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Principal Message

Time has been flying by...already the first month of 2020 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! Mme. Payne and I would like to say what a pleasure it was to read everyone's Mid-Year Written Progress Report.

We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten and Grade One students who will be attending Ecole Hammond Bay in September 2020. 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.

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 and Professor Wow this spring.

Please join us on February 20th at 6:30 pm in the school gym for the EHB Expansion Project Presentation. The SD68 Project Manager will be presenting the scope of the project and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

This month's assembly will be taking place on February 26th. The classes of Mme. Kelly and Mme. Janelle will be presenting. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please join us!

We have many activities coming up this month. Please see the calendar below, Friday Reminders or the school's website for all of the latest.

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. Congratulations to all our Volleyball teams for their hard work and athleticism. . It is so nice to see our new gym being used for all the athletic programs.

I look forward to supporting and cheering on our basketball teams in the coming season. It has been a pleasure to help support the House Teams program this year. Mme. Bohm and I have enjoyed working with each class on another Stem activity for house points. Great job to all the students who attempted the lasted team building project in the library.

Just a reminder to students and parents, as we deal with the rainy weather, to wear appropriate foot wear and clothing to ensure to stay dry and warm. Be careful of the slippery mud patches outside as well!

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 everyone!

Mme. Payne

Erase Bullying

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.



Jump Rope for Heart

On February 14th, all classes will participate 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.



Student Council

This month Student Council will be selling Val-O-Grams to raise funds in an effort to help support communities and wildlife affected by the bush fires that have been happening in Australia. During the week of February 3-7, students can purchase Val-O-Grams for \$1 each to send to a friend or teacher in the school on Valentine’s Day. Thank you all for your support!

Grade 7 Transition Activities

NDSS Counsellors visited our school in January to meet with Grade 7 students and begin the process of Course Selection.

All Course Selection sheets will be 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 26th

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day will be observed on Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

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 7 Mid-year written reports go home
- Feb 10 PAC meeting at 7 pm
- Feb 14 Jump Rope for Heart Day/Quarterway Dance
- Feb 14 St-Valentine’s Day
- Feb 17 Family Day – schools are closed
- Feb 20 Expansion Project Presentation at 6:30 pm in the School Gym
- Feb 24-25 Professional Development Days – schools are closed for students
- Feb 26 Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day/Monthly Assembly
- Mar 4 Bake Sale
- Mar 16-29 Spring Break

Mar 30 School re-opens

Help us keep the school clean!

Due to the rain/snow and the moving of the portables, the upper field has become quite muddy in various sections. To help keep our school clean, students need to change out of their outside shoes once indoors.

All students are encouraged to have a pair of shoes (preferably running shoes) that they keep as their “inside or gym shoes”.



Neck Point Runs

We will be starting the Neck Point Runs after Spring Break. 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 has become. Parent coaches are always needed. If you would like to coach, please contact Mme. Bohm.



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

Dear Families,

We are in the midst of the winter season, which is a great time to curl up with a good book!

Have you visited the library yet with your child? I am always here after school, so come on up and have a look around. It’s a great time to ask questions and share your goals for your child’s reading.

Since our annual budget for book purchases is limited, we do accept donations. However, **please ensure the books have been published in the last 5-8 years and are in excellent condition.** If you have French non-fiction books at home that your children have outgrown or finished with, I encourage you to bring them to me to see if they fit our acquisitions policy.

We are always looking for the following types of books and series: Wings of Fire (hugely popular right now!), Mercy Watson, Amulet, new novels for middle grades, Mini-souris, Dragon Masters/Maitres des dragons, hardcover Geronimo/Thea Stilton, all Rick Riordan books, Warriors series, Land of Stories, cookbooks for kids, and a couple of new categories: Minecraft/Roblox/Fortnite and Superheroes. If you have these in French, that's even better!

Please **remember to put a large zip-lock bag** in your child's backpack to keep their books clean and free of backpack damage.

Merci et bonne lecture! Mme Jacqueline

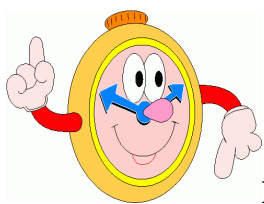
Human Rights Group Bake Sale March 4th

**Support our students
Buy a baked goodie**



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 8, 2020 Daylight Savings Time – “Spring Forward”.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be February 10th at 7:00 pm. New members and/or interested parents/guardians are always welcomed to attend.

Call for Volunteers

Paddle to Snuneymuxw Tribal Journeys 2020



Call for
Volunteers.pdf

Parent's Night Out – FREE EVENT

Coping with childhood fears. Come hear some suggestions to teach your child to cope and reduce their fears.

Monday, March 9th

5:30 – 7:30pm

Frank J Ney Elementary

(5301 Williamson Rd. Nanaimo)

Call or email to Register

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