

Welcome Back!



Tuesday August 30th, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome/Bienvenue to the 2023/2024 school year at Ecole Hammond Bay. We are very excited to see everyone next week. If you are new to our school, we welcome you to our amazing community. We hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break!

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.

Specific information about where to line up on the first days back can be found on page 2 of this letter.

Requests for class placements were due in May 2023. While we do look at each request, class placement decisions are finalized by our staff, school-based team and Admin in September. These decisions are based on the best placement for each child while considering multiple factors that include but are not limited to student learning and class number and composition. The process of class placements is complex, and we take it seriously. We ask that you trust that the final placements are made with the best interest of your child's education, and that of their peers, after all factors are considered. We also ask that you work with your child in accepting any placement that is given once final class lists are out. We trust that each one of our staff members is committed to making sure your child has a successful school year and the first step in creating a successful year is to reach out to the new teacher and form a positive connection.

School Supply Lists will be posted to the homepage of our website once our class placements are confirmed. 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 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 are looking forward to a fabulous 2023-24 school year.

Sincerely,

Mme Aplant & Mme Grant
Principal Vice-Principal



Tuesday September 5th – 11am – 12pm - **Grade 1-7 ONLY**

11am

Returning Students entering grades 1-7:

- Please have your child line up in the SAME Spot as last year on Tuesday September 5th
- Portable students from last year, please meet in the tennis court.

Teachers will come greet students at 11am and parents can find the students at same location as they were dropped off at 12pm.

New Students entering grades 1-7:

We wish to welcome all new students to our school!

- All new students are asked to come to the black top located at the back of the gym. There they will find a Welcome New Students Sign. Students will be met by support staff who will give them a tour and will return them to the Welcome sign at 12pm.

Parents and PAC

- Parents are welcome to stay for the hour and visit on the field and use our playground. Our wonderful Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will have a table set up with coffee available for parents who wish to visit and learn more about how to get involved. We encourage parents to visit the PAC tent and to get to know each other.



Wednesday September 6th

FULL school days for Grades 1-7 begin: 8:35am - 2:15pm

8:35am-2:15pm Students continue to be picked up and dismissed from same spot as last year unless otherwise directed by staff. New students will be told where to meet at the end of the day on Tuesday by a staff member. Please check in with the office if you are unsure of where to meet on Wednesday morning.

Notes:

- ✓ For the first day of school please do not send any school supplies. Wednesday through Friday, please have your child bring their lunch, snack, a water bottle, and indoor non-marking shoes (older students may be asked to bring earbuds).
- ✓ Please check the forecast each day and have your child dress appropriately for the weather.

Reminder that K students do NOT attend on Tuesday and do NOT attend full days until later in September. Kindergarten students follow their own gradual entry schedule that was emailed out earlier this summer. If you did not get the Kindergarten gradual entry schedule, please email the office.