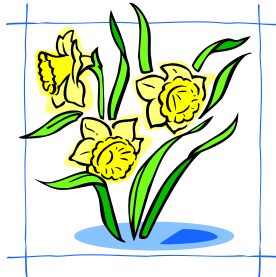


## Principal Message

Time has been flying by...already the first two months of 2018 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 half of the school year. We would encourage them to continue to work hard during these next few months. Well done!



We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten and Grade One students who will be attending Ecole Hammond Bay in September 2018. 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 Satisfaction Survey information for Grades 4 and 7 parents/guardians has gone home already. We would encourage parents to take a few minutes and complete the online survey from the Ministry of Education by April 30th. The data is used at the school and district levels for future planning.

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 next few weeks will be extraordinarily busy here at school. Some of the activities your children will be participating in are: Festival du Sucre, Anti-Bullying Day, Jazz Fest, Carnival, Science Fair, Northern Games Tournament. We also have a number specific grade/class activities occurring: BC Health Survey for Grade 7, Spot Vision Clinic for Grades 4 and 7, and the Out in Schools presentation for Grades 5-7.

*Out in Schools is a public outreach organization that uses age-appropriate film and video with facilitated group discussion to engage students across BC on issues of homophobia, transphobia and bullying. This small, but dedicated organization*

*reached 16,500 youth in 2016, and has now presented in 43/60 school districts across BC.*

*The Ministry of Education and the BCTF have endorsed the work of Out in Schools, and we are confident that our students will be engaged, and come away with new understanding and acceptance of the diversity that exists in our schools and community.*

*Out in Schools is in line with the Ministry of Education curriculum expectations around social responsibility and valuing diversity; and therefore no parental permission is required for this presentation.*

This month's assembly will be taking place on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:45pm. The classes of Mme. Edgar and M. Mercier will be presenting. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please join us!

Other news...

**The Board of Education just recently approved a motion to fund an addition to our gym, to make it a full size structure. Construction is scheduled to begin in July!**

The Board of Education is seeking parent input into the local school calendar for 2018-19. Please see the email I sent to families last week for more information. To provide feedback, please go to: [yourvoice@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:yourvoice@sd68.bc.ca).

The School District will be launching a Thoughtexchange February 21-March 7. The focus will be 2020 Vision and Student Learning. The results will help plan the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and the upcoming budget. Parents will be emailed directly from the school district.

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

February has been a busy and dynamic month at Ecole Hammond Bay, with lots of activities, field trips and presentations. I am very excited to see the wonderful projects that students are working on for the upcoming Science Fair. Just a reminder to students and parents as we deal with the colder weather, to walk carefully around sidewalks and to be careful for ice patches. I would also like to wish our basketball teams good luck in on their ongoing seasons. I would like to remind all students to stay organized and focus on their learning for the next three weeks as we push towards our spring break holiday.

Kindest Regards,  
Mr. Mark



## Jump Rope for Heart

On February 14th, 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 \$600! All proceeds go towards supporting local and international "Free the Children" sponsored initiatives.

## 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 28

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day was observed on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

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 19 & 20	District & School Based Professional Development Days – Schools are closed for students
Feb 21-22	Maple Sugar Festival
Feb 23	Hot Lunch
Feb 28	Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day
Mar 5	Assembly (Feb & March)
Mar 8	Carnival
Mar 9	Jazz Fest
Mar 14&15	Science Fair
Mar 16	Northern Games/Last day before Spring Break
Mar 19-Apr 2	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!

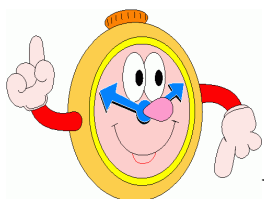


**Things on Wheels**

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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>.



**March 11, 2018** Daylight Savings Time – “Spring Forward”.

**PAC News**

The next PAC meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. New members and/or interested parents/guardians are always welcomed to attend.

**2017 - 2018 School Calendar** 

Feb 19	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)
Feb 20	Non-Instructional Day (School Based Pro D Day)
Mar 16	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
March 30	Good Friday
April 2	Easter Monday
April 3	School re-opens after Spring Break
May 11	Non Instructional Day
May 21	Victoria Day – schools are closed
June 29	Last day of school for students