



WEEKLY MEMO
ÉCOLE HAMMOND BAY
 Website: <https://hb.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>



Monday September 18 th – Friday September 22 nd	
Monday, Sept 18th	Welcome back! First day of new long recess times 11:40am-12:15pm See messaging below.
Tuesday, Sept 19th	
Wednesday, Sept 20th	2:15 Kindergarten Picnic/Open House (lower field) Mme Aplan offsite. Mme Grant acting Admin.
Thursday, Sept 21st	
Friday, Sept 22nd	Terry Fox Run AM—Info in body of email.

2023-2024 Staffing

Please help us welcome our new and returning Staff members:

Div 1	Kindergarten	Samantha Marriott	Mme Samantha
Div 2	Kindergarten	Mirela Raduta	Mme Raduta
Div 3	Kindergarten	Erika Traspedini	Mme Erika
Div 4	Grade 1	Natascha Proctor	Mme Natasha
Div 5	Grade 1	Meghan Camposano	Mme Camposano
Div 6	Grade 1	Isabelle Goyer	Mme Isabelle
Div 7	Grade 2	Kim Letwin	Mme Kim
Div 8	Grade 2	Monica Noon	Mme Monica
Div 9	Grade 2 & 3	Gabriela Novotny	Mme Gabriela
Div 10	Grade 2 & 3	Katie Edgar	Mme Katie
Div 11	Grade 3 & 4	Alyssa Shore	Mme Alyssa
Div 12	Grade 4 & 5	Char Johnson	Mme Char
Div 13	Grade 4 & 5	Nancy Lloyd	Mme Lloyd
Div 14	Grade 5	Kaelan Palmer	M Palmer
Div 15	Grade 6	Curtis La Bounty	M La Bounty
Div 16	Grade 6 & 7	Kevin Levesque	M Kevin
Div 17	Grade 7	Megan Barritt-Flatt	Mme Megan
	Music/Band	David Bamford	M Bamford
	IST	Laura John	Mme Laura
	IST	Erin St. Pierre	Mme Erin
	Library	Erin Lawson	Mme Erin

Ministry Visit:

On Monday September 11th the Ministry of Education and Child Care Minister Rachna Singh, Syeyutsus knowledge keeper Lawrence Mitchell, MLA Sheila Malcolmson and Board Chair Greg Keller. The Ministry asked that our grade 7 class be witness to this event and those with PR consent were able to attend. While the building in all of its splendor was a highlight, the true highlight for us, and I believe the guests was listening to our grade 7 students, Laird Rhind, Mattius Kulla and Ethan Brookes speak and then listening to the play Wonderwall by Oasis. We are so incredibly proud of them. Thank you to these students for participating in our talent show last year so that we were aware of their talents and could show case them here today. We hope to see more Hammond Bay students show cased in the future.

Here are some media links: <https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/we-need-a-new-school-nanaimo-board-chair-says-ndss-replacement-a-top-priority-7534258>

<https://nanaimonewsnow.com/2023/09/11/communities-like-nanaimo-are-growing-school-capacity-issues-acknowledged-by-education-minister/>

Official Blessing and Opening:

Please note that the Ministry Visit was not our schools official opening. The official opening is being planned for a later date and messaging with an invite to the community will come out in a separate communication.

School Supplies:

School supply lists were sent out by teachers with their Welcome letter. Please let your classroom teacher know if you are having trouble finding supplies or need financial assistance. Supply fees have gone out and can be paid via our SchoolCash online system. If you prefer to pay with cash or cheque (to SD68), please clearly label with student's name and it can be dropped off at our office.

Pick up, Drop off, School Phone and Leaving Early

Please do your best to organize plans with your child prior to them coming to school. If you must change plans with your child, please email info.hb@sd68.bc.ca and we will ensure that the message is delivered. A reminder that if you need to pick up your child early, please let the classroom teacher and the office know in advance so that students can be prepared for their departure.

All students should be staying near their pickup/drop off location organized by teacher until their adult picks them up. Duties will bring any students who are not picked up to the office until someone comes to pick them up. Students need to be picked up as soon as possible after school *and should not be heading to park or off site without their adult*. Any child who can not find their adult should report to the nearest duty or come to the office. Thank you.

Change to long recess:

Beginning on Monday September 18th, we will be adjusting our long recess bell to start and end five minutes earlier than it is now. Our new lunch hour will begin at 11:40am and will end at 12:15pm. This small change will have a big impact on our ability to provide your child with continuity in learning throughout the week as well as allowing our staff to more efficiently plan and organize class and school activities.

Please note, ***this change does not affect our beginning or end times at the school. Drop off and pick up times remain the same.***

DAILY SCHEDULE

Time	Event
8:35 am	Classes begin
10:15 – 10:30 am	Small recess
11:40 am – 12:15 pm	Big recess
2:15 pm	End of day — all students dismissed

Terry Fox Run

This week students will be learning about the life and legacy of Terry Fox. The week will culminate with our Terry Fox Run, taking place Friday morning. Our school will also be collecting donations for the Canadian Cancer Society in honour of Terry's legacy. If you would like to donate, you can find our school donation page at the following link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/32987> . Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer!

Message from PAC

We ask that ALL parents/guardians follow the PAC *either* on Facebook or on WhatsApp so that you can stay updated on Hot lunch deadlines, fundraisers, events around the school, and French Immersion specific opportunities.

WhatsApp (download the App onto your preferred device first):

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GYpyIbdLdIoJA5xHvKko6k>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EcoleHammondBay>

Munchalunch:

We operate ALL of our hot lunch program and MANY fundraisers through our Munchalunch platform. If you are new to the school, please create a family account at:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/HammondBay>

Dates for upcoming hot lunches are:

Sept 29th

Oct 13th

Oct 27th

Nov 10th

Nov 24th

Dec 8th

Dec 22nd

**Deadline to order is always two days before at noon.*

Popcorn is also now open for ordering. Pay once and receive a bag of popcorn once a month from October until June. Deadline to order is Oct. 1st.



More of what is happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:

