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Principal's Message



As the 2016-17 school year draws to a close, we would like to congratulate our students on their hard work this year. It has been a pleasure to read and sign everyone's Written Summary Report.

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered their time and expertise this year coaching sports teams, driving and chaperoning for field trips, reading to students, helping with math centers and art projects, etc. We greatly appreciate all that you do to enrich the learning experiences of all of our students.

Thank you also to PAC for supporting all the initiatives at Ecole Hammond Bay throughout the 2016-17 school year.

A special note to our Grade 7 students...we wish them all the very best of luck as they move onto the next chapter of their education. We are all proud of the accomplishments they have made at Ecole Hammond Bay and are sure they will continue in high school. Work hard and keep reaching for the stars. We know that you will reach them!

Wishing everyone a very safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Christine Bohm

Vice Principal's Message

We are in the home stretch now and the beautiful weather is on us! I wanted to take the time to congratulate all students for all their hard work this year! I would also like to thank parents for all your volunteer work during our field trips, fundraisers and multiple other events we organize at the school. We could not do it without you. As we reach the end of the school year, I think it is important to remember to keep up your French speaking and reading during the summer months, so you come back in September ready to take on the next grade level. Thank you for having me as the Vice-Principal this year; I have had a wonderful time getting to know the

Hammond Bay families. I am greatly looking forward to next year.

Wishing everyone a joyful and safe summer,
Kelly Payne

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.

Staffing Changes

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to some of our staff members who are moving on in the next school year: Mme. Foster (Grade 4/5), Mme. Ashworth Clarke (Grade 6/7), Mme. Karpuik (Arts Education), Mme. Amy (Educational Assistant), Mme. Hill (counselor), and Mme. Tissington (Speech & Language Pathologist). Also leaving us next year, for one year, is Mme. Dominique.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Mme. McArter (Child, Family and Youth Care Worker) and to Mme. Blenkhorn (noon hour supervisor) who are retiring! We wish them both the best of success in their future endeavors.

At the same time, we would like to welcome to Ecole Hammond Bay: Mr. Magan, our new Speech and Language Pathologist, Ms. Silickas, our new counselor, Ms. Posnikoff, our new Child, Family and Youth Care Worker, Mme. Mirau (Grade 5 classroom teacher replacing Mme. Dominique).

We are also having a change in our administrative team. Mme. Kelly has decided to return to the classroom, as our Grade 4 teacher next year. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and job well done as our Vice Principal, these past few months.

We would like to welcome Mr. Justin Mark to the Ecole Hammond Bay team as our Vice Principal.

School Summer Hours

The school office will be open July 4-7th from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. We will reopen August 28th. If possible, please call ahead to ensure that someone is available to help you. Thank you.

Are you moving?

If you are planning to move away from the Nanaimo area or are transferring your children to another school next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the 2017-2018 school year.

Library News

Bonjour,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and parents for a wonderful year. Your enthusiasm for reading, learning and collaborating continues to make the library an inspiring, inclusive space for the school community. I look forward to building on this energy with new initiatives in 2017/2018.

Special thanks to Adrienne LeGuyder, Jen Therriault and the PAC committee for their ongoing sponsorship of the library program. Another big thank you to Mary Rose Sun—our dedicated parent volunteer—and library club members for their help with book circulation.

On July 4th, the Vancouver Island Regional Library kicks off its *Walk on the Wild Side! Summer Reading Club*, a children's initiative that promotes daily reading. Registration is now open at www.virl.bc.ca and all branches.

I hope your summers are full of reading adventures at home and wherever your travels may take you. Bonne lecture!

Madame Alison

Morning Announcements

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a group of Grade 7 students for their dedication and positive attitude with the morning announcements: Ciera L., Tian S., Savannah R., Savannah N., Isabella R. Well done!

Welcome to Kindergarten

A big thank you to the following students for helping with the WTK on May 11th. Your smiling faces and positive attitudes were so appreciated -

Keenan W., David M., Hunter K., Noah U., Savannah R., James R., Teya S., Savannah N., Elle T., Taiga O., Ayden F., Henry L., Spencer B., Conall T., Julia W., Ooo Yung J., Ciera L., Amir H.



Student Council

We would like to congratulate our school community and student population for their continued support of our fundraising efforts. Together this year, we have collected food for those less fortunate, raised well over \$1000 for WE Villages (Health and Sustainability), and most recently, raised \$480 for Syrian Refugee Families in Nanaimo. Our Student Council wrote letters of friendship and support and we purchased gift cards to help families cover basic needs. What an incredible display of compassion and empathy! Bravo Hammond Bay!

We would also like to thank all students that came out to Student Council this year. We had a very strong council with students from Grade 5-7. The faces may change throughout the year, but their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to making the world a better place never fades! We are privileged to be able to work with you all!

Congratulations to our graduating members who are moving on to Grade 8 and thank you for all your efforts over the past three years. We will miss you! We look forward to greeting new members in September as we start a brand new year of change. Have a safe and happy summer and remember you may be just one but you are one - be the change you want to see!

Warm wishes,
Mme Natascha and Mme Williams

Grade 7 Swim to Survive

The last session for Grade 7 students for Swim to Survive is on June 20th at Westwood Lake. Students put what they had learned in their pool sessions to the test at the lake.

Band Concert

Please join us on Tuesday, June 20th at 1 pm for the Grade 6 & 7 Band Concert. Thank you to Mme. De Verteuil for organizing this wonderful event. We are looking forward to hearing the beautiful music of our Band classes.

Fun Day

On June 28th from 9:00 a.m.-11:20 a.m., students will celebrate the end of the year by enjoying fun, active activities outside on our field

Assemblies

We have a few assemblies this month. We hope that you will join us.

June 19th (12:40 pm) – Division 3 presenting
June 22nd (1:45 pm) – Division 9 presenting
June 27th (1:00 pm) – Divisions 1, 2 and 13 presenting
June 29th (9:00 am) – Final Assembly

Talent Show

A big thank you to Mme. Raduta and Mme. Dominique for organizing this year's Talent Shows. We had many performers participate. Well done everyone!

Parent Appreciation Breakfast

Please join us for our annual Parent Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, June 22nd at 8:15 am in the Courtyard. This is our way of saying "thank you" to all the parents/guardians who have volunteered in and out of our classrooms, and supported all of the initiatives the teachers endeavor to offer your children.

Sports

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year's Track and Field. You all did very well!

On June 14th we hosted our annual Sports Team Recognition Luncheon. Students who participated in the NETPEA league representing Hammond Bay, were invited to lunch. We had over 90 students who participated on a Sports Team! Well done everyone!

First Day of School in September

Just a reminder that the first day of school in September is Tuesday, September 5th. Students in Grades 1-7 attend on September 5th for one hour (from 11-12). September 6th is a full day of school. Kindergarten students joining us on September 7th on a Gradual Entry schedule. Please see the Gradual Entry schedule in the Welcome to Kindergarten bags for your child's group assignment.

PAC News

Thank you to all who have volunteered for fundraising initiatives from PAC this past year. Without your help and support we would not be able to have these events.

A special thanks to Tanya Forbes and her popcorn crew for another great year!

A very BIG thank you to Sonia Batten for being PAC Secretary for the past few years, we are sad to see you leave this position and appreciate all the time and effort you put in on doing our monthly meeting minutes.

Last PAC meeting is June 12th with the AGM immediately following. A kind reminder for our Ecole Hammond Bay parent community, without PAC we could not provide the extra enrichment

our students receive (Artists in the Classroom, Authors in the School, subsidized field trips, new sports equipment, new library books to name just a few and there would be no Fun Lunch or gaming grant ☺)

The sad reality is every year there are more and more budget cuts and it's up to PAC's at their discretion to provide these extras BUT without support from the parent community this is not possible. So in the Fall make time for a PAC meeting or 2 or think about volunteering for a PAC initiative.

Thank you all and have a great summer holiday!

Adrienne LeGuyder
PAC Chair

Cougar/Bear Safety

In the spring, summer and fall, bear sightings in the vicinity of schools are fairly common and occasionally there is a sighting of a cougar. All sightings should be reported to 1-877-952-7277. Ask for the conservation officer on duty.

Below are a few basic safety rules with regard to cougars. More detailed information is available on the internet at www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/

- Never approach a cougar. Although cougars will normally avoid a confrontation, all cougars are unpredictable. Cougars feeding on a kill may be dangerous.
- Always give a cougar an avenue of escape.
- Stay calm. Talk to the cougar in a confident voice.
- Pick all children up off the ground immediately. Children frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack.
- Do not run. Try to back away from the cougar slowly. Sudden movement or flight may trigger an instinctive attack.
- Do not turn your back on the cougar. Face the cougar and remain upright.
- Do all you can to enlarge your presence. Do not crouch down or try to hide. Pick-up sticks or branches and wave them about.

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Schools Calendar



School Calendar for 2017-18

Schools Open for Students	Tuesday, September 5
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Friday, October 6
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9
Non-Instructional Day / Pro D Day (Provincial PSA)	Friday, October 20
Remembrance Day (Observed)	Monday, November 13
Last day of classes before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22
Schools Re-Open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8
BC Family Day	Monday, February 12
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)	Monday, February 19
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Tuesday, February 20
Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 16
Good Friday	Friday, March 30
Easter Monday	Monday, April 2
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, May 11
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21
Administrative Day - Schools area closed	Friday, June 29

There are 188 days in session.

Superintendent's Office Calendar – Local School 2017-18 as at May 24, 2017

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Community Events:



Host a
Japanese
Student!

Host Families Needed-Dover Bay High
School-July 31-August 15

- Create lifelong friendships!
- Share Summer Customs!
- Introduce your family to Japanese people and custom



The visitors are 12-15 year old boys and girls from Japan.
Welcomed into home, three meals, private room,
transportation to school and enjoy time together.

Compensation is \$525.



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