



Weekly Memo

Monday January 22nd – Friday January 26th

Monday, Jan 22	Family literacy week begins! Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am
Tuesday, Jan 23	Bantam Girls Volleyball practice 11:40am Mr Labounty's Volleyball away game – Randerson <i>Go Hornets!</i> Mme Megan's fun game against McGirr at home
Wednesday, Jan 24	Half-way point for Family Literacy week. <i>Keep on reading!</i>
Thursday, Jan 25	Mme Apland at meeting offsite in PM.
Friday, Jan 26	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

Bantam Basketball

The grade 7 Bantam Basketball season is about to begin. We are looking for volunteers to score keep and referee for both girls and boys teams. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help coach the Bantam boys team. Boys games will be on Wednesdays after school and girls games will be on Thursdays. Please contact megan.barritt-flatt@sd68.bc.ca (girls team) and curtis.labounty@sd68.bc.ca (boys team) if you have some time to support our students and help make this a great season!

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 District 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. 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.

Happy New Year from the Library!

Thank you to everyone who returned your books before the winter break. Remember, it's never too late to return your books !

We have just launched into "**Forêt de la Lecture**". This award-winning, all-Canadian, reading program will see all of our K-3 students reading picture books in French and English, and voting along with the rest of the participating school, to see which titles will be this year's winner!

Many of our Grade 4 & 5 students have signed up to be part of the Reading Link Book Challenge, and we are getting into the swing of things at our meeting every Monday at big recess. We are challenging each other to read and remember events and characters in the six chosen book titles, leading up to the final "Battle of the Books" quiz with other schools in SD68.

Next week is **Family Literacy Week**. Attached to this email, you will find a fun-filled way to celebrate the many ways literacy is a part of our family lives.

Merci!
Mme. Erin



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

More of what is happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:



*Snow
much fun!*

