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Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday, January 10th. I realize this has been the most unusual January start up and I thank you for your cooperation in following the recent new health directives and protocols.

Please know that your child's health and safety are of paramount importance to me and our staff.

This week our joint Health and Safety Committee met to review all the updated guidelines released by the Province, the CDC and our School District to ensure we, as staff, are aware of the new directives and are up to code in all our procedures here at Ecole Hammond Bay.

Kelly and I have been in regular communication with staff and have prepared our site. We continue to meet with the School District, daily after school, to receive all the latest updates.

Please rest assured that the School District, as well as our Admin team and front office, will continue to send out blasts when any major changes are being made at school.

To find the most up to date CoVID 19 protocols please see the following link:

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/covid-19/>

Please continue to:

- ✓ **Do health checks daily** prior to sending your child to school.
- ✓ **Send your child to school with a mask** and a back-up mask whenever possible. *Students often lose masks, or accidentally get them wet at recess, a back-up mask is much appreciated.*
- ✓ **PLEASE do not send your child to school if they are sick.**

***If your child requires a mask exemption, we ask that you please contact Admin so we can better understand your child's unique needs.*

Stay safe, keep warm and drive carefully in this very cold weather.

Sincerely,
Mme. Apland
Principal

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.

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.

Merci,
Kelly Payne
Vice Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is now open online. Incoming kindergarten students who have older siblings attending Hammond Bay in September will receive priority placement in the French Immersion program

and a spot reserved at our school, as long as parents/guardians fill in the online registration prior to January 31st

French Immersion timeline:

- Kindergarten registration is open online from Jan 5th to Jan 31st. **ALL parents must register online as the first step through the Registration tab on the SD68 Website.**
- Parents **who have an older sibling attending** Hammond Bay next year **must identify the sibling when registering online AND call or email Brooke** at our office to ensure we are saving a spot 250-758-5711 or Brooke.washburn@sd68.bc.ca
- Prior to the lottery, Kindergarten siblings that are enrolled through the district and identified through our office are registered.
- The French Immersion Lottery will be held after January 31st for the remaining spots after siblings are placed. (TBD)
- **If you do not register your child online prior to January 31st, you will be waitlisted after the lottery.**

Please ensure you register. We look forward to welcoming your child in September.

Grade 7 Fundraising

On behalf of the grade 7 parents fundraising committee, I am sending a request to keep your holiday recyclable cans and bottles for an upcoming Grade 7 bottle drive. Grade 7 students and parents who are able and willing to help with an end of year trip fundraiser, please save this date and location:

Jan 29, 9-3:30. Address is 839 Old Victoria Rd.

***Please note that this fundraiser is being done outside of school hours by parents of grade 7 students, for grade 7 students. It is expected that CoVID guidelines will be followed in accordance with Provincial guidelines.*

Thank you to Dave and Kristy for taking the lead on this fundraiser and organizing this event! Any parent who wishes to help or has a questions/ wants to donate ahead of time, please contact Dave and Kristy at daveandkristy@shaw.ca.

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.

PAC NEWS

Please come out and support your PAC. If you are a parent/guardian... you are already a member! Please come out to the next VIRTUAL PAC meeting.to be held on January 17th at 7pm. A link will follow as this date approaches.

For information regarding all things PAC please visit:

<https://facebook.com/ecolehammondabay>

Did You KNOW?

You have a say in who sits on our School Board. Please note a local by-election for school trustee is starting this week. *(See attachment for voting information).*

Important Upcoming Dates in January to watch for at Ecole Hammond Bay	
Wednesday Jan 5th	Online Registration for Kindergarten is open!
Monday Jan. 10 th	First day back in session after Winter Break (please pack warm clothes, a change of clothes and your mask!
Wednesday Jan. 12 th	Tropical Day! Wear your tropical clothes over your warm, cozy clothes!
Monday Jan 31 st	Last day to Register online for a spot in FI Kindergarten