



Weekly Memo

Monday January 15^h – Friday January 19th

Monday, Jan 15	Black Excellence Day (see link below) https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022AG0002-000051 Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am PAC meeting 8:00pm via TEAMS
Tuesday, Jan 16	Bantam Boys Volleyball practice 7:45am Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am Popcorn Day
Wednesday, Jan 17	Bantam Boys Volleyball practice 11:40am
Thursday, Jan 18	Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am
Friday, Jan 19	Hot Lunch - Subway Happy Friday!

Upcoming Dates to Note

February 2nd Hot Lunch - Edo
February 5th Pro D Day – no school
February 6th Pro D Day – no school
February 12th PAC Meeting
February 16th Hot Lunch - Jalapenos

Monday, January 15th British Columbia will be celebrating Black Excellence Day. This day was chosen to honour civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr to celebrate Black history and learn more about Black stories, art and people leading up to February Black History Month.

**BLACK
EXCELLENCE
DAY**

Parent Corner

Interested in Information on *Rude, Mean, or Bullying?* (Behaviour)

<https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=20215>

Caregiver resources such as picture book suggestions & websites:

- [The Power of One](#)
- [Be Kind](#)
- [Each Kindness](#)
- [The Snail & the Whale](#)
- [I Walk with Vanessa](#)

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/empathy>

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/best-empathy-games-apps-and-websites-for-kids>

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/key-strategies-teach-children-empathy>

Inclement Weather:

School closures are decided by the Superintendent at 6am each morning. Please look for district messaging each morning in your email or junk email.

*Even if school is open, some people may not be able to make it to school safely. Parents have the right to decide to keep students home if they feel it is not safe to drive. If school is open but you are not able to get your child to school safely, please email

info.hb@sd68.bc.ca

*Please ensure your child has appropriate winter outerwear including: warm jacket, boots, gloves and a hat. Snowpants/rain pants are also encouraged.

**If you need support in accessing these items please contact the office at info.hb@sd68.bc.ca

Illness:

There is an increase in respiratory illness and flu like symptoms at this time. If your child has had a fever within the past 24 hours, or currently has a bad cough or cold symptoms, please keep them home until the symptoms subside.

Parking:

Please be respectful and safe when picking up and dropping off your child at school.

Handicap parking stalls are limited. People with mobility issues that are picking up young children who require hand off (kindergarten/grade 1) should have priority.

Do not park in daycare spots or bus lanes.

Do not block Fire lanes and Fire hydrants.

Shores Drive: The By-Law officers and RCMP will be monitoring parking along Shores Drive as there have been many complaints about unsafe or illegal parking there. Please ensure you are legally parked and are driving safe for our children..

Reminder that Neck Point Parking lot is open for our community to use during pick up and drop off times.

SD68 Registration 2024

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

Kindergarten registration:

- Opened online Jan 10th 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
- 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 31st—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** opened on Jan 10th 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



Hello Sports Fans!

Do you have a daughter aged 5-16 who might be interested in trying box lacrosse? Perhaps you're seeking an off-season sport to complement your existing sports interests?

In that case, we invite you to participate in a complimentary box lacrosse session!

Here are the details:

Saturday, January 20th

(1:00-2:00 pm)	Girls born in 2014 2015 2016 2017
(2:00-3:00 pm)	Girls born in 2010 2011 2012 2013

Sunday, January 21st

(12:00-1:00pm)	Girls born in 2016 2017 2018 2019
(1:00-2:00 pm)	Girls born in 2012 2013 2014 2015
(2:00-3:00 pm)	Girls born in 2008 2009 2010 2011

All sessions will take place at the Harewood Centennial Park in the covered lacrosse box.

If you already have a helmet and stick, please bring them along. For those that need equipment we will have sticks available.

For any inquiries and to register, please reach out to us at swansonfamilysports@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you there!

More of what is happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:



***Some of us kept
warm inside while
others enjoyed the
fresh winter air!***

