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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. For more information on how to register your email address, please visit the section below entitled "Paperless". If you require a paper copy, please contact the school office.

We have had some additional staffing changes over the summer. We are currently staffed for 14 divisions and 359 students. Below is the staff list for this year:

Librarian – Mme. Eathorne
SST – Mme. Jacqueline & Mme. St-Pierre
Band (Gr 6 & 6/7) – 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 3 – M. Mercier
Grade 3 – Mme. Anneli/M. Palmer
Grade 4 – Mme. Williams
Grade 4/5 – Mme. Foster
Grade 5 – Mme. Dominique/Mme. Kelly
Grade 6 – M. La Bounty
Grade 6/7 – Mme. Danielle
Grade 6/7 – M. Kevin
Aboriginal EA – Ms. Shade
EA – Mme. Sue-Ellen
EA – Mme. Amy
Noon Hour Supervisor – Mme. Shirley
Library Clerk – Mrs. Kim
Custodians – Mr. Foster & Mr. Sinnott
Counselor – Ms. Hill (Thursdays)
Psychologist – Ms. Cote

Speech & Language – Ms. Tissington (Fridays)
Child & Youth Care – Ms. McArter
Secretary (Main) – Mrs. Clark
Secretary (Thur & Fri) – Mrs. Lockhart
Vice-Principal – Mrs. Andruski-Collins
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

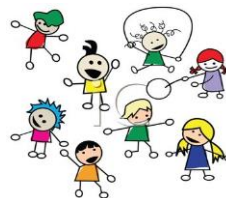
Mrs. A's Corner

I have enjoyed having time to catch up with students after their summer break. It will be another wonderfully busy year at Ecole Hammond Bay!

Music classes have started and I would ask that students in grades 4 and 5 bring their recorders to school. We will continue to study note reading, percussion, and ensemble work and the recorder is an important instrument for our program.

Grade Four girls are continuing their Friendship Project this fall. This group will come together to learn about how friendships change. As part of the experience, the group will play games in the gym once a week until the sessions are complete.

Thank you to our school district for repainting our hopscotch and four square areas!



BELL SCHEDULE – 2016-2017

Our bell schedule for this year is as follows:

MONDAY

8:35 a.m.	Start
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	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.

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 \$8.00 from the classroom teacher until September 23rd, 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 16th.

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 September 16th.

Class Placements

In assigning students to their new classes, the staff worked carefully as a team for over two months in the Spring and again in the Fall, discussing the best placement for each student.

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 criteria used to construct split classes is the same as straight classes. The decision for placement is primarily based on the recommendation of the student's present teacher(s), and the person(s) most familiar with their needs, but according to the *School Act*, it is ultimately the principal's decision and responsibility.

Changes to class lists will not be made, except for extenuating circumstances. Please make an appointment with the Principal to review your child's educational plan.

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 4 (Mme. Williams) will use the side door in the Fire Lane. Grades 4/5 and 5 will use their exterior classroom door; 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 Thursday, Sept 22nd 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 rental night, Thursday, September 22nd in the Gym. Mme. De Verteuil will be available from 4-7 pm to help students select an instrument and answer any questions.

Library News

Bonjour!

I'm thrilled to be back at École Hammond Bay as the Teacher-Librarian. My goal is to support the literacy and information needs of the school community and I look forward to a wonderful year of reading, researching and collaborating. In addition to their regularly scheduled library time, students will be invited to participate in clubs that will meet in the library during long recess; school-wide literacy initiatives will be planned throughout the year. This week, students in grades one through seven have begun checking out books from the library. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that books are returned every week for exchange or renewal. If you have library books at home that were checked out last year, please return them to the library so that we may get them back into circulation. Thank you very much.

Library days are as follows:

Tuesdays: M. Kevin, Mme Kathleen, Mme Monica, Mme Anneli

Wednesdays: M. Curtis, Mme Linda S., Mme Danielle, Mme Tanya

Thursdays: M. Raynald, Mme Kelly, Mme Natascha, Mme Lynda W., Mme Mirela

If you're interested in volunteering in the library, please visit me on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to discuss the best times.

Best wishes for a successful September!

Mme Alison
Mme. J. Kim – Library Clerk

Terry Fox Walk/Run

On September 26th we will be honoring the memory of our Canadian Hero: Terry Fox, by participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk/Run at Neck Point. Thank you to Mme. Williams' Grade 4 class for organizing this school-wide event at Hammond Bay. 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 spring running program at Neck Point on September 13th. 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 19th, with our Bantam Boys and Bantam Girls teams participating.

Cross Country has also begun. Our Neck Point Runs are part of the training regime for the Cross Country Zone and District competitions. This year, Hammond Bay will be traveling to the venues for both the Large School North Zone and District competitions. Sign ups for Cross Country competition entry will occur shortly. Please encourage your Tyke, Pee Wee or Bantam to participate. More information about the venues for the competition will be published shortly by NETPEA.

Students born in the year 2007-08 are considered to be "Tyke", in 2005-06 they are "Pee Wee" and in 2003-04 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 12th. 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.

The MunchaLunch information has been sent home for the Fall/Winter 2016-17 season. For inquiries or additional information, please contact the PAC directly at ecolehammondbay@gmail.com

Hammond Bay PAC is pleased to announce that during the months of September and October, we will be sponsoring the Original Works Program fundraiser. Each child will have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of high quality products. The products range from magnets, mugs and mouse pads, to ceramic tiles, t-shirts, note cards and nearly two dozen other products.

Once the artwork is created, parents and children will have the opportunity to select which product or products they would like to feature their artwork. The program is designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. The resulting products make unique gifts that are practical for any season or occasion.

Complete details on the program will be sent home shortly. Proceeds from the program will be used by PAC to fund many programs and opportunities for our students. For more information on Original Works please visit their website at www.originalworks.com or contact PAC directly at ecolehammondbay@gmail.com

Mark your calendars!

- Sept 12 PAC meeting at 7 pm
- Sept 14 Fire Drill
- Sept 14 First Full Day for Kindergartens
- Sept 16 Earthquake Drill; comfort kits go into the Kiosk
- Sept 20 Football Season begins
- Sept 22 Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-7:30 pm; Fire Drill, Ballet Bohemia performance at 1:00 pm
- Sept 23 Hammond Bay Spirit Day (wear school colours: blue/yellow)
- Sept 26 Terry Fox Run/Walk at 11:00 am
- Sept 29 Non-Instructional Day
- Sept 30 Non-Instructional Day

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

Host an International Student

MLI Homestay is seeking families in Nanaimo to host Japanese Students from October 1 to 7, 2016.

For more information: www.mlihomestay.com or contact Christine Balatti at (250)619-6605

MEND IS BACK! Where Families get fit and healthy together

MEND is starting Septemeber 27th, 2016 at Bayview Elementary School in south Nanaimo.

To find out if MEND is right for your family call or email mend@nanaimo.ca or 250.756.5200