



# Ecole Hammond Bay School

## Weekly Memo

**Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday, Dec 4</b>	Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am PAC meeting via TEAMS 8:00pm
<b>Tuesday, Dec 5</b>	Bantam Boys Volleyball practice 7:45am Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am Popcorn Day Toonie Tuesday (EDAS fundraiser)
<b>Wednesday, Dec 6</b>	Bantam Boys Volleyball practice 11:40am Bantam Boys Volleyball Home Game – Departure Bay 2:30pm
<b>Thursday, Dec 7</b>	Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am Bantam Gold Home Game vs Quarterway 2:30pm Bantam Blue Away Game vs Quarterway 2:30pm
<b>Friday, Dec 8</b>	Hot Lunch – Edo Japan

### Upcoming Dates to Notes

<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Festive Wear Day
<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Report Cards Emailed home EDAS packing day (each student has a chance to personally pack a bag)
<b>December 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Last Day of school before winter break Hot lunch day Mambos
<b>January 8<sup>th</sup></b>	School reopens after winter break

### Outdoor Play

We still need Sidewalk chalk, bubbles, soccer balls, spike ball sets. Please drop off in donation bin in Front Foyer area.

### Reporting Updates:

Please find two attachments to this Friday Memo that explain the new reporting order and what report cards will look like this year.

## **Everyone Deserves A Smile (EDAS) updates:**

During the cold and dark month of December there are many people who struggle to find heat, food and shelter. At Ecole Hammond Bay our school focus is to help others in need through participating in the Everyone Deserves a Smile Campaign. This is a school wide initiative that brings the community together in a positive way. All students have a chance to create cards and paint gift bags. They also get a chance to personally pack a gift bag on Packing day - December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please watch this video to learn more about this important campaign and how you can support from home. <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/5BYikLhaGdq6F>



Tuesday December 5th is our **Toonie Drive!** We are raising money to buy items to fill our care packages. We aim to break last year's record of \$1000.00. If we break the record- Mme Apland and some other "surprise staff members" will get a PIE in the FACE.

## **Sports:**

Congratulations to our Bantam Volleyball teams on well played games this week. Thank you to our sponsor teachers for coaching and refereeing and for our volunteer students and parents for score keeping.

## **Parent Corner:**

*Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre:* <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/>  
Helps families across BC navigate the mental health system, connect with peer support, and access resources and tools to support well-being.

Hey Sigmund <https://www.heysigmund.com/>: *Because sometimes the only diagnosis is 'human'.* Anxiety resources, on-line events, parenting resources, webinars, etc.

HOT TOPIC from *CBC News*: Is too much screen time harming children? Western study finds link to anxiety, depression

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/is-too-much-screen-time-harming-children-western-study-finds-link-to-anxiety-depression-1.6932356>

## **"Social Media Awareness" Family Session**

In partnership with The Ministry of Education and Childcare's *erase* strategy, the school district is offering a "Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This 60-minute session will be held virtually via zoom. To register for this session please click on the link below.

[Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## Registration Information and timeline for students entering Kindergarten and students transitioning to Highschool in 2024:

### Kindergarten registration

- Opens online Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 8am. The link is found through the Registration Tab on the SD68 Website.
- ALL parents **must register online** as the first step
- Parents who have an older sibling attending Hammond Bay during the 2024 school year must identify the sibling when registering online AND email this information to [info.hb@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:info.hb@sd68.bc.ca)
- Prior to the French Immersion lottery, Kindergarten siblings that have been identified through our office and through the registration office will be placed in our school.
- Once siblings are placed, the remaining spots will go to lottery.
- Lottery will be held after January 31<sup>st</sup> –date 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 Transition to highschool:

- All students attending Ecole Hammond Bay in grade 7 **will automatically be enrolled into our catchment Highschool NDSS. No need to register online.**
- Course selection happens in the Spring. You do not need to apply online to go to NDSS.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to register your child in a **secondary academy** or change to an **“Out of catchment Highschool”** (any Highschool other than NDSS) then you DO need to apply online. Here are the steps below:

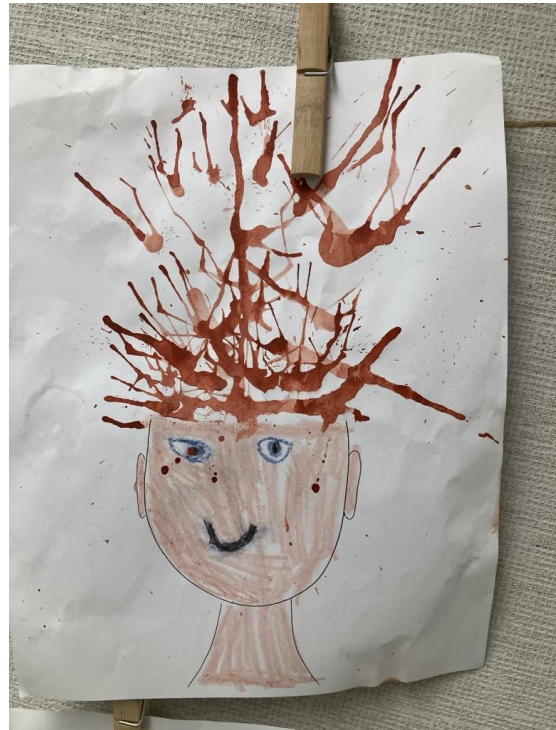
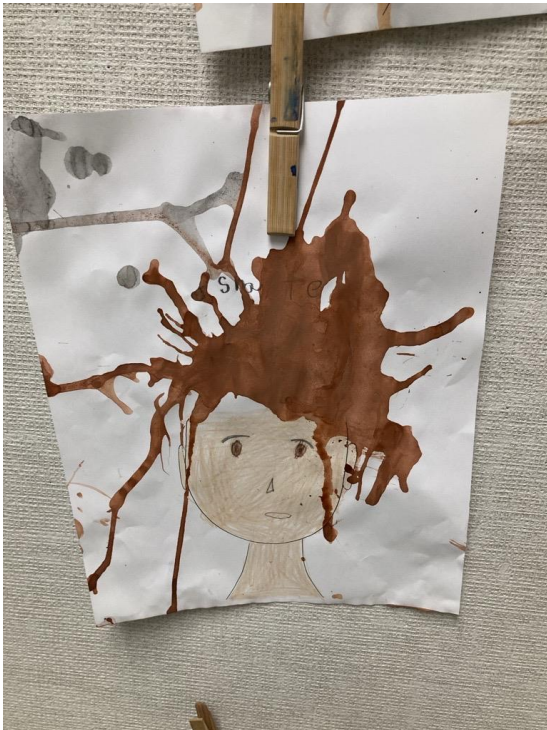
- Online Registration for **Academies or Out of Catchment schools** opens on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 8am. Please register through the Registration Tab on the SD68 Website.
- Applications for Academies will be received until March 1, 2024, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified by the Registration office by the end of May 2024. Out-of-catchment applications are due March 31, 2024.

For more information, please contact the registrar’s office at: [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca)

# More of what is happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:



Beautiful artwork by grade 2/3s students (above) and Kindergarten students (below).





# Favorite Sweater Day

