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## Principal's Message



As the 2016-2017 school year begins to draw to a close, we would like to congratulate our students on their hard work this year.

With only a few more weeks to go, we encourage everyone to continue to strive to do their best.

Our Spring Concerts were wonderful. Students showcased their musical talents in the Kindergarten-Grade 5 performances. Thank you to Mme. Karpuik for preparing and organizing the Spring Concert Showcase. Thank you also to all of the staff for their support.

Our Grade 7 students are currently away at their Year-End Field Trip at Camp Qwanoes. They will return May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Track and Field season is underway. Congratulations to all of our students who participated. You all did very well! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered at our School Track Meet. It was a wonderful day for all! More information about the upcoming Zone and District Track meets is given below.

In May, we hosted Welcome to Kindergarten and Bedtime Shenanigan events. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students and their parents in September!

Mark your calendars for the Hammond Bay Talent Shows June 13 and 14! We have over 40 performances currently registered. Thank you to Mme. Dominique and Mme. Raduta for organizing this fun event for students.

Also on June 14<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the Sports Team Recognition Luncheon. Students who have participated on a sports team this year will be receiving an invitation soon.

The last session for Grade 7 students for Swim to Survive will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Westwood Lake. Students will be putting what they have learned into practice during this final session.

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. Please join us on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for a Parent Appreciation Breakfast in our courtyard. We look forward to seeing you...

*Christine Bohm*

## 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](http://www.erasebullying.ca) for more information.

## Class Placement Requests for 2017-2018

As the end of the school year approaches, many parents start to wonder about their child/ren's class for next year.

The staff and I will be meeting in June to work on class organization and composition for next year. The following is a tentative class organization for the 2017-2018 school year:

Kindergarten	Kindergarten
Grade 1	Grade 1
Grade 2	Grade 2
Grade 2/3	Grade 3
Grade 3/4	Grade 4
Grade 5	Grade 5/6
Grade 6	Grade 6/7
Grade 7	

**At this point, I must stress the tentative nature of this organization.** Changes to our school schedule can take place as late as the first week of September depending on student enrollment.

In assigning students to their new classes, the staff works carefully as a team to discuss the best placement for their students. 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 decision for placement is primarily based on the recommendation of the student's present teacher(s), the person(s) most familiar with their needs but according to the *School Act*, it is ultimately the principal's decision and responsibility.

Parents have been given the opportunity to submit a letter to the principal stating the type of learning environment you believe your child would need to be successful. *The deadline for submissions was May 26<sup>th</sup>.*

### **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.

### **After School Expectations**

Hammond Bay School is located in an ideal setting. Students love to stay after school and play on the playground and in the surrounding forest. After school, our staff provides 15 minutes of supervision. We would ask you to please contact the school office at 250-758-5711 if you are running late or know that you will be picking your child up after 1:30 (Mon) and 2:30 (Tue-Fri). The safety of your child(ren) is important. We will provide additional supervision at the office for those students.

Students playing in the forest should be directly supervised by their parent or a parent designate. Unaccompanied students are not allowed in the forest.

Please review expectations regarding "stranger safety" with your children. We often have strangers walking through our school grounds or walking in the forest on their way to/from Neck Point Park.

### **Spring/Summer Allergy Season**

We have had many students come to the office complaining of seasonal allergies such as itchy/watery eyes etc. If your child has seasonal allergies, please stop by the office to complete a Medication Form and provide us with your child's allergy medication (Benadryl/Chloratrimon). This will save you a trip to the school with medication. Students must not keep medication in their backpack so it must be stored at the office.

### **Pets on School Property**

We would ask our parents and community members to please respect the "No dogs allowed on school property" guideline we have in place for our school. For the safety of our students and staff, we would appreciate if dogs would be kept either in the car or at home during drop off and pick up times.



### **Track and Field**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated at our School Track and Field event May 18th. A big thank you to all of the staff, parents and caregivers who volunteered to make these days a huge success. Students who have qualified for the Zone Track and Field event on June 1<sup>st</sup> have been notified of their events and the schedule for the day via the permission slip. All permission slips are due back to Mme. Bohm by, Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (except Bantams).

Hammond Bay Jerseys will be distributed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to Tyke and Pee Wee students who have returned their permission slips. Distribution for Bantams will take place on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. *All jerseys must be washed and returned to Mme. Bohm by Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>* for the District Track & Field the following week.

A friendly reminder to all Zone Track participants, that **students will need to be picked up from the Rotary Bowl by their parent/guardian or parent designate. There will be no bus for the return to school.**

**Please note that students who qualified for the 100 m must have their parents/guardians drive them to the Rotary Bowl in the morning. These races begin promptly at 9am. Students will not be re-slotted if they miss their race.**

Please ensure that soccer shoes and cleats are not worn at Track & Field. Students will be disqualified from competing.

Students who qualify for the District Track & Field (June 8th) will be notified as soon as the Zone results are received.

**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 has a reference to drugs may not be worn to school. **Beach wear; spaghetti strap tops, short shorts, muscle shirts etc. are not to be worn at school.** Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students.

**Fun Day**

On June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-11:20 a.m., students will celebrate the end of the year by enjoying fun activities. Remember to wear comfortable clothing, running shoes and bring a bottle of water.

**Parent Appreciation Tea**

We would like to show our appreciation to all our parents/guardians who have volunteered their time and expertise in classrooms, for clubs and teams, and the school in general. Please join us for our Parent Appreciation Breakfast, June 22nd from 8:00-8:45 am in our courtyard.

**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/](http://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.

Students walking to and from schools:

- Walk in groups
- Stick to the roads – do not walk through bush

**Library News**

Bonjour,

Thanks to PAC's ongoing support of the library program, École Hammond Bay recently hosted Bookfest authors, including four award-winning teen authors from the island. We were also able to purchase several books by these authors. Merci!

A note to families that library books are due back by Friday, June 9th. Overdue notices will be sent home the following week.

Bonne lecture!  
Madame Alison

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Monday, May 30	Whole School Photo
Wednesday, May 31	Assembly
Wednesday, June 1	Zone Track & Field Div 4 Showcase of Learning
Friday, June 2	Hot Lunch
Tuesday, June 6	Gr 7 – Swim to Survive
Wednesday, June 7	Popcorn Day
Thursday, June 8	District Track/Field Meet
Friday, June 9	Div 11 Showcase of Learning
Monday, June 12	PAC & AGM Elections
Tuesday, June 13	Talent Show
Wednesday, June 14	Talent Show Sports Luncheon Banquet
Thursday, June 15	Div 11 – Science World
Friday, June 16	Hot Lunch
Monday, June 19	Assembly – Div 3 presenting
Tuesday, June 20	Gr7 Swim to Survive Band Concert 1-2pm
Wednesday, June 21	Gr 2 Swim/picnic - Beban
Thursday, June 22	Parent Appreciation Breakfast @ 8-8:45 am in the Courtyard
Friday, June 23	Grade 7 Celebration Div 3&4 - Parksville
Tuesday, June 27	Assembly – Div 1, 2, 13
Wednesday, June 28	Fun Day



Thursday, June 29	Last Day Assembly Report Cards Home
Friday, June 30	Administrative Day – schools are closed for students

### Community Events



# BODY SMART

All classes at 512 Martina Way - Nanaimo

**LESSON 1 - PRIVATE BODY PART NAMES - 3 YEARS +**  
9:30 - 10:15  
July 24 - July 25 - Aug 14 - Aug 15

**LESSON 2 - SAFE, UNSAFE AND SECRET TOUCH - 3 YEARS+**  
9:30 - 10:15  
July 26 - July 27 - Aug 16 - Aug 17

**LESSON 3 - DIGESTIVE VERSUS REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM - 7 YEARS+**  
10:45 - 11:30  
July 24 - July 25 - Aug 14 - Aug 15

**LESSON 4 - ALL FAMILIES ARE DIFFERENT**  
10:45 - 11:30  
July 26 - July 27 - Aug 16 - Aug 17

**\$30 FOR TWO CLASSES**  
**\$20 FOR ONE CLASS**  
**\$50 TWO CLASSES PLUS A BOOK**  
**\$40 ONE CLASS PLUS A BOOK**

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