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Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful and restful holiday, and wish you the very best for the New Year.

Registration for Kindergarten and Academies began on January 8th. French Immersion Kindergarten registration will be open until January 31st; English Kindergarten until June 15th and Academies until March 31st.

French Immersion Kindergarten siblings have a space reserved for them if parents complete the online registration form by the closing deadline. Please contact the school office by January 24th, if you have a child coming into Kindergarten in September 2020 and has a sibling currently attending Ecole Hammond Bay. If you have a Grade 7 student continuing on to NDSS French Immersion, the school automatically completes the registration for you. (Please see the section below entitled GRADE 8 NDSS REGISTRATION). If you are choosing to attend another secondary school in SD68, please complete the online registration form and contact the secondary school of your choice. Online Registration Forms are available at www.sd68.bc.ca under the Registration tab. If you have any questions about registration, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 250-758-5711.

NDSS counselors will be visiting Grade 7s at Ecole Hammond Bay on January 21st to begin the process of Grade 8 course selection. If you are not planning on attending NDSS, please complete the online registration form and contact your secondary school of choice for their course selection options and school tour.

Mid-Year Progress Reports will be coming home to families on February 7th, 2020. The written comments and a sliding scale are the two important components of this document. There will be no letter grades provided on this reporting document. For questions or concerns about your child's learning progression, please speak to the classroom teacher directly.

Hammond Bay will be hosting a EHB Expansion Project Presentation on January 23rd at 6:30 pm in the school gym. School District Facilities and the Expansion Project Manager will be presenting the scope of the project. Parents and members of the

community will have an opportunity to ask questions.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about the education program of your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact me.

Christine Bohm

Vice Principal's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday and that students have returned well rested and ready to do their best. Just a reminder to students to make sure to bring appropriate footwear and clothes for outside play as the weather has been very wet and cold this January.

I would like to congratulate all the volleyball teams and their coaches for a terrific season and wish the teams that are competing in the playoffs good luck.

Mme. Bohm and I are excited to run another S.T.E.M challenge this month in our gym to support our House teams and enhance all our students learning.

We will be continuing to work on our carbon footprint and lower the energy consumption as a school. As parents you can also support our initiatives around environmental sustainability by limiting the amount of garbage created in the students' lunch boxes. Re useable containers and limiting wrappers and small plastic bags is a great place to start.

January and February look to be busy and exciting months here at Ecole Hammond Bay so I would like to remind all students to stay organized and focused on your studies as this is such an important time for learning.

Kindest Regards,
Mme. 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 Lates



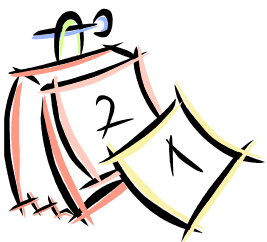
We are noticing an increasing amount of students arriving late to school. We would like to remind parents/guardians that school begins promptly at 8:35 am. Students arriving consistently late disrupt the instruction already taking place and are missing key pieces of information for the day. Please help us set your child up for success by arriving on time. All students arriving late must report to the office to receive a late slip. In case of emergency, it is important that we have an accurate attendance.

Grade 4 at the Symphony

SD68 and the Vancouver Island Symphony are once again partnering to offer all Grade 4 students an opportunity to experience the symphony, meet a professional musician and learn about the music profession, the different instruments in the symphony, and about the Vancouver Island Symphony. Our Grade 4 students have been invited to the Port Theatre on January 21st for the annual “Grade 4 at the Symphony” event. This event is at no cost to students. Thank you to SD68 and the Vancouver Island Symphony for sponsoring this wonderful activity for students. For more information, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or Mme. Payne.

Grade 4 & 7 Spot Vision Screener

SD68 and the Nanaimo’s Lion Club are once again partnering to offer the “Your vision is Our Vision” project to Grades 4 & 7 students across the district. Hammond Bay will be hosting the Nanaimo’s Lion Club on January 28th. An information flyer about this project will be sent home shortly to all Grade 4 and 7 parents/guardians. For more information, please contact the school.



Hul’q’umi’num Language Lessons

We are once again happy to offer Hul’q’umi’num lessons to all of our classes throughout the months of February to June. The School District kindly provides this service for the students at Ecole Hammond Bay every year. We are excited to welcome Mme. Manson to our staff as the Aboriginal Language Teacher.

Upcoming School Events Jan/Feb

Jan 8	Applications for French Immersion begin
Jan 13	PAC meeting
Jan 23	EHB Expansion Project Presentation at 6:30 pm
Jan 31	French Immersion Kindergarten Registration closes
Feb 7	Mid-Year Progress Reports go home
Early Feb	Lottery Night (closed to the public)
Feb 10	PAC Meeting
Feb 14	Valentine’s Day
Feb 17	BC Family Day – schools are closed
Feb 24-25	District Pro D (classes not in session)

Filming, Photography and Student Privacy

There are a variety of school events, activities or sports games that take place during the year and there is no better way to document these events by taking photos or videos. However, we must still be mindful of our student’s privacy.

A parent wishing to film or photograph students and then post these images to a website (i.e. Facebook/Twitter/YouTube/Vimeo) must have signed permission for the students by their parents before posting their image online. To do so without signed permission is a violation of BC privacy legislation.

While the responsibility lies solely with the person taking the photo or video, the district wants to take this opportunity remind all parents and guardians to remain respectful of everyone’s privacy.

NDSS Grade 8 Registration

Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at Nanaimo District Secondary for Grade 8, as NDSS is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to NDSS as this is automatically taken care of for your child.

Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 teacher and apply online at www.sd68.bc.ca.

If you are interested in applying to one of our District Secondary Academies, please visit our website for more information: District Secondary Academies.

Registration opens January 8th 2020.

- From Nanaimo District Secondary School



Dressing for Outside

We would like to remind parents that we expect our students to go outside to play during our recess breaks. This is a healthy activity. Thank you for sending your children to school prepared for the cold, wet winter conditions.

It is also helpful for students to have spare clothing available at school in case they get wet or fall in the mud.

District Policy for School Closures on Snow Days

It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, www.sd68.bc.ca, and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no

announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.

Snow Toys & Toboggans

It is that time of year again when snow is in the forecast. Sleds and toboggans are welcome at the school for recess activities on the lower hill, but we are asking you to kindly keep snowboards and other snow toys at home. Students will be asked to keep their sleds outside their classrooms and to follow all the rules (which will be broadcasted to students in the morning and recess announcements) to keep everyone safe, while having fun.

Just a reminder that snowball throwing is not permitted at any time.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting is January 13th at 7 pm. All parents/guardians are welcome to participate. The PAC can be reached directly at ecolehammondbaypac@gmail.com.

Local School Calendar 2019-2020

Monday, January 6	Schools re-open after Winter Vacation
Monday, February 17	BC Family Day
Monday, February 24	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D Day)
Tuesday, February 25	Non-Instructional Day (School-based Pro D Day)
Friday, March 13	Last Day of Classes before Spring Vacation
Monday, March 30	School re-opens after Spring Break
Friday, April 10	Good Friday
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day
Friday, May 29	Non-Instructional Day
Friday, June 26	Administrative Day – Schools are Closed

THE WHITE HATTER



Internet Safety & Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers

When: Wednesday, January 29th
6:30-8:30pm

Where: Chase River
Elementary School

Facilitated By: Brandon Laur



What You Will Learn

Hardware/software monitoring options and their pros and cons

Today's online slang, as well as emojis and their connotations

The emotional, psychological, and physical challenges surrounding online pornography, gaming, gambling

The positives and negatives of social networks

Why future employers, colleges, and universities are checking your child's digital dossier

Things you can do immediately to protect your child's online reputation

Why your child needs to consider that everything they do online is public, permanent, and searchable regardless of their privacy settings

Current examples of social engineering and manipulation tactics

How to spot and mediate cyberbullying

Understanding sexting and how to approach discussion with your child

The law as it relates to cyberbullying and sexting and possible unintended consequences

The benefits of community-based restorative justice programs

How to encourage desirable online ethics and values

About Our Team

The White Hatter Team has presented to over 450 schools and hundreds of thousands of students across Canada and the United States. Our mission is to equip students, teachers, parents, law enforcement, and others with the tools necessary to stay safe in the real-world as well as in today's digital world. We empower the use of technology for socio-economic benefits, while also tackling some of the concerns that come up with the rapid growth of technology and unlimited worldwide communication. We pride ourselves on using a holistic approach addressing the legal, emotional, physical, and technical components that keep everyone safe.

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