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Principal's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on the progress made in their learning. It was a pleasure to read and sign everyone's Mid Year Written Progress Report. I would encourage our students to strive to continue their excellent progress for the remainder few months of the year.

We have had some beautiful art being displayed around the school from different classes over the past few months. It is always wonderful to see the exceptional pieces the students have created, and all should be very proud of their accomplishments. Well done!

The Satisfaction Survey for this school year is here!. Students, staff and parents of Grade 4 and 7 students were invited to take part in the online survey. Information has been sent home and we are encouraging parents to complete the online survey. For more information, please contact the school office.

The Swim to Survive program will be offered again this year to Grade 7 students. The program will focus on drowning prevention, survival in water after an accidental fall in and understanding risk-taking behavior in youth around water activities. Students will be participating in three sessions: the first two at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and the final session at Westwood Lake. Further information and permission slips will be coming home after Spring Break.

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting our Kindergarten to Grade 6 Spring Concert at the Port Theatre on May 23rd. A big thank you to Island Savings for providing Ecole Hammond Bay this No Charge opportunity. More information will follow after the Spring Break.

The month of April is shaping up to be another busy month. Not only are we hosting Teddy Anderson Hoop Dancing and Dufflebag Theatre, we also will be having Band and Bowl, Grade 6 and 7 Internet Safety with Constable Nowicki, Grade 6 Immunizations and Welcome to Kindergarten.

Mark your calendars! Lifetouch will be coming April 6th to take whole school, class and team/club pictures. We will begin promptly at 9 am.

NDSS will be hosting a Grade 7 Parent Information Night on April 17th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Another counselor visit to HB and then a student tour of NDSS will round out activities for Grade 7s in the Spring.

As we all look forward to a rest from all our hard work, the staff and I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful and relaxing Spring Break.

Christine Bohm

Vice Principal's Message

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful spring break. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to recharge and come back ready to finish off the school year. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage our basketball teams to keep working hard and wish them good luck on their season in progress. I am looking forward to our school wide Patati & Patata presentations, which will be held within the school this year. I am also very excited to announce that Mountain Bike club will be offered to grade 4-7s this spring. I can't wait to get the spring program going. It has been a fantastic year so far and I can't wait to finish it off this spring and summer.

À bientôt,

Justin Mark



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.

Track and Field

Grade 3 to 7 students will be invited to participate in our School Track and Field Meet on May 16th at the Rotary Bowl. Information about the events will be provided to the students in April, along with event sign up. Permission slips will be sent home at the beginning of May along with the schedule of events. We will need many parents to help us at the Track Meet. Please indicate on our child’s permission slip if you are available to help. Mme. Bohm will be checking in with the teachers and be contacting parents.



Run Program at Neck Point

We will be starting our spring running program at Neck Point. Classes will be invited to participate twice a week. This is great conditioning in preparation for our Track and Field season. Permission slips will be sent home in April.



Sports

As our NETPEA intramural sports program comes to an end for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents/guardians, teacher sponsors and the students for making this year of sports at Hammond Bay a fantastic experience for all!

Lates

We are noticing lots of students (about 50 every day) arriving late for school. Late arrivals disrupt the learning already underway in the classrooms and put the late arrivals at a disadvantage. Please ensure that your child(ren) start the school day with everyone else – at 8:35 am. Thank you for your attention to this.

Community News –



SN-HP-107-01 Handwashing for H



SN-HP-107-27 Easy Ideas with Veggies :



SN-HP-107-19 Why Use Fluoride Toothp



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When Children Should Stay Home from School

During this time of year there are a number of colds and flus around. These can spread amongst others quite easily. For the health of the staff, students, and volunteers in the school, we ask that you take into consideration the following information. If your child has any of the following symptoms they should be kept home from school.

Fever - Keep your children home if they have a fever. Wait until children are fever-free before letting them return to school.

Diarrhea/Vomiting - Keep children home if they’ve vomited twice or more in the last 24 hours. They can return to school after symptoms clear up or your doctor says they’re no longer contagious.

Severe cough and cold symptoms should keep kids home from school. A serious cough could be a sign of contagious conditions like whooping cough, viral bronchitis, or croup.

Pinkeye - is contagious, and children should stay home from school for the first 24 hours after treatment begins.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bin is overflowing again. Please come and take what is yours. All items unclaimed will be sent to a local charity in April.

