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Principal's Message



We have had a busy month of November and we are full steam ahead into December's activities!

There have been lots of changes at our school this Fall...Our gym is coming together. Although there are still some items to be completed, classes have already had the opportunity to use the gym for PE classes and volleyball practices. A big thank you to the construction crew at Unitech and site manager, Pete Bellamy, for working evenings and weekends to make this happen for our students. Also, you would have seen that we are having some construction on the lower field. Over the next week or so, we will be having two new pieces of playground equipment installed. Thank you to PAC for purchasing our new equipment! As of today, the upper blacktop is open to students to use during the recesses for hockey, basketball, skipping, etc. Game lines will still need to be painted, but we are able to use the area, as is, for now.

A Grand Gym Opening Ceremony is currently being planned for early in the new year. Parents of course will be invited. More information will be sent home as plans are finalized.

Ecole Hammond Bay would like to welcome Ms. Lindsley Nagel to our staff. Ms. Nagel is coming to us from New Brunswick and is our third Educational Assistant.

Coming up in December...

Festive Fun Night is Friday, December 7th. Thank you to the Grade 7 Parent Committee for sponsoring this fantastic event. We have over 100 students registered to participate! Thank you also to all the teachers who have graciously offered their time to help run various activities.

Student Council is sponsoring a Bake and Book Sale on December 17th. All the money raised will go to support a global initiative through the Me To We Foundation. Book donations can be dropped off in the school's foyer. For more information, see the section "Student Council" in this newsletter.

We will be hosting a Grade 5-7 Band Concert on December 13th at 6:30 pm in our new Gym. Thank you to Mme. De Verteuil for organizing this wonderful event. We are excited to see and hear our students play!

Due to the unpredictable gym completion timeline, the staff have opted for a Sing-Along event for student and families, on December 17th, starting at 12:40 pm until the end of the day. Thank you to PAC for providing our students with a special treat. We hope you will drop by and join us in our new gym.

The last two weeks of school in December will be full of dress up days for students and staff. Here are just a few of the activities planned: Jingle Bell Day, Red & White Day, Ugly Holiday Sweater Day, Winter PJ Day. Please visit the school website for a complete list. They will also be listed on the Friday Reminder email per week. We hope everyone will participate in our little Holiday Fun.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!

Christine Bohm



Vice Principal's Message

The month of November has been a very busy and productive month here at Ecole Hammond Bay. I am so very pleased to announce that our gym is open and the final result of the renovation has left us with an amazing space for our students and school community. The gym completion also comes just in time for our volleyball season and for our band's upcoming Christmas concert.

We have so many fantastic opportunities and initiatives happening at our school and I would like to extend a big thank you to staff volleyball sponsors and community coaches for volunteering their time and expertise to support our students. Good luck to our teams in their upcoming games and season. I would also like to recognize our staff and student leaders from

the student council for representing Hammond Bay at the We day celebration in Vancouver. A big shout out to our Librarian, Madame Jacqueline for organizing a successful book fair. We have also been fortunate enough to welcome some fantastic guests into our school this past month and I would like to extend a big thank you Constable Nowicki for his safety presentations to our grade 5, 6 and 7 classes. I would also like to thank Alex Floucault from the district's trade program and his work with the division 11 and 12 classes on the gravity car project.

With the colder weather upon us I would like to remind our students to dress appropriately and to be mindful of the slippery surfaces around the school. With a few weeks to go I also encourage our students to stay focused on their school work and to continue being kind and safe with everyone. I wish everyone a happy December as we approach the winter holidays.

Thanks everyone and have a fantastic December.

Merci,

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.



Student Council

Council members have been super busy over the past month and as enthusiastic as ever! On November 22, twenty hardworking and fortunate students from Grades 6 and 7 were given the opportunity to attend WE Day in Vancouver. They braved the elements at 5:30am and were rewarded with a fantastic show of music, light, and inspiration at Rogers Arena! The key to change this year is “Get doing” and so we are!

On December 17th from 11:45am-12:15pm and after school from 1:30pm – 2:00pm, student council will be hosting a used book & bake sale. We will be raising money for sustainability in WE Villages where the need is greatest and then purchasing goats. The students are keen to raise enough money for 10 goats, which is \$500.

How can you help?

1. Search your home for used books in great condition that you would be willing to donate.

2. Send those books to school with your child between December 4th and December 12th.
3. Have your child purchase a cookie or a book (or both!) on the day of the sale, December 17th.
4. Come and purchase some “new to you” books at the sale if you are able, or consider making a small donation to our cause (an extra loonie or toonie can go a long way – think “Terry Fox”!)
5. Baked goods and books will be reasonably priced (\$1-\$2).
6. If you are unable to help out, wish us luck. Good karma is always appreciated!

We thank you in advance for your support and wish you a wonderful, peaceful winter break!

Mme Natascha & Mme Kim

Information about Kindergarten Registration for 2018/2019

The application period for French Immersion for the 2018/2019 school year for Kindergarten and Grade 1 French Immersion will begin through online registration from **January 9, 2019 to January 31, 2019**. Student selection will once again be determined by lottery, with parents being notified in early February.

Detailed information is available at www.sd68.bc.ca.

If you have a child currently attending Ecole Hammond Bay and have another entering into Kindergarten in September 2019, please email the school secretary, Susan Clark, at sclark1@sd68.bc.ca your child’s name before January 25, 2019. You must also complete the online registration for your incoming child to guarantee their spot. For more information, please contact Mme. Bohm directly. Thank you.



School Closure

If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis. In addition, the district will post the information on the district’s website (www.sd68.bc.ca), Twitter and Facebook, unless there are technical problems or a power outage.

Download the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools mobile app on your Apple or Android device. Make sure to allow notifications to receive the most up-to-date information from your child's school or from the district.



Library News

November themes and lessons

November has been a busy month in the library!

Closely following the excitement of Halloween, we created a collaborative mural honouring Remembrance Day with a field of poppies made by grades K - 4, reading *Un coquelicot pour se souvenir*. Grade 7's assisted with the mural background. For Picture Book Month, grades 2, 3, and 4 have explored multicultural themes, using Multicultural Week as our jumping off point. We have read Yangsook Choi's lovely story of friendship and the beauty of Korean names; Eve Bunting's *One Green Apple*, the story of a Muslim child named Farah, who is nervous to speak English, but gains the confidence to speak her first word when she shares an experience with her whole class; and *Four Feet, Two Sandals*, by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed, a touching story of two girls in a refugee camp who find a beautiful way to share a pair of sandals. Personal and Social Core Competencies regarding having care and empathy for others have been addressed in these lessons.

Mme Natascha's Grade ones have been connecting the core competencies with *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox/Parfois je suis un renard*, and embarking on an extended project. Mme Raduta's class will be starting the project with Mme Jacqueline soon.

Kindergarten students continue their orientation to the library, exploring the bins and baskets, practicing reading and listening in French, developing the behaviours and vocabulary for the library, and learning to choose books to take home.

Students in Mme Isabelle's and M. Kevin's classes have continued lessons in digital citizenship with weekly classes in the library. Responsible use of technology and social media have been explored using Chromebooks and Mme Jacqueline's specially-created Google Classroom. Check it out with your child, and have them tell you about the things we have learned.

Remember to read those library books and send them back

Students continue to choose a wonderful variety of books to take home. Library circulation is up! However, sometimes students admit to me that

they don't always read the books that they bring home! Having access to a school library is a major predictor of school success, so I am sure that you are keen to have your children read and read well. I encourage you to find a time to enjoy reading as a family. Come and visit the library and see what you might like to read together! I am always happy to help.

Book Fair

I am thrilled to report that our Scholastic book fair was very successful! Nearly \$800 worth of new books will be added to the library as a result, with more resources and materials to be ordered for the library in the next few months.

Thank you to Natalia Bowler,

Mme Natascha, Dominique Struch, Allison Chang, Denika Doiron, Stacey Brown, Jennifer Therriault, Mme Danica, and all the students who volunteered their time to make the Book Fair a success. Watch for our next Scholastic Book Fair to be held in early May in our newly renovated gym!

Our wonderful Library Monitors created many of the decorations for the book fair, and have been taking great responsibility for the general care and tidiness of the books and the shelves. Bravo!

LEGO Club soon...

I am happy to tell you that with a donation of a bin of Lego from a former HB student, we are getting closer to launching the Lego club. Cleaning out your kids' toys? Done with the Lego? Consider donating it to our club!

Happy Reading!

Jacqueline Kellam
Teacher-Librarian
École Hammond Bay
Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools (SD68)

Hammond Bay Human Rights Club Clothing Drive

The Hammond Bay Human Rights Club is collecting clothing for the Women's Resource Center. The Resource Center is always in need of clothing items and winter is often a difficult time for people due to the cold. The Center serves some of Nanaimo's most needy residents, many of whom are without shelter. We will be collecting donations in a marked box by the front entrance. Please look through your old clothing and consider making a donation today. Thank you!

Sports - Basketball

As the Volleyball season draws to a close, basketball season is beginning to be prepared. If you are interested in coaching basketball, please

contact Mme. Bohm at cbohm@sd68.bc.ca or at the school at 250-758-5711.



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Upcoming School Events – Dec/Jan

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| Dec 7 | Festive Fun Night/Wear House Colours Day |
| Dec 10 | Jingle Bells Day/Door Decorating Begins |
| Dec 12 | Red & White Day/Santa Bus is here |
| Dec 13 | Grade 5-7 Christmas Band Concert/Winter Scarf Day |
| Dec 14 | Winter PJ Day/Door Decorating Ends |
| Dec 17 | Student Council – Bake & Book Sale/Santa Hat Day/Sing-Along |
| Dec 18 | Grade 7 Drama Performance/Reindeer Day |
| Dec 19 | Ugly Holiday Sweater Day |
| Dec 20 | Holiday Sock Day |
| Dec 21 | Red & Green Day Last Day before Winter Break |
| Jan 7 | Schools Re-Open |
| Jan 9 | Applications for French Immersion become available/Popcorn Day |
| Jan 11 | Wear House Colours Day |
| Jan 31 | Deadline for Applications for French Immersion |
| Jan 28 | School Wide Assembly |
| Feb 1 | Mid-Year Progress Reports go home |
| Early Feb | Lottery Draw for Kindergarten and Grade One - parents will be notified |

Healthy Schools

Adequate Sleep, Physical Activity and Limited Screen Time Result in Improved Cognition for Kids

Canada's 24 Hour Movement Guidelines recommend at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day, 2 hours or less recreational screen time per day and 9–11 hour sleep per night for children aged 5–13 years. A recent study shows that students who adhered to the three Guidelines had superior cognition to those who met none of the Guidelines.