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Principal's Message



It seems that the year is flying by! There are only 11 more school days until Winter Break! During these last few days, we have lots of activities coming up for students to celebrate the season. Student Council is kicking off the fun with a PJ day on December 6th, followed by door decorating, caroling, and themed dress days. The school calendar on our website has a full list of the activities each day. They will also be listed below in the section entitled "Theme Days".

Hammond Bay is proud to be a participant in the Everybody Deserves a Smile project happening across Nanaimo. We are looking for donations of hats, scarves, mittens, etc. to be added to the care packages the Grade 12 Global Committee at NDSS will be delivering among the homeless people in Nanaimo, in an effort to spread smiles throughout the holiday season. We have a donation box in the foyer of the school until December 9th, and would encourage everyone to donate an article. Thank you for your continued support!

We have been focusing on social responsibility over the past few weeks. We recently had a presentation from the BCSPCA. As you may have noticed, our school site has experienced an increase in the number rabbits and deer lately. Our aim has been to educate students on how to interact responsibly with the wildlife. Additionally, we will be hosting some players from the Clippers team this week, who will be coming to talk to our students about perseverance and a growth mindset. Some of our senior students and teachers will be also playing an exhibition floor hockey game with them!

The Hammond Bay expansion project is starting! Preparations are being made, currently, regarding relocating the portables in the front of the building to the temporary site of by the gym. Teachers are starting to pack, as the first internal shuffle will begin the week of December 16th. The first portable is scheduled to be moved over the Winter Break.

The portable relocation project is affecting the location of the Kidz Company's service for

before and after school child care. The school and District have made arrangements for Kidz Company to use the school library in the interim. If you have any questions about what this means to your family, please do not hesitate to contact Kidz Company or the school. We would be happy to answer your questions.

Registration season is almost upon us! If you have a child coming into Kindergarten in September 2020, please email the school secretary once you complete the online registration form. We are compiling a sibling list to ensure that you have a spot in September. For Grade 7 students moving on to Grade 8 which is NOT at Nanaimo District Secondary School, an online registration form must be completed to register them at their catchment secondary school. For academies, the process is a bit different. Depending on the academy of choice, an audition/try-out or lottery will be component of the registration. Please see the school district's website for all the information, or the Registration sections further on in this newsletter.

FSA (Foundation Skills Assessments) for Grades 4 and 7 have been completed and marked. Student booklets and results will be coming home shortly. If you have any questions about the FSA and/or are wondering how to interpret your child's results, please do not hesitate to contact Mme. Payne or myself. The results of the FSA are used by the school to determine supportive programming and resource allocations.

We have had some staffing changes through the month of November. We would like to welcome Mme. Danica into Divisions 9 and 10, in addition to her regular assignment in Division 7. We would also like to welcome Mr. Bamford to the staff at Ecole Hammond Bay. Mr. Bamford is currently replacing Mme. De Verteuil, and will be with us until February 14th.

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 very busy and productive here at Ecole Hammond Bay. 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. Merci a Mme. Janelle and Mme. Danica for taking our students to this amazing event.

In support of our ever-growing climate concerns, Hammond Bay school is participating in the NLPS 5th annual energy cup challenge. Throughout the months of December, January and February, our school will be taking some school wide and classroom initiatives to conserve energy. There will be a 2500, 1000 and 500 dollar rewards given to the top energy conserving elementary and secondary schools.

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,

Kelly Payne

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

Mme Janelle and Mme Danica took the student council group to "We Day" in Vancouver. It was a fabulous experience, and students are inspired to make a change in our school and in the world.

Coming up, we will be doing a bake sale on Tuesday December 17th, at big recess and after school to raise money for goats as part of our global initiative.

Mme. Janelle & Mme. Danica
Teacher Advisors

Human Rights Club

Thank you to everyone who came out to support The Human Rights craft fair. It was a huge success with the students earning almost \$350.00 toward their goal of raising one thousand dollars. This event was a student initiative and each person who participated did a great job. A special shout out to Alex and Kayla who organized the event.

Nika Silickas, M.Ed
District Counsellor

Information about Kindergarten Registration for 2019/2020

The application period for French Immersion for the 2020-21 school year for Kindergarten and Grade 1 French- Immersion will begin through online registration from **January 8, 2020 to January 31, 2020**. 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 2020, please email the school secretary, Susan Clark, at sclark1@sd68.bc.ca your child's name before January 25, 2020. 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.

Information for Grade 7 Parents about Registration for Grade 8

If your child is attending NDSS in Grade 8 in French Immersion, the school will automatically register your child.

If your child is attending NDSS in Grade and not continuing in French Immersion, the school will still be able to register them, once you have contacted NDSS and let them know.

If your child is NOT attending NDSS in September 2020 in favor of another secondary school, you will have to complete the online

registration form available on the School District's website. The school will not automatically register your child.

If your child is interested in attending an academy, please complete the online registration form on the school district's website. There are deadlines (March 1st) to apply for these academies, which may involve a lotter and/or auditions/try-outs.

We also have all the registration information available at the school office, in case you wish to have a hard copy.

Out of Catchment Registrations

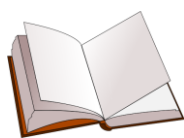
If you are wishing to select a school which is not your catchment school, please complete the online registration form by March 31st. The registration form is available on the School District's website.



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

Library Learning Commons News - Mme Jacqueline Kellam

Thank you to these parents who have helped in the library this past month: Amanda Friesen, Kari Salveson, Amanda Fillion, Natalia Bowler, Lindsay Reinhard, and Angela Wiltsey.

Graphic Novels: Is your child interested in reading graphic novels? We have many, for all ages. If you are wondering if a certain graphic novel is appropriate for your child, CommonSense Media is an excellent resource. Here is a link to a large sample of graphic novels, organized by age.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/graphic-novels>

Rubik's Cube Canada has a lending program for schools that we have been able to take advantage of! It is called You Can Do The Cube. Students in Grades 4 and up have been exploring the cube in the library and in class and learning how to solve it. Your child may be keen to continue mastering the cube. It is sometimes difficult to begin or to remember what you did if it's been a while, so here are the Rubik's Cube resources we have used. There are also PowerPoint instructions, if you follow the second link.

Here is the website

<https://www.youcandothecube.ca/>

You can find the link to the videos and you can download the Powerpoint of the solution stages here:

<https://www.youcandothecube.ca/educators/teach-to-solve> You can also look for the videos on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpUG5cKDFc&feature=youtu.be>

All the videos can be found in the **Rubik's** channel playlist.

We hope to have a chance to explore the 2x2 cubes later on in the year with younger students.

Library Helpers: A wonderful group of dedicated students helps in the library during long recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They have learned how to check in books and where to re-shelve. Mille mercis aux: Bella Sertic, Nika Sertic, Eilii Kuo, Reghan Anderson, Ophelie Heneault, Jennifer Zou, Zoe Davis, Breanna Baerg, Natasha Sansalone, Nyah McBride, June Cooper, and many more who pop in occasionally. These students are helping to make sure that the books are back on the shelves for other students to take out!

Challenges: We recently had a challenge of creating a tower of LEGO bricks. Students were given a brick for each book they took out, and added it to a tower. After two weeks we ran out of bricks, so students were given an opportunity to guess how many bricks were in the tower. Surprisingly, there were 1285 bricks!

Congratulations to Makai Del Mundo for his very close guess of 1250. And merci to Ewan McKinnell and Makai, for helping Mme Jacqueline to count bricks and sort the guesses.

Our current theme in the Library Learning Commons is "Nous célébrons notre diversité"/ "Celebrating our differences," in support of our Teacher-Librarian district goal of inclusion. Mme Jacqueline has been sharing books such as The Color of Home, about the first day of school in North America for a child refugee from Somalia and The Proudest Blue by Olympic Athlete Ibtihaj Muhammad, the first athlete to wear hijab while competing. More wonderful books to come.

Gift-giving: This is the time of year when students often give gifts to their teachers. This is a great time to donate a new book to the library.

We are looking for books on coding and sciences, books that show diverse children, and to replace some well-worn and well-loved books. For a list of books that would be appropriate for the library, please see Mme Jacqueline, Mon-Thurs, or send an email to jkellam@sd68.bc.ca.

Bonne lecture! Happy reading!
Mme Jacqueline Kellam

- Jan 6

Jan 8

Jan 13

Jan 31

Early Feb
- Winter PJ Day

Schools Re-Open

Applications for French Immersion become available

PAC Meeting 7pm

Deadline for Applications for French Immersion

Lottery Draw for Kindergarten and Grade One - parents will be notified

Upcoming School Events –
Dec/Jan & Theme Days

- Dec 6

Dec 9

Dec 11

Dec 13

Dec 16

Dec 17

Dec 18

Dec 19

Dec 20
- PJ Day

PAC Meeting 7pm

Door Decorating begins

Hot Lunch

Festive Fun Night

Door Decorating Ends

Santa Hat Day

Singing in the gym in the afternoon

Student Council Bake Sale

Games Day in the afternoon

Jingle Bells Day

Monthly Assembly – Grade 1 presentation at 1:30 pm

Ugly Holiday Sweater

Holiday Hat Day

Last Day before Winter Break



School Registration 2019-2020

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on **January 9, 2019 at 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time**. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is my child new to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2019 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2019 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2019. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**
5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

Lottery	Try-outs/ Audition
Hockey	Lacrosse
Soccer	Performing Arts
Beach Volleyball	Jazz
Baseball	

Applications will be received until March 1, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2019.

6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2019.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE SD68.BC.CA OR BY EMAILING EREG@SD68.BC.CA



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