

# Year End Message from the Principal

June 30, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the 2022/2023 school year has come to an end. We had so many great moments together with your child(ren) learning and playing at Ecole Hammond Bay. We are grateful to the community and to our staff for your hard work, positive energy and support. *Merci!*

Congratulations to our grade 7 class of 2023. You are an outstanding group of people and we wish you all the best in high school. We look forward to seeing you come back for a photo when you are dressed in your caps and gowns!

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the PAC Executive. Their hard work and dedication to the school has helped to build the strong sense of community that we have here at Ecole Hammond Bay. Through their fundraising efforts they have also enriched the learning of our students by funding field trips, art performances and much more.

Ecole Hammond Bay is sad to say goodbye to the following staff, while also happy to know they are off to exciting new positions. We wish them all the best.

Mme. Kim Stahl	Education Assistant
Mme. Paula Gould	School Secretary (Mon & Thur)
Mme. Elizabeth Urbaniak	Library Clerk (Wed)
Mme. Erin Lawson	Librarian (Temp)
M. Michael MacKinnon	Music Teacher (Temp)
Mme. Melanie Midgley	Kindergarten Teacher
Mme. Alex Zwick	Grade 1 & 2 Teacher
Mme. Alex Kilshaw	Grade 2 & 3 Teacher
Mme. Erika Trapedini	Grade 3 & 4 Teacher (Temp)
Mme. Catherine Lundy	Grade 7 Teacher (Temp)

Students can look forward to returning to their same class cohort for the first few days of school while engaging in whole school, cross curricular activities. The focus will be on community building. Class placement decisions will be finalized by our staff, school-based team and admin in September. These decisions are based on the best placement for each child, given their learning styles and the class composition. The process is complex and we ask that you trust the final placements and work with your child in accepting any placement that is given. We trust that our staff will work hard to make sure your child has a successful school year.

The school office will be open during the week of August 28<sup>th</sup> as staff prepares for the new school year. School will reconvene for students in grades 1-7 on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for one (1) hour from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first full day of school for all students in Grades 1-7. More information will come out in the September Welcome Letter.

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> will be the first day for Kindergarten students (1 hour either morning or afternoon). Gradual entry schedules were sent to parents by email in June. If you did not receive the gradual entry schedule please contact the office at [info.hb@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.hb@sd68.bc.ca).

School Supply Lists will be posted to the homepage of our website once our class placements are confirmed in September. There is a list of essentials on our website to start up your child's first days of school. If you are in need of financial support please email us at [info.hb@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.hb@sd68.bc.ca) and we will put you in touch with our Child and Family Support Worker who can work with your family to ensure your child has what they need for the school year.

We wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Mme Apland and Mme Grant