

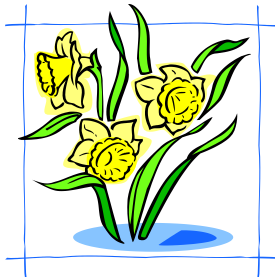


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Principal Message

Time has been flying by...already the first two months of 2017 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 an addition to our staff this month. We would like to welcome Mme. Nicole Lewis, who will be working with teachers in all classes. We also said goodbye to Mme. Andreanne, our monitrice de langue. Mme. Andreanne was at our school for 10 weeks, working with students to improve their language acquisition and promote cultural activities.

We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten and Grade One students who will be attending Ecole Hammond Bay in September 2017. New this year, registrations were completed online for all schools in the District. The Lottery Night for Kindergarten and Grade One French Immersion took place in early February, and was witnessed by a PAC representative from every French Immersion school.

The Foundation Skills Assessment 2016-17 have been completed. 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 will be coming home soon. We would encourage parents to take a few minutes and complete the online survey from the Ministry of Education. The data is used at the school and district levels for future planning.

You may have noticed some changes to the format of the "Report Card" your child recently brought home. These changes reflect the Interim Reporting Order of the Ministry of Education. As part of the review process, the Ministry will be asking parents, students and teaching staff for their feedback in the near future.

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 a treat for all of our students to enjoy as they read during our Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) event.

The last few weeks have been extraordinarily busy here at school. Some of the activities your children have participated in are: Jump Rope for Heart, Anti-Bullying Day, Festival du Sucre, a NDSS musical theatre production, Jung Kaadee First Nations performance, Healthy Relationships and Online Safety presentation, Swim to Survive, DARE, A Day at the Symphony, St-Valentine's Day dance, Spheros, Carnaval, volleyball and basketball, Coding and Newspaper clubs, and our annual Val-o-grams fundraiser by Student Council.

This month's assembly will be taking place on February 28th at 1:40 pm. The class of Mme. Anneli and M. Palmer will be presenting a series of dances. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please join us!

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

Vice Principal's Message

Well, I am sure enjoying the warmer weather that has been coming our way! With our first reports out and both families and teachers learning how to navigate the new assessment and evaluation, I welcome your concerns and feedback. It is of most importance that we understand the new strategies and how they can help support student learning. I encourage parents to ask their children what they have learned and what is yet to be learned or where they believe their next challenge lies. Reminding them that all skills need to be consistently worked on and practiced and that learning is cyclical and every changing and growing. A wonderful acronym which I enjoy using is F.A.I.L, which stands for First, Attempt, In, Learning. Let's all work to create growth mindsets in stead of fixed!!!!

Sincerely,
Kelly Payne



Jump Rope for Heart

On February 7th, all classes participated 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. Well done everyone!



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 17th.

Grade 7 Transition Activities

NDSS Counsellors visited our school on February 15th to meet with Grade 7 students and begin the process of Course Selection.

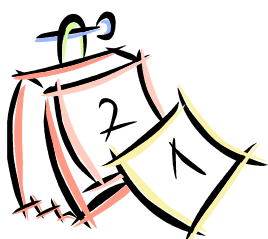
All Course Selection sheets have been forwarded to NDSS for processing. If your child is planning on attending NDSS next year and you have not completed their Course Selection sheet, please contact NDSS directly. For information regarding Course Selection for other secondary schools in our district, 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 22

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day was observed on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

Everyone was urged to show their support to promote anti-bullying by wearing pink. Thank you to Constable Wilson for presenting Healthy Relationships and Online Safety to our Intermediate students. For more information about Pink Shirt Day visit <http://www.pinkshirtday.ca/> or ask your student's classroom teacher about the activity their class participate in.



Upcoming School Events Feb/Mar

Feb 20 & 21	District & School Based Professional Development Days – Schools are closed for students
Feb 22	Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day Cyberbully Presentation – Gr 5-7
Feb 23	Maple Sugar Festival
Feb 24	Hot Lunch
Feb 24	Gr.4-7 All Shook Up – Port Theatre
Feb 28	Monthly Assembly
Mar 6	PAC Meeting
Mar 8	Spot Vision Clinic Gr 4 & 7
Mar 10	Spheros Go / Hot Lunch/ Jazzfest
Mar 13	Spell-a-thon lists go home/Assembly
Mar 16	Sound Sense – Gr 4/5 in gym
Mar 17	Dufflebag Theatre presentation – Snow White / St Patrick's Day – Green Day Last day before Spring Break
Mar 20-31	Spring Break
Apr 3	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.

Neck Point Runs

We will be starting the Neck Point Runs after Spring Break. Permission slips will be coming home shortly. It is very important that students wear appropriate footwear for this activity. Please ensure that they have a pair of runners at school to change into. Rubber boots, sandals, etc. are not acceptable and students may be asked to remain at the school and not participate.

Sports

Congratulations to all our Volleyball players on a season well played. Also, a very big thank you to all our coaches and sponsors for donating your time and expertise to the students of Hammond Bay:

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.

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

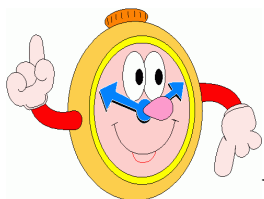
As the weather begins to improve and students start to ride their bikes to school, we would like to remind everyone that "things with wheels" (ie: scooters, roller blades, wheelie shoes, skate boards and bicycles) are not permitted to be rolled on/ridden on school property. Please dismount once you enter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

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 17th.



March 12, 2017 Daylight Savings Time – "Spring Forward".

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be March 6th at 7:00 pm. New members and/or interested parents/guardians are always welcomed to attend.

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2016-2017 School Calendar



Feb 20	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)
Feb 21	Non-Instructional Day (School Based Pro D Day)
Mar 17	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
April 3	School re-opens after Spring Break
April 14	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Monday
May 12	Non Instructional Day
May 22	Victoria Day – schools are closed
June 30	Last day of school for students

Community Information & Events

Kerry Isham

Power Up – Sexual Health Education

March Workshop

powerupworkshops@gmail.com

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENING

Randerson Ridge Gym- March 8th, 7-8 pm

Hello all:

On March 8th, from 7- 8 pm, Randerson Ridge PAC are hosting a district-wide emergency preparedness event at our school.

Chad McGilvray, owner of Get My Kit will speak for approximately 20 -25 minutes on the need for emergency planning and what should be part of a good home based emergency preparedness plan.

Karen Lindsay, from the City of Nanaimo will speak for approximately 20 minutes about the city's plans for when a catastrophic event happens.

Then there will be 10-15 minutes for questions and answers.

Admission is free. Invite your friends and neighbors.

If you plan to attend, can you please contact Mr. Brick at dbrick@sd68.bc.ca .



