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Principal's Message



As the 2017-18 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 2017-18 school year. We could not have offered as much as we have to our students without their generous support.

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

Wow what a year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Ecole Hammond Bay community, students, staff and parents for such a fantastic year. There are too many highlights to list them all, however I feel blessed to have been part of such a dynamic year. I would like to wish the Grade 7 students who are moving on to secondary school the very best and to thank your families for all you have contributed to our school. I am very excited to return next September and continue our learning

adventure together. To our students, staff and parents I wish you an amazing and safe summer.

Warm Regards

M. 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.

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. Betteridge (Div 12 Teacher), Mme. Wigmore (Div 14 Teacher), Mme. Jessica (Aboriginal Educational Assistant), Mme. Sherri (Noon Hour Supervisor) and Mme. Shirley (Noon Hour Supervisor).

At the same time, we would also like to welcome back to our staff for 2018-19: M. Palmer (Teacher), Mr. McGann (Speech and Language Pathologist), Mme. Nika Silickas (School Counselor) and Mme. Sandy Posnikoff (School Child, Family and Youth Worker)

School Summer Hours

The school office will be open July 3-6th from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. We will reopen August 27th. 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 2018-2019 school year.

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: Charlotte F, Charlotte S, Brynn W, Sophie C. Well done!



Student Council

We would like to congratulate our school community and student population for their continued support of our fundraising efforts. 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 Kim

Late French Immersion

Bonjour! Have you ever wished your child were fluent in both official languages? Over half a million Canadians have achieved functional bilingualism through French Immersion. In our school district, one student in 10 is enrolled in French Immersion and will graduate ready to pursue a bilingual career or post-secondary studies in French. Over the past 40 years, thousands of students in our district have had great success in Early French Immersion (EFI), which starts in Kindergarten or Grade 1.

In response to a number of expressions of interest from parents and in accordance with recommendations from the recent French Immersion Review, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools introduced a Late French Immersion (LFI) program beginning in September 2014.

If your child is entering Grade 6 in September 2018, they are eligible to enroll in LFI and join those graduating from secondary school with bilingual Dogwood certificates. LFI is a fully funded public education program with no additional costs. **Late French Immersion Registration still Open** There are still spots available in our 2018/2019 class. If you would like to register or need more information, please have them contact Mike Lundine @ 250-754-6845

Assemblies

Due to the construction on the gym, the Final Assembly will be taking place on the upper field on June 28th (10:30 am).

Sports

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

A special congratulations to Avery H, who set a new record for Pee Wee Girls 600 m at the District Track and Field.

First Day of School in September

Just a reminder that the first day of school in September is Tuesday, September 4th. Students in Grades 1-7 attend on September 4th for one hour (from 11-12). September 5th is a full day of school. Kindergarten students joining us on September 6th as per the Gradual Entry schedule, which has been emailed to parents already.

School Supply Lists

School Supply lists have been distributed already. If you missed it, don't worry, they will be posted on our school website.

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.

Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools Calendar



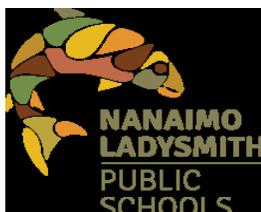
School Calendar for 2018-19

Schools Open for Students	Tuesday, September 4
Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum In-Service Day)	Thursday, October 4
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Friday, October 5
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8
Non-Instructional Day / Pro D Day (Provincial PSA)	Friday, October 19
Remembrance Day (Observed)	Monday, November 12
Last day of classes before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21
Schools Re-Open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7
BC Family Day	Monday, February 18
Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)	Monday, February 25
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Tuesday, February 26
Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1
Good Friday	Friday, April 19
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Friday, May 10
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
Administrative Day - Schools are closed	Friday, June 28

There are 188 days in session.

Superintendent's Office Calendar – Local School 2018-19
March 14, 2018
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Community Events:



SUMMER BREAK2018

COMMUNITY SCHOOL FUN FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Deadline for registration is **Friday, July 6, 2018**



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