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Principal Message

Time has been flying by...already the first month of 2019 has 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! Mr. Mark and I would like to say what a pleasure it was to read everyone's Mid-Year Written Progress Report.

On January 22nd, we officially opened the Gym. Invited guests included the Superintendent, School District 68 Board of Education Chairperson, and the Minister of Education. We were thrilled with the news of a commitment from the Ministry for an expansion of our school. We will keep families abreast of any upcoming information, as it is released from the Ministry and School District.

We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten and Grade One students who will be attending Ecole Hammond Bay in September 2019. 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.

Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council for their continued support of the Performing Arts Program at Hammond Bay. We were pleased to invite Duffelbag Theatre again this year! Red Sky Performance will be our guests in April.

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, Northern Games Tournament.

This month's assembly will be taking place on February 27th at 12:45pm. The classes of Mme. Edgar and Mme. Kelly will be presenting. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please join us!

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 started off very quickly here at Ecole Hammond Bay, with lots of activities, field trips and presentations happening. I was very happy with the Provincial announcement that we will receive funding to build a new wing and add to our already amazing school. I look forward to being part of this exciting process.

I am also very excited to see the intermediate students engage in the "Power Play: Young Entrepreneurs" program and I can't wait to see the results at the May 9th Entrepreneurial Fair. Congratulations to our volleyball teams for their great seasons. It is so nice to see our gym being used daily for extra curricular sports and activities. Good luck to all of our basketball teams in their upcoming season.

It has been a pleasure to help support the House Teams program this year. Currently House Games are taking place on Thursdays and we are currently playing "Ballon Chasseur" or dodgeball. Thank you to all of the teachers who are supporting this great program.

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 like to remind all students to stay organized and focus on their learning as we push towards our spring break holiday.

Have a fantastic February, Mr. Mark



School Closure due to Snow

Information regarding a school closure due to snow will be broadcast on the local radio stations, sent out by the District Communications office via the SD68 app, and appear as a message on the School District Website as of 7 am of the morning in question.



Jump Rope for Heart

On February 13th, 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. All proceeds go towards supporting local and international “Free the Children” sponsored initiatives.

Grade 7 Transition Activities

NDSS Counsellors visited our school on January 22nd 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 27

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day will be observed on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Everyone is urged to show their support to promote anti-bullying by wearing pink. More information about what Ecole Hammond Bay will be doing to recognize the day, will be coming home in the near future.



Upcoming School Events Feb/Mar

- Feb 8 Mid year written reports go home/Human Library
- Feb 13 Jump Rope for Heart Day

- Feb 14 St-Valentine’s Day/Wear Red & Pink Day
- Feb 15 Earthquake Drill
- Feb 18-22 Maple Sugar Festival activities
- Feb 22 Hot Lunch/Northern Games
- Feb 25-26 Professional Development Days
- Feb 27 Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day/Monthly Assembly
- Mar 16-31 Spring Break
- Apr 1 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!

Library Learning Commons News

Mme Jacqueline Kellam, Teacher-Librarian/Bibliothécaire

Busy February ~ Dr Seuss Day coming up

~ Harry Potter Book Night ~

LEGO creations ~ BookFest 2019 ~ Regular Info

~ Thank you's

February looks to be a very busy month at Hammond Bay! French Immersion Celebration Week Feb 4-8, Dufflebag Theatre, Human Library, Jump Rope for Heart, Valentines, Family Day, Pro-D days, Carnavale, and Pink Shirt Day! Wow! In the Library, we will be focusing on the themes of kindness and social justice, as well as cultivating empathy, through the books and projects highlighted. Since it's such a busy month, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's March 2nd birthday in the first week of March, so you can look forward to all things Dr Seuss then!

Upcoming:

March 7: We will have a special **Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day on Thursday March 7**, so check out all those Pinterest ideas and come as Fox in Socks, the Lorax, a Who, Sam I Am, or the Cat in the Hat, and so many others!

February 7: If you love Harry Potter, check out the special event at Chapters on the evening of February 7! It's **Harry Potter Book Night!**

February 6- 14 (or longer if there is interest): The LEGO movie is coming out on February 8th. Are you going to see it? To celebrate, we have launched Lego in the Library! Students are currently busy creating a city, and things that move. I would like to invite students to share special LEGO creations with a **LEGO Exposition in the Library**. If you have made something special that you would like to display, please bring a construction no larger than 10 x 10 x 10 and make sure it is attached to a base plate no larger than 10x10. Include a small tent-fold sign for the display with the student's name and the name of the construction. Transport it in a small box with a lid, also clearly labelled with the student's name, grade and classroom teacher. Items will be carefully displayed for one week. Students are welcome to display for a shorter period of time as well.

June 1: BookFest 2019 will be Saturday June 1 this year! An amazing day for children aged 5-13-ish and their families is planned. Treasured favourites as well as new Canadian authors and illustrators will be visiting. Kit Pearson, Linda Bailey, Michael Kusugak, J Torres, Monique Gray Smith, Gabrielle Grimard, Jordan Stratfield, Sally Williams and Nancy Vo will be featured. Check out www.bookfest.ca for more info and the Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival Facebook page.

Library Information

Open hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 - 3:00 *I often stay until 4:00 or later! **Need an emergency book? Come on up!**

Book return days:

Tuesday for grade 7 and grade 1

Wednesday for Kinders, Mme. Anneli, grade 5/6, and 6/7

Thursday for grade 2, grade 3, grade 3/4, and 4

Friday for M. Palmer's class.

Overdue Fees: There are NEVER any late fees for overdue books! Please just encourage your child's growing personal responsibility to care for the books they borrow and return books as soon as they are finished.

Many books or one at a time? Some students get very excited about the possibility of taking out many books at once. Some can devour a novel in a day and need a stack of books... however, I would like to encourage you to help your child remember they can visit the Library Monday-Thursday to return and take out new books. Much better than a tower of books that can get lost over the course of a week or two.

Damaged books: If a book gets damaged - it happens! - you may receive a notice indicating the replacement cost. Some books are very new and popular - in this case we would ask you to send in the amount to cover a new copy. A school library consists of resources to lend. When books are damaged beyond repair, they need to be replaced. With a limited budget for re-purchasing, we ask that you help us with the cost of the replacement book. Thank you! Alternatively, take your child to re-purchase the book together... perhaps a more powerful lesson?

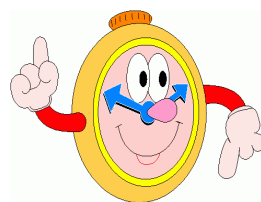
Big Bouquet of Thanks to: Natalia Bowler for helping to re-label our non-fiction subject bins and for giving our old book cart a new turquoise lease on life!

Bonne lecture! Happy Reading!



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.



March 10, 2019 Daylight Savings Time – “Spring Forward”.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be February 11th at 7:00 pm. New members and/or interested parents/guardians are always welcomed to attend.

2018-2019 School Calendar 

- Feb 18 BC Family Day
- Feb 25 Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)
- Feb 26 Non-Instructional Day (School Based Pro D Day)
- Mar 15 Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
- April 1 School re-opens after Spring Break
- April 19 Good Friday
- April 22 Easter Monday
- May 10 Non Instructional Day
- May 20 Victoria Day – schools are closed
- June 27 Last day of school for students

Human Rights Club

The Human Rights Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the clothing drive for the Women's Resource Center. We collected ten large bags of clothing. The center was very appreciative.

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School Counsellor