arts Puppets shared their message about kindness, compassion and perseverance. The puppeteers took time to show how the puppets were made and students had an opportunity to try three different kinds of puppets. Thank you, PAC, for sponsoring this presentation. **Ballet Bohemia** presented an excerpt from Ravel's Mother Goose Stories. Many of our students had not had the opportunity to see live ballet. **Ballet Bohemia** will be performing at the Port Theatre with the Vancouver Island Symphony and we hope that many of you will be able to attend the full presentation.

November at Hammond Bay brings the last two professional performances. November 17 (10:45), we will host the **Bluesberries**. This group will present the "blues" in history. November 25 (1:00), **Axis Theatre** will present Hamelin.

The Hammond Bay Choir has sixty members this year. We will be performing at the Hammond Bay Remembrance Day Ceremony, November 10 (10:30), at the Band Concert December 3, and at Woodgrove Centre Mall in early December. It has been a pleasure sponsoring choir.

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.

Term One Report Cards

Report Cards will be coming home soon! Our distribution date is December 9th, so please check your child's backpack on that day for this important document. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact the classroom teacher. Report Card envelopes need to be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the school.

French Immersion Open House

Hammond Bay will be hosting a French Immersion Open House evening, November 23rd at 6-7pm in the Gym for those families interested in enrolling their children in French Immersion. Quarterway, Pauline Haarer and North Oyster schools will be offering similar information nights. Please consult the School District’s website for further information.

Inclement Weather

As the wet and snowy days approach, please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately to be outside for recess. Winter jackets and rubber boots are highly recommended. In addition, if you have not already done so, please send an extra set of clothing to school with your child. When it rains our fields become very soggy. It’s nice to have a change of dry clothes at school when someone is wet.



School Closure

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis. In addition, the district will post the information on the district’s website (www.sd68.bc.ca), Twitter and Facebook, unless there are technical problems or a power outage.

Parent Teacher Conferences

We held the Parent Teacher Conferences in October over a four day period. If you missed your appointment or would like to continue the conversation with your child’s classroom teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly.



Upcoming School Events – Nov/Dec

- Nov 20 Hammond Bay Spirit Day
- Nov 23 French Immersion Open House at Hammond Bay
- Nov 24-45 IEP meetings
- Nov 26 Lockdown practice
- Nov 25 Axis Theatre presentation 1:00pm
- Dec 3 Band concert and Choir presentation @ 6:30 pm
- Dec 4 Choir at Woodgrove Mall
Festive Fun Night sponsored by PAC and Grade 7 Parent Group
- Dec 7 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Dec 9 Report Cards Go Home
- Dec 10 Christmas Craft night – 6-7:30pm
- Dec 15 Carol Singing

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- Dec 18 Santa Hat Day/LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER BREAK

Student Council

Student Council has been very busy of late! During the last week of October, they collected over 350 items of food for the Loaves & Fishes Food Bank. Bravo Hammond Bay! In addition, students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 were treated to a lunch recess full of Halloween craft making. Thank you to our student leaders who organized, prepared and ran the event. Well done!

Library News

- Thank you to the PAC for organizing such a successful Scholastic Book Fair! In total we raised over \$3000 and \$1500 will directly be invested in French and English books for the school library. Merci beaucoup.
- We are sad to say goodbye to Tammy Trickett, our amazing Library Clerk, who is leaving Hammond Bay to embrace a new professional challenge. Thank you Tammy for all your hard work, you will be missed.
- Thank you to parents who have paid their overdue fines for late or lost books, it is very appreciated.
- Please remember to bring your books back every week to the library.



Merci, Mme Lou Teacher Librarian

Sports:

Football:

Congratulations to all the players of both Bantam teams for their outstanding efforts and team spirit. Thank you to our parent coaches: Mr. Fridriksson (Bantam Girls) and Mr. MacIlquham (Bantam Boys), and to the Teacher Sponsors: M. Kevin and Mme. Bohm. The Bantam Boys made it to the second round of playoff games and the Bantam Girls won their season in first place.

Cross Country:

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out to help and cheer on our students at the North and South Zone and District Cross Country Meets. Also, a very big thank you to the NDSS Cross Country Team, Mrs. Grabher and Frontrunners, for their participation. This is the first year that Hammond Bay hosted both the North and South Zone Cross Country Meets (Oct 29th). Over 1000 students from across the District ran through Neck Point Park. Hammond Bay sent 30 students to the District Meet, where we came in 2nd overall. Well done to all of our runners!

Volleyball:

We are just beginning our Volleyball season! Thank you to all the parents and teachers who have graciously volunteered their time and expertise to coach and/or sponsor a team.



Permission slips have been distributed and practices have started. We have presently four teams:

PeeWee Boys:

Teacher Sponsor: Mme. Monica
Coaches: Mrs. Marx and Mrs. Eickmeier

PeeWee Girls:

Coach/Teacher Sponsor: M. LaBounty

Bantam Boys:

Coach/Teacher Sponsor: Mme. Danielle

Bantam Girls

Teacher Sponsor: Mme. Kim
Coach: Mrs. Alexander

YoYo Club

We have a YoYo club! Meeting on Tuesdays at lunch recess in the gym, students are invited to join to learn how to yoyo and some tricks. Thank you to Mme. Dominique for sponsoring.

Band Concert & Choir Performance – Dec 3

Parents are invited to come and listen to our Grade 6 and Grade 6/7 classes, as well as the Choir, perform a selection of Holiday songs and classroom material. Doors will open at 6:30 pm.

Craft Night – Dec 10

Each year Hammond Bay alternates between a Winter Concert and Craft Night. This year is Craft Night! Families are invited to make a craft or two, December 10th from 6-7:30 pm. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, as some crafts might involve foods or might be challenging to assemble by little hands.



District Programs Consultation Meetings

The School District held consultation meetings regarding District programs throughout the month of October. PAC Chairperson Jennifer Therriault also presented to the Board of Education on behalf of parent community of Ecole Hammond Bay on November 5th. For more information on the updated Facilities plan and the timeline for recommendations, please visit the School District website at www.sd68.bc.ca

PAC News

Congratulations Hammond Bay families! We won the Clippers' Cheer Off event! When round one of cheer-offs has been completed, we will

receive our next cheer off date. Please stay tuned.

PAC is still looking for a parent/guardian to volunteer to take on the Treasurer position. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact PAC directly at ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com

Kerri Isham – Power Up Workshop

Kerri Isham spent two weeks with our students discussing important issues of sexual health. Thank you to PAC for sponsoring these lessons with Ms. Isham. If parents would like more information or have a concern regarding the information presented, or have a question about resources or how to approach a topic you're your children, please contact Kerri Isham at: www.powerupworkshops.ca

Great Nanaimo Toy Drive

The toy drive has been helping needy children in Nanaimo for 33 years. Parents can register using their children's Care Card or other official ID along with proof of residence. For registration dates and locations please check out their website at www.thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca



Gary Anaka Presentation – Jan 26th, 2015 at 7pm: Understanding the Teenage Brain



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Volleyball Opportunities for Youth

House League for Girls Grades 6 & 7



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Boys Train and Play for Boys Grades 5 & 6



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Train and Play for Boys Grades 4 & 5



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