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Principal Message

Time has been flying by...already the first month of 2021 has passed! 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. Mid-Year Progress Reports and supporting documents will be emailed home to families on February 10th.

We would like to welcome our new Kindergarten and Grade One students who will be attending Ecole Hammond Bay in September 2021. Registrations are completed online for all schools in the District. The Lottery Night for Kindergarten and Grade One French Immersion took place in early February. Next year we will be having 3 Kindergarten classes – which means we will be having 60 little ones join us in September!

The Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA) for Grades 4 and 7 students has begun. This assessment is mandated by the Ministry of Education and provides a snapshot of how your child is progressing in their learning. If you have questions about the FSA, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The Student Learning Survey for Grade 4 and 7 students, families, and staff is currently underway and closes at the end of April. Information was sent home to families in January. If you would like more information about this survey, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We have lots of things happening around the school as a result of the HB expansion project. Construction is set to begin in February. SD68 painters will begin painting the interior of the existing school (halls and classrooms) over the next few months as we begin to the process of harmonizing the existing building with the extension.

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 began with some very cold weather. Please ensure that your child comes prepared to be outside for our long recess and able to keep warm. Also, as we get some precipitation and possibly rain, be careful of the slippery surfaces around the school yard.

Division 9 and 10 are presenting at our school assembly, this month. Good luck on your performance!

I would also like to congratulate divisions 5 and 6 on their efforts and excellent presentation at the recent assembly, in January.

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

Through the months of February and March, all classes will participate in our annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Students jump rope in 15minute blocks during their PE class in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's program to promote healthy hearts through physical activity.



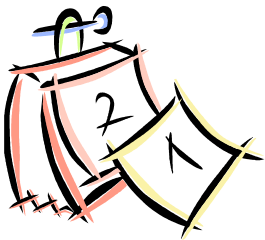
Grade 7 Transition Activities

All Course Selection sheets have already been completed by our Grade 7 students planning on attending NDSS next year. If you would like more information about the courses NDSS will be offering, please contact them directly. In addition, for information about course selection for other secondary schools in our district, please contact the secondary school in question. Registration information for academies and out of catchment options is available on the school district’s website at www.sd68.bc.ca.

Anti-Bullying Day- February 24th

All across B.C. the Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day will be observed on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Everyone is urged to show their support to promote anti-bullying by wearing pink. For more information about what activities classes are planning to mark the day, please connect directly with the teacher.



Upcoming School Events Feb/Mar

Feb 16	FSAs for Grades 4 & 7 begin
Feb 24	Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day/Monthly Assembly
Mar 12	FSAs end
Mar 15-26	Spring Break
Mar 29	School re-opens

Snow Days & Sleds

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.

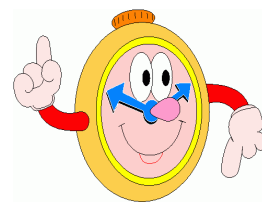
We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, www.sd68.bc.ca, and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please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

In case we get snow, due to the Health and Safety Covid 19 Guidelines, *students will not be permitted to share their sleds with friends or classmates, even within their learning cohort.* We are kindly asking families to discuss the “no sharing” rule we are required to have in school to keep everyone healthy and safe. We will do so also at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Help us keep the school clean!

Due to the rain/snow and mud, 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”.



March 14, 2021 Daylight Savings Time – “Spring Forward”.

PAC News

Ecole Hammond Bay PAC is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier, just in time for Easter! If you’d like to support us through purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself, please click the link below:

[Purdy's Group and Fundraising - Easter 2021 Season](https://fundraising.purdys.com/GnFAssets/Resources/file/Easter2021/2021_Easter_Catalogue_Fundraising_Digital.pdf)

Please take a look at the Easter Catalogue here:

https://fundraising.purdys.com/GnFAssets/Resources/file/Easter2021/2021_Easter_Catalogue_Fundraising_Digital.pdf

Deadline for ordering is March 1st.

After you’ve signed in you can buy our amazing chocolates or invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign.

Any questions can be directed to Leslie (PAC Chair) at: leslie_k_andrews@yahoo.ca

Thank you so much!

