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Principal's Message



As the 2018-19 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 2018-19 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!

Congratulations to Mme. Kathleen and M. Mercier on their retirement! And to Mr. Mark, who is moving on to become the Vice Principal of Georgia Avenue. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.

Wishing everyone a very safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Christine Bohm

Vice Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Ecole Hammond Bay community, students, staff and parents for such a fantastic year. As many of you know, I will be continuing my learning journey next year with a move to Georgia Ave. Elementary in the Vice Principal

role. My time here at Ecole Hammond Bay has been a gift and I would like to take a moment to thank the parents, the amazing staff and most importantly our incredible students. There are too many highlights to list them all, however I feel blessed to have been part of such a wonderful community. I would also like to wish the Grade 7 students who are moving on to secondary school the very best and to thank everyone who has contributed to our learning community. To our students, staff and parents I wish you an amazing and safe summer.

Au revoir et à la prochaine,

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 Mme. Kathleen and M. Mercier, who are both retiring this year; and Mr. Mark, who is moving on to Georgia Avenue as their Vice Principal. We would also like to say goodbye to Mme. Rouvroye (Div 7), Mme. Dockerill (Div 14), Mme. Janelle (Div 14) and Mme. Danica (Library) at the end of the school year. We wish them all the best of success in their future endeavors.

At the same time, we would also like to welcome to our staff for the 2019-20 school year: Mme. Ashworth Clarke (Div 14), Mme. Lewis (Div 12), Mme. Dominique (Div 12), Mme. Janelle (Div 9 & 10), and Mme. Payne as the Vice Principal.

Please be aware that changes to both the teaching and support staffs for the 2019-20 school year may still occur over the summer. Families will be informed of our complete list of staff in September. Thank you for your patience.

School Summer Hours

The school office will be open July 2-5th from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. We will reopen August 26th. 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 2019-2020 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: Avery H, Avery W, Lydia, Eva, Keltie, Jacob, Alex, Diana. Well done!



Student Council

It is hard to imagine that another school year is coming to a close! Our student council has had a very successful year including a trip to Vancouver for WE Day, our WE Scare Hunger food drive, a WE Bake for Change bake sale, Valograms, WE Walk for Water, and many fun “spirit days”.

Our WE Walk for Water held on May 7th, was a huge success and was such a great example of school spirit. We were able to raise \$855.60 which has changed the lives of 34 people by providing clean water for life. Way to walk, Hammond Bay!

Thus far, our students and staff have helped to raise \$1920! This money has been sent to WE Villages to improve health and provide sustainability for less fortunate families in needy countries. This is outstanding and speaks to the generosity and compassion of our school community. We are truly grateful to be able to work alongside such caring students!

Our students have also provided food and cash donations to our local food bank, Loaves and Fishes. This organization works tirelessly, year round to help families in need in Nanaimo.

Our very last local action will be a popsicle sale on Friday, June 14th, at long recess and after school. For only \$1, students can buy a popsicle to support our local hospital’s emergency room. I’m sure that many of us can say that we have visited the ER at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and as such, our students thought that we should support a cause that everyone can benefit from, both young and old. Remember: June 14th - Student Council Popsicle Sale @ \$1 each.

On behalf of our student council, we wish you all a very happy, healthy and relaxing summer break. We thank you for your support over the year, and we encourage you to continue to find ways to help others over the summer, be your actions large or small. Be the change you wish to see!

Best wishes,
Mme Natascha et Mme Kim

Some activities coming up...

June is always a busy month with still many activities to come. Please join us for:

- Music in the Park /Parent Appreciation Tea – June 13 starting at 12:50 pm – bring a picnic blanket, get a treat, and relax to the soothing sounds of our Band classes
- Variety Show – June 18, starting at 12:45 in the gym.
- Final Assembly – June 27, starting at 9 am

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 2019, 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 2019/2020 class. If you would

like to register or need more information, please have them contact Mike Lundine @ 250-754-6845

Sports

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

First Day of School in September

Just a reminder that the first day of school in September is Tuesday, September 3rd. Students in Grades 1-7 attend on September 3rd for one hour (from 11 am-12pm). September 4th is a full day of school. Kindergarten students joining us on September 5th as per the Gradual Entry schedule, which has been given to parents already. Please check your child’s Welcome to Kindergarten bag (from April) or call the school at 250-758-5711.

School Supply Lists

School Supply lists will be distributed with the Written Summative Reports. But don’t worry, they will be posted on our school website for August/September.

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.



School Calendar for 2019-2020

Schools Open for Students	Tuesday, September 3
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14
Non-Instructional Day / Pro D Day (Provincial PSA)	Friday, October 25
Remembrance Day (Observed)	Monday, November 11
Last day of classes before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20
Schools Re-Open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6
BC Family Day	Monday, February 17
Non-Instructional Day (NDTA District Pro D Day)	Monday, February 24
Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Tuesday, February 25
Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday	Friday, April 10
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18

Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)	Friday, May 29
Administrative Day - Schools are closed	Friday, June 26

Notes:

1. There are 188 days in session.
2. Island Connect Ed has year round schooling with the School closed during district wide winter and spring vacations and August 6, 2019 – August 30, 2019 for summer vacation.

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NANAIMO LANGUAGE CENTRE

FRENCH SUMMER CAMP

2019

SESSION 1: JULY 2 TO JULY 26
SESSION 2: JULY 29 TO AUGUST 23
NO FRENCH LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED

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MAKE FRIENDS
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