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Principal's Message

The Ministry of Education is modifying the way in which educators report student progress to parents. They are moving away from the “reporting to parents” model to a “Communicating with parents on an ongoing basis” one. What will this look like for your family? Firstly, the traditional Report Card has been replaced with a Mid-Year Snapshot of Student Progress, and a Summative Report. Whereas the traditional Report Cards were distributed at the end of each term, the new written reports will be sent home on February 10th and June 29th. Secondly, the written reports will look different. New are the Descriptive Feedback and the Student Performance Scale sections. Letter grades will not be included on either written report. Thirdly, educators will be following a new format for Ongoing Communication with parents, which **must include four criteria: the Authentic Evidence (student work), the Learning Standards of the BC Curriculum, the Descriptive Feedback from the teacher to the student, and the Student Voice (the student's self-assessment)**. How will educators communicate this with parents? There is no one prescribed format. Some educators may choose to use a digital portfolio, some may choose to use email, some may choose to use paper based methods, and some may choose to use a combination of methods. To facilitate, for parents, the shift in reporting, Hammond Bay has implemented the **blue folder** for paper based reporting. When your child brings the blue folder home, please take the information within, **sign the receipt form and return it promptly to the school**. These blue folders will be assigned to your child(ren) for the next two years. What happens after two years? During the next two years, the Ministry of Education will be gathering feedback from parents, students and educators. They will then use that information to establish the new Ministry of Education Reporting Order. For more information, please visit the Ministry of Education's website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/student-reporting>

In other news...

During the first few months, 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 a variety of assessment practices which support the new curriculum; and developing exciting ways to incorporate all that Neck Point Park offers, into students' learning.

This month Ecole Hammond Bay will be hosting two important presentations for students: Ateliers de Cirque and Power Up Sexual Health with Kerri Isham. The Ateliers de Cirque is a District program for French Immersion students, designed to provide an authentic environment to practice their French, while learning the complexities of the circus performance. This is the second year School District 68 has offered this program to its Immersion students. Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring the Power Up Sexual Health presentations with Kerri Isham to students again this year. The Parent Information night, held last week Thursday, was well attended by parents. If you have any questions or are seeking additional information to continue the conversations at home with your child(ren), please visit Kerri Isham's website at: <http://powerupworkshops.ca/>

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

- Me to We event in Vancouver - October
- Student Council organized “We Scare Hunger” Food Drive - October
- Information Nights for Parents about the new Interim Reporting Order (both school and District) - October
- North Zone and District Cross Country Meets – October and November
- Football season ended and volleyball season is starting – October and November
- Remembrance Day celebrations
- Ateliers de cirque – November

- Power Up Sexual Health presentations - November
- Scholastic Book Fair - November
- Clubs which have begun: Colouring, Library, Homework, Looming, Choir and Newspaper.

Thank you to M. LaBounty's Grade 6 class, Mme. Anneli's Grade 3 class, the Grade 7 Band under the direction of Mme. DeVerteuil, for their presentations. Thank you to Mr. Collins and the cadets for leading the celebrations; and to Mrs. Andruski-Collins for organizing this moving assembly. Thank you also the Canadian Legion for the donation of the Remembrance Day poppies.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's educational plan, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to our ongoing conversations.

Christine Bohm

Mrs. A's Corner



Hammond Bay students are preparing their Winter Concert. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 7th. Students will perform at 1:00 and at 6:30. All classes, Kindergarten to Grade Seven will perform for you. Our students will see the concert at the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 6. I would like to thank classroom teachers for preparing their classes for this event. Our Hammond Bay Choir for Grades 4-7 registers sixty students. We will be singing seasonal songs and will perform at the winter concert. It has been wonderful to work with older students who now study a band instrument. Bravo to all our singers! Our photo board has pictures of Halloween at Hammond Bay. Take a moment to enjoy these.

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.

2020 Vision: A Three Year Plan

The district is currently working on the development of 2020 Vision, its new three-year plan which will include a high level review of the central and south zone, asset and facilities management and the three-year budget plan.

[Watch promo](#)

2020 Vision is a collaborative approach to developing a sustainable plan for each of the district's zones of schools, and for district-wide delivery of services. The plan relies on the input received from students, their families, district staff and partners in the community.

There are two public forums:

- Central Forum
 - Monday, November 28: 7 to 8:30 pm, Wellington Secondary (3135 Mexicana Road)
- Ladysmith Forum
 - Tuesday, November 29: 7 to 8:30 pm, Ladysmith Secondary (710 Sixth Avenue)

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. We have seen an increase in students wishing to stay in at recess due to not being dressed appropriately for playing outside at recess. 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 21-25 Power Up Workshops
- Nov 22-23 Ateliers de cirque
- Nov 24-28 Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 30 School Assembly
- Dec 1 PAC Christmas Flower delivery
- Dec 2 Festive Fun Night
- Dec 7 Winter Concert 1:00pm/6:30pm
- Dec 7 Popcorn Day
- Dec 12 PAC Meeting

The month of December will be filled with fun activities designed to promote positive community. Please check your child’s agenda or the school’s online calendar for the daily activity.

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 as part of the “We Scare Hunger” campaign. Bravo Hammond Bay!

Sports:

Football:

Congratulations to all the players of the Bantam Boys team for their outstanding efforts and team spirit. Thank you to our parent coach: Mr. Grady and teacher sponsor: M. Kevin

Cross Country:

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out to help and cheer on our students at the North Zone and District Cross Country Meets. Ecole Hammond Bay placed 1st in the District meet. Well done to everyone who participated in our run program this year. Results are posted outside the office.

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
Coach: Mrs. Marx

PeeWee Girls:

Coach/Teacher Sponsor: M. LaBounty and Mme. Raduta

Bantam Boys:

Teacher Sponsor: Mme. Kim
Coach: Mr. Lim

Bantam Girls

Coach/Teacher Sponsor: Mme. Danielle

Winter Concert – Dec 7th



Each year Hammond Bay alternates between a Winter Concert and Craft Night. This year we will be hosting our Winter concert for Grades K-7. We will be having two performances: 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Our 1:00 pm performance will have all students in attendance so there will be limited seating for parents. The evening performance seating is reserved for parents. We would ask you to kindly limit the number of members of your family attending, as we would like to accommodate as many families as we can in our gym.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found box is overflowing with clothing items. If your child is missing a clothing article (jacket, pants, shirt, shoes, boots, etc.) please take a look in our Lost and Found box. The items will be put on display in the foyer during the last school week in December. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity on the 23rd of December.



PAC News

Thank you to Ecole Hammond Bay families supporting the PAC’s Halloween Dance!

Extra thanks to those who volunteered and offered to volunteer! A very big thanks to Mme. Bohm and Mrs. A, without support from our administration we could not host such events and are very thankful to have such a dedicated team who encourages and supports these PAC initiatives.

We have happy to sponsor the Sexual Health Power Up workshops with Kerri Isham again this year. Thank you to all the families who came out to the Parent Information night last week.

Some of our fundraisers coming up in December are: Holiday Flowers (order forms were sent home), Gift Raffle baskets (information was sent home), and Festive Fun Night (see below for all the information)

Other PAC Dates/Events To Remember:

- Fun Lunch November 18th
- Fun Lunch December 2 (Cut-Off Nov 26)
- Fun Lunch December 16th (Cut-Off Dec 10)

Growing Smiles Fundraiser (Christmas Floral & Greenery)

Orders Due Friday Nov 18th – Can Also Be Purchased On-Line at hammondbyelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com
 Pick Up of Orders Will Be December 1st Inside School Lobby

Christmas Raffle Basket Donations
 Items Due November 25th. Raffle Will Be Held The Evening Of The Christmas Concert On December 7th. Information Sheets Have Been Handed Out And Posted Around The School.

Spirit Wear information Will Be Sent Out Soon

Mark Your Calendars For Friday December 2nd For “Festive Fun Night” Information will be sent home soon.

Again - Thank You/Merci To Parents/Guardians/Grandparents/Staff/Secretaries & Students, without your patience, understanding and support PAC Would Not Be As Successful.

We are always looking for feedback, please feel free to comment on our e-mail at ecolehammondbyapac@gmail.com or go to our Facebook page.

Thank you,
 Adrienne LeGuyder
 PAC Chair

Kerri and Lindsay – Power Up Workshop

Kerri and Lindsay will spend the week of November 21-25th with our students discussing important issues of sexual health. Thank you to PAC for sponsoring these lessons. 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



OVERDOSE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

There is a public health emergency regarding the increased overdose rate in British Columbia. All sectors of society have been affected, including youth. Overdoses are

increasingly linked with fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that can be fatal when obtained illegally, even in a few grains.

Research shows that youth who have higher self-esteem, supportive relationships with adults (e.g., parents, teachers, family members and other professionals) and positive role models engage in less substance use.

Parents can play a key part in teaching their children about substance use by talking honestly and openly about the effects of substances and giving answers they’ll understand.

For tips that might be helpful to begin the discussion with your child and other information go to <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/overdose/information-for-parents>

EXTERNAL CREDENTIAL SURVEY

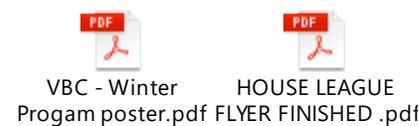
The Ministry of Education is working to redesign the Grades 10-12 curriculum to help ensure students are learning in a way that connects them to the collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills that are so important after high school.

As part of this transformation, the Ministry is also undertaking a review of the External Credentials Program to ensure alignment with the broader changes with the curriculum, such as the principle of flexibility. As well, we would like to assess stakeholders’ familiarity with the EC program in British Columbia and gauge the value and accessibility of the program.

You are invited to share your feedback on the following survey link:
<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/openschoolbc/external-credentials-program-survey-1/>

The survey will remain open until November 30, 2016. Results will inform our review of the EC Program and recommendations for future program design, which will be communicated next year.

Volleyball BC Train and Play



www.marinersvolleyballclub.ca

FREE MEDIC ALERT BRACELETS/NECKLACES/DOG TAGS and MEDIC ALERT PLAN

Medic Alert is an international program based in Canada that not only offers medic alert bracelets/necklaces etc., but also has a medic alert service plan. There is a 24/7 Emergency Hotline that answers calls within 5 seconds in 140 languages and notifies you if there is an emergency. Emergency First Responders are trained to look for the official Medic Alert emblem. The cost for the plan is \$60 and you usually have to pay for the bracelet/necklace/dog tag as well.

Medic Alert has joined with Lions Club of Canada and the Government of Canada to offer all of this FREE to children from 4-14 through schools. The plan/jewelry stays free until your child's 14th birthday.

This would apply to any students who need Epipens for allergies; diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, autism, severe vision/hearing issues, hemophilia etc. If this applies to your child and you would like this free resource, please access the following site:

Website: <http://www.nochildwithout.ca/>