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Vice-Principal: Justin Mark  
Secretaries: Susan Clark  
Marina Lockhart

## Principal's Message



To both our returning and our new families, Welcome to Hammond Bay! We hope you and your family have had a wonderful and restful summer break. The staff is looking forward to another exciting year of learning with your child(ren).

Every month, Hammond Bay distributes a newsletter, containing important and pertinent information for the upcoming month. It is also an avenue to celebrate students' achievements. All of our newsletters are distributed online to those who have signed up for the Newsletter List Serve (please visit our website to subscribe). They are also uploaded to our school website every month.

We have had some additional staffing changes over the summer. We are currently staffed for 15 divisions and 348 students. Below is the staff list for this year:

Librarian – Mme. Jacqueline  
SST – Mme. Mitchell & Mme. St-Pierre  
Music/Band – Ms. De Verteuil  
Kindergarten – Mme. Kathleen  
Kindergarten - Mme. Linda  
Grade 1 – Mme. Natascha  
Grade 1 - Mme. Raduta  
Grade 2 – Mme. Kim  
Grade 2 - Mme. Monica  
Grade 2/3 – Mme. Anneli/Mme. Rouvroye  
Grade 3 – M. Mercier  
Grade 3/4 – Mme. Katie  
Grade 4 – Mme. Kelly/Mme. Mitchell  
Grade 5 – M. Palmer/Mme. Mitchell  
Grade 5/6 – M. Mark/Mme. Mitchell  
Grade 6 – M. LaBounty  
Grade 6/7 – Mme. Isabelle/Mme. Dockerill  
Grade 6/7 – M. Kevin  
Aboriginal EA – Mme. Wyse  
EA – Mme. Sue-Ellen  
EA – Mme. Amy  
Noon Hour Supervisor – Mme. Bonnie  
Library Clerk – Mrs. Kim  
Custodians – M. Jack & Mme. Vivian  
Counselor – Ms. Silickas  
Psychologist – Ms. Cote  
Speech & Language – Mr. McGann  
Child & Youth Care – Ms. Posnikoff

Secretary (Main) – Mrs. Clark  
Secretary (Thur & Fri) – Mrs. Lockhart  
Vice-Principal – M. Mark  
Principal – Mme. Bohm

As you have noticed, our gym is currently under construction. We are hoping that we will begin to use it by the mid to end of November. In the meantime, Physical Education classes will take place outside on our fields, rain or shine. Please make sure your child has an additional set of clothing to change into in case they get wet. Our custodians would very much appreciate everyone's cooperation in trying to keep the school clean, and as such, we are asking everyone to bring a pair of indoor shoes. Thank you.

At the start of any school year, teachers regularly employ diagnostic assessments in reading, writing and mathematics. These assessments are meant to determine the relative strengths and challenges for our students, so that we may begin to build and implement support plans and extension projects. This year, Ecole Hammond Bay will be working with the ALPIN and NLPS Reading Assessments. These assessments have been designed by teachers of our district and are available in both English and French. Our Grades 1-7 students will be assessed throughout October, and Kindergarten will be completed in January once they have a working knowledge of the French language. The results of these assessments are to inform our instruction and help us plan the next steps in our school goals.

Foundation Skill Assessments will begin for Grade 4 and 7 students in October. This assessment is mandated by the Ministry of Education and provides a snapshot of how your child is progressing in their learning. If you have questions about the FSA, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's educational plan, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or myself. I look forward to meeting with you.

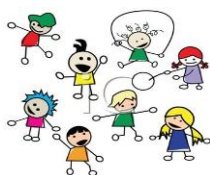
*Christine Bohm*

## Vice Principal Message

I would like to thank the students and staff for a fantastic September start up. It is so nice to have been here for a year as I am much more familiar with names and faces of our wonderful community. As well it has been a pleasure to welcome and visit with our new kindergarten students. I am also very excited about our house program this year. Students had the opportunity to gain house points during our Terry Fox run and we will continue this challenge with our Neck Point Runs this fall. Just a reminder to families to make sure that your signed permission forms for Neck Point are submitted so all students have the opportunity to participate in these outings. Good luck to our cross-country and football teams this season. I am also very excited to be working with the grade 3-7 on a mountain biking program after school. Again thanks to the entire Hammond Bay Elementary community for such a warm welcome. I look forward to another fantastic year here at Hammond Bay. My office hours will be Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. I can be reached via email at [jmark@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:jmark@sd68.bc.ca) and by phone at the school 250-758-5711.

Warm Regards,

Justin Mark  
Vice-Principal



## BELL SCHEDULE – 2018-2019

Our bell schedule for this year is as follows:

### MONDAY

<b>8:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Start</b>
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Short Recess
11:45 a.m. – 12:21 p.m.	Lunch Recess
<b>1:27 p.m.</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

### TUESDAY – FRIDAY

<b>8:35 a.m.</b>	<b>Start</b>
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Short Recess
11:45 a.m. - 12:21 p.m.	Lunch Recess
<b>2:27 p.m.</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>



## Nut Aware

We greatly appreciate the effort Hammond Bay families make to ensure that our school is safe food zone for all students. While we cannot guarantee a nut free environment, we are reminding parents/guardians that snacks and foods containing nuts are not encouraged to be

brought to school. We have a number of students and staff with severe life threatening allergies to nuts. We thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## Rainbow Groups

Rainbows is a peer support group program for children who have had significant changes happen in their family. Those changes could include divorce, death, foster care or any other loss. The purpose of the Rainbows group is to alleviate the pain that accompanies grief, loss and change. The group focuses on 12 different topic areas helping children to share feelings and learn coping strategies. The groups are small and delivered for different age groups, the groups are led by me and I am a trained Rainbows facilitator. The group will meet during school hours (for about 30-60 minutes) and will last for 12 weeks. If you have questions about the group or would like your child to participate, please contact me at 250-668 8493.

Sandy Posnikoff  
Child and Youth Family Support Worker

## Parking Lot Safety Concerns

We recognize that our parking lot is crowded and difficult to navigate during our peak hours (morning and afternoon),



however to keep everyone, especially our students safe, please be reminded that:

- the speed limit should be very slow. Children do not always look before they step out into the traffic.
- that there is no long term stopping in the paved round-about area at the top of the parking lot. Only vehicles with a designated handicap sign in their window and daycare buses are allowed to stop in this area.
- The lower round-about is for drive through only. ***Please do not park in this area.***
- If you are choosing to park in the school parking lot, **please do not block our entrance and exit or double park.** We have had a number of complaints of cars being double parked, making it difficult for families to leave, and others to enter.
- The traffic flows only one way – entry to the right. We have noticed a number of vehicles coming into the parking lot using the left side.

We encourage parents to use other parking areas which are available around the school site: along Morningside, Neck Point Park and Shores Drive to facilitate the large amount of traffic through our parking lot.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

## Student Council

Our student council is off to a great start! We had 40 students come out to our first meeting ready to change the world!

We work with students from Grade 6 and 7 every Monday at long recess, planning special events and fundraisers for WE Schools. We make sure to include school events, as well as both local and global causes.

We are looking forward to working with another enthusiastic group this year and we thank you for your continued support of our ideas. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

Mme Natascha and Mme Kim

## Library

### Ecole Hammond Bay Library Learning Commons

It was so great to see so many of you at the open house! Any time you are at school feel free to stop by the library. If you would like to take out a book, see what your child is reading, or help in the library, I am available before and after school for a quick visit.

Please check your email for information sent out about our **Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Fundraiser**. For every \$20 donated until October 7, Indigo will give us \$10. Donations will go directly toward the purchase of new books in your kids' hands in our school library! Go directly to this link: <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/2311>

[Ecole Hammond Bay in Nanaimo, BC | Indigo Adopt a School](https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca)

[adoptaschool.indigo.ca](https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca)

Support a local participating school and its library at [adoptaschool.indigo.ca](https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca).  
#adoptaschool

Thanks for your support!

### This month in library classes:

- Our Author Spotlight has been on Peter H. Reynolds and his well-known and well-loved books *The Dot* (in French, *Un bon point pour Zoé*) and *Ish*. Currently younger students are learning about having a growth mindset, and persevering like Vashti and Ramon. In the words of one of our grade 3 students, "Don't give up!"
- In library classes, we delve into the Thinking Competency and Personal and Social Competency.
- "Thinking **competence** includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness. **Personal and Social - Personal and social competency** is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society." <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>
- We often use books as starting points, but also current events and school life, to talk about what it means to be a good citizen in the library, your class, at home and in the world.
- Students in K-4 have been learning about Book Care and the responsibility of taking out and bringing back your library books each week. Ask about The Book Doctor and what they learned!
- Older students have started Digital Citizenship classes in the library. Watch for your child's Technology Contract to come home. Please talk about it with them and sign it. Send it back as soon as possible!
- For the final week of September and to honour Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters), we will be reading *The Sharing Circle*, participating in our own sharing circles, and reading and talking about books that shine a light on the residential school experience. Want books that help this conversation at home? Come visit me in the library.

### Library days:

Kindergarten: Wednesday

Grade 1: Tuesday

Grades 3 & 4: Thursday

Grades 5 -7 varies by class; (T/W/Th)

**Many thanks** to Library Angel Natalia Bowler for her assistance in restoring the library following the construction this summer. If you are

interested in volunteering in the library, please see Madame Jacqueline to pick up the volunteer info.

**During Parent Teacher Conference week**, I will be available during those afternoons if you would like to speak to me about your child's reading, or just to visit the library with your child and choose some books to read together. Some people have asked if I would give a workshop on the mystery of learning to read in French, and choosing books to help your child. If you are interested, visit me in the library or send an email to [jkellam@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:jkellam@sd68.bc.ca), or use the online scheduler to book a time to meet.

### Happy Reading!

Mme Jacqueline, Teacher Librarian

## Absences

If your child is absent from school or know of dates your child will be away, we would ask you to please give the school a call by 8:35 am at 250-758-5711. If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a detailed message on our answering service. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

## Planners/Agendas

The teachers would like to use the Student Agenda again this year. However, pursuant to the Office of the Superintendent's letter dated October 2006, the purchase of School Student Agendas must be optional. The School Student Agendas have been customized and include useful information. Should you wish to purchase a School Student Agenda, they are available for purchase at the cost of \$6.00 from the classroom teacher.

## Student Supplies

Each classroom has a Student Supplies List. These lists are available online at the new school website listed above. Paper copies of the Student Supplies List will be available from the classroom teacher. Teachers may also be asking for supplemental supplies or funds for specific supplies used in the classroom. Please make cheques payable to School District 68.

## Student Verification Forms

In September the school sends home Student Verification Forms for parents/guardians to look over and sign. This form contains important information about your child: current home address and phone numbers, medical information, allergies, etc. It is vital that this information is up to date for each school year. If you change your phone number throughout the

year, please let the office know right away; so that in case of emergency or illness we are able to contact you. Please return all of the forms to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

## Earthquake Comfort Kit

Every year we ask parents/guardians to provide their child with an Earthquake Comfort Kit. The kit is usually a ZipLock bag (medium sized) which contains some items designed to provide comfort to your child while they wait for their parent/guardian to pick them up from school after an emergency has occurred. Items such as a playing deck of cards, a small toy, and a note from the parent/guardian is usually included. Please refer to the Earthquake Comfort Kit letter insert in the June Report Card envelope or the Newslistserv emails sent out the first two weeks of September for more details. Please ensure that your child has his/her own Comfort Kit at school by the end of September.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:20 am, unless they are attending the Kidz Company daycare or are involved in a school run morning activity. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) are picked up at the end of the day by 1:45 pm (Mondays) and 2:45 pm (Tuesdays-Fridays). Students whose parents are late will be asked to remain at the office. If you know you will be late, please contact the office a *minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day*, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

We would ask everyone to please respect the No Parking in the upper round about. This area is reserved for Day Care drop off and pick up and for those needing to parking in the Handicap Parking.

## Volunteering

Parent volunteers are always welcome in our school. If you have time and/or a particular area of expertise, please do not hesitate to have a conversation with the classroom teacher(s). A Criminal Record Check must be completed and be on file at the school. Criminal Record Checks can be completed and submitted to the RCMP directly by visiting the school's new website and following the directions given under the Parent tab. Drivers for field trips and/or teams must also have, in addition to the Criminal Record Check, a Volunteer Driver Form completed. These forms are available in the office.

## Meet the Teacher Night

We had our “Meet the Teacher Night” on Wednesday, September 19th from 6:30-7:30 pm. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children attend. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress, please contact the classroom teacher(s).

## Band Rentals

Students in Grades 6-7 who are taking Band this year, were welcome to try and rent instruments at our annual Band Instrument rental event which took place on Thursday, September 20th in the lower music portable. Thank you to Mme. De Verteuil who organized this exciting event.

## Terry Fox Walk/Run

On September 21st we will be honoring the memory of our Canadian Hero: Terry Fox, by participating in the annual Terry Fox Walk/Run at Neck Point rain or shine. Thank you to the students of M. Mark/Mme. Mitchell’s class for their Terry Fox presentation on the PA system. All money raised will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you for your support!

## Spirit Wear

Show your school spirit by wearing exclusive Ecole Hammond Bay attire! The Hammond Bay PAC is happy to announce that they will be offering Ecole Hammond Bay clothing options once again this year. Information regarding clothing items, sizing and ordering will be coming home shortly.



## 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 for Physical Education.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for each season and weather. T-shirt logos must be appropriate and do not have references to drugs or alcohol. Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students. Rain jackets and boots are recommended for the wetter weather in the months coming up. Students will be expected to go outside for recesses.

## Run Program at Neck Point

We will start our fall running program at Neck Point on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be invited to participate two/three times a week. This is great conditioning in preparation for the Cross Country North Zone and District Meets in October and November. Permission slips were sent home already and are needed to participate in this activity.

## Sports

Football season is upon us! The league games began on September 20th, with Bantam Girl team participating. Thank you to Mme. Raduta for sponsoring and Mr. Heringa for coaching.

Cross Country has also begun. Our Neck Point Runs are part of the training regime for the Cross Country Zone and District competitions. The Cross Country team meets at lunch recess on the lower field. Please direct inquiries to M. Palmer and M. Mark, who are the teacher sponsors.

M. Mark will be forming a Mountain Bike Club again this year. The club will be open to Grades 3-7. Permission slips will be coming home shortly. Thank you to Mrs. Mark for volunteering her time and expertise as a Mountain Bike instructor. For more information, please contact M. Mark.

Students born in the year 2009-10 are considered to be “Tyke”, in 2007-08 they are “Pee Wee” and in 2005-06 they are “Bantam”. These categories are determined by NETPEA and pertain to all sports offered through the association.

## PAC News

Hammond Bay’s Parent Advisory Council had its first meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to see such a large number of Hammond Bay parents attend. The PAC meetings are open to all parents/guardians of students attending our school. Meetings begin at 7 pm at the school on the second Monday of the month.

The PAC executive for this year are:

Chair – Jennifer Therriault  
 Vice Chair – Bonnie Heys  
 Secretary – Leslie Sansalone  
 Treasurer – Erin Kenning

If you have questions or comments for the PAC, please contact them directly via their email address: [ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com](mailto:ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com)

### Mark your calendars!

Sept 24	Kindergarten screening Dental, Hearing and Vision
Sept 28	Orange Shirt Day
Oct 4	Non-instructional Day
Oct 5	Non-instructional Day
Oct 8	Thanksgiving – Schools are closed
Oct 15	Gr6 Immunizations & PAC meeting at 7 pm
Oct 15-18	Formative Assessment Conferences with Parents
Oct 19	Provincial Association Pro D Day
Nov 12	Remembrance Day

school-based clinics with the consent of a parent(s) or representative. Please contact the local Health Unit at 250-755-3388 and ask to speak with a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

#### Canadian Parents for French announcements

As a network of volunteers, the Canadian Parents for French (CPF) supports French immersion and core French education in schools through the promotion and creation of learning opportunities, as well as advocacy. We will update you regularly on our events and other French language opportunities locally. Contact us at [cpf.nanaimoladysmith@yahoo.com](mailto:cpf.nanaimoladysmith@yahoo.com) and <http://bc-yk.cpf.ca/chapter/nanaimo-ladysmith>

#### Triple P Parenting:

Thank you for supporting French as a second language in Nanaimo and Ladysmith, home of one of the largest French immersion student populations in BC. Support us by becoming a member - [www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)



### Grade 6 Immunization Consent

Watch for immunization consent packages for grade 6 students that will be sent home early in the fall. Students in grade 6 will be offered immunizations in

<http://www.triplepvip.ca/NanaimoGroupCalendar.htm>

Day	Start Date & End Date	Time	Child-minding	Host Agency	Location of Group
Level 4 (2 - 12 years)					
Fridays	Sept 28 to Nov 16, 2018	10:00 am - Noon	yes	LRCA	Ladysmith Resources Centre, 630 Second Ave
Tuesdays	Sept 18 to Nov 6, 2018	5:30-7:30 pm	yes	VIHA	80 Chapel Street
Wednesdays	Oct 10 to Nov 28, 2018	12:00-2:00 pm	no	SD 68	Seaview Elementary, Lantzville
Family Transitions: This group is for parents separating or divorcing. ****Partners may not attend Transitions Group together.****					
Tuesdays	Nov 13 to Dec 18, 2018	5:30-7:30 PM	Yes	VIHA	80 Chapel Street

<http://www.triplepvip.ca/NanaimoSeminarCalendar.htm>

Seminars	Day	Date	Time	Child minding	Host Agency
Parents of 2 to 12 year olds					
#1 Power of Positive Parenting	Wednesday	September 12 2018	6:00-7:30 pm	Yes	VIHA
# 2 Confident Competent Children	Wednesday	September 19 2018	6:00-7:30 pm	Yes	VIHA
# 3 Raising Resilient Children	Wednesday	September 26 2018	6:00-7:30 pm	Yes	VIHA
Parents of 2 to 12 year olds					
#1 Power of Positive Parenting	Monday	September 17 2018	10:00-11:30 am	Yes	VIHA& LRCA
# 2 Confident Competent Children	Monday	September 24 2018	10:00-11:30 am	Yes	VIHA& LRCA
# 3 Raising Resilient Children	Monday	October 1 2018	10:00-11:30 am	Yes	VIHA& LRCA
Parents of 2 to 12 year olds					
#1 Power of Positive Parenting	Wednesday	November 7 2018	9:30-11:00 am	Yes	VIHA
# 2 Confident Competent Children	Wednesday	November 14 2018	9:30-11:00 am	Yes	VIHA
# 3 Raising Resilient Children	Wednesday	November 21 2018	9:30-11:00 am	Yes	VIHA

Please refer to websites for Seminar Contact Names and Numbers.



**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