



# Weekly Memo

**Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday, Dec 11</b>	Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am
<b>Tuesday, Dec 12</b>	Bantam Boys Volleyball practice 7:45am Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am Popcorn Day
<b>Wednesday, Dec 13</b>	Bantam Boys Volleyball practice 11:40am
<b>Thursday, Dec 14</b>	Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am
<b>Friday, Dec 15</b>	Festive Wear Day

### Upcoming Dates to Note

- December 15<sup>th</sup>** Festive Wear Day
- December 19<sup>th</sup>** EDAS cookies due to gym
- December 20<sup>th</sup>** Report Cards Emailed home  
EDAS packing day (each student has a chance to personally pack a bag)
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>** Last Day of school before winter break  
Hot lunch day Mambos
- January 8<sup>th</sup>** School reopens after winter break

### Outdoor Play

Thank you so much to those who have donated sidewalk chalk, and bubbles. The kids love them! Since these items get used so often, we are already in need of new stock.

**If you are able to: PLEASE drop off more jugs of bubbles and sidewalk chalk into the big blue Donation Bin in the Front Foyer area. Thank you!**

### **Everybody Deserves a Smile (EDAS) Updates:**

The total raised this week in our Toonie drive was \$1106.35 for EDAS

This will help us buy some of the scarves and gloves that we still need to hit our goal.

#### **As of today, we still need:**

650 scarves

650 pairs of gloves

200 pairs of warm socks

250 toques



The students set a goal of raising \$1000 and surpassed it by \$106.35! This means that not only will more people be warm over this Winter break but also the following staff members will receive a pie in the face at our pre-packing/ wrap up assembly on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mme Megan B-F

Mme Nancy

Mme Char

Mme Erika

Mme Alyssa

M Kevin

Et... Mme Aplan

Thank you all for your support, and for sharing the message that Everybody Deserves a Smile. Emails have gone home for cookie bakers and bags were sent home with students this week. Cookies due back to gym on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please email

[megan.barritt-flatt@Sd68.bc.ca](mailto:megan.barritt-flatt@Sd68.bc.ca) if you have any questions relating to EDAS.

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### **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 articles:**

"You're Not My Friend!" – Relational Aggression

"You'll Be Sorry" – Children and Apologies

Is too much screen time harming children? Western study finds link to anxiety, depression – CBC News

### **Nanaimo Child Development Centre (School-Age Supports)**

Contact the **Family Resource Navigator**, Melissa [melissa@nanaimocdc.com](mailto:melissa@nanaimocdc.com) OR call 250.753.0251 and WHAT IS THE ROLE:

- Provides parents with information about community resources such as financial, social, health, parenting and special needs
- Provides parents with ways to access community resources
- Navigates systems such as health, social services, schools and other networks both locally and provincially
- Facilitates opportunities for community and parenting networking
- Hosts opportunities to enhance knowledge of parents, guardians, professionals and community members

## **Ministry of Education and Child Care**

### **School-Aged Child Care Demand Survey**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 14 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=1475>

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact [ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca). If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com).

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Child Care

## **SD68 Registration**

*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.*

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### 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:



Bantam Volleyball teams and recess fun with bubbles!

