



Ecole Hammond Bay School

Weekly Memo

Monday February 19th – Friday February 23rd
Black History Month

Monday, Feb 19	Family Day – no school
Tuesday, Feb 20	Bantam Girls Basketball practice – big recess
Wednesday, Feb 21	Bantam Girls Basketball practice 7:45am Bantam Boys Basketball practice – big recess Bantam Boys Basketball Game (home vs Pleasant Valley) 2:30
Thursday, Feb 22	Bantam Girls Basketball practice – big recess Bantam Girls Team Blue Game (home vs McGirr) 2:30 Bantam Girls Team Gold Game (@Pauline Haarer) 2:30
Friday, Feb 23	Bantam Girls Basketball practice – big recess Bantam Boys Basketball practice 2:15

Upcoming Dates

February 28th	Primary Concert – 1:00pm -invite through email from M Bamford
February 28th	Anti-Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day)
March 1st	Lunch Day - Mambos
March 11th – 22nd	Spring Break – School Closed
<u>Save the Dates</u>	
April 22nd	Hammond Bay Track Meet (Grades 3-7)
May 29th	Zone 1 Track Meet (for athletes who qualify)

Donation Request

We are looking for gently-used board and card games for our new Break Room. If you find your family is no longer in need of the following games, your donation would be much appreciated: Chess, Checkers, Connect 4, Battleships, Snakes & Ladders, Game of Life, Guess Who, Sorry, Trouble, Candyland, Pictionary, Memory, UNO, Exploding Kittens, Sushi Go, UNO flip or Spot It. Please put donations in blue bin at front office. With thanks!

Hoping to Volunteer?

With many field trips going on and more to come in the spring, a reminder that all volunteers working with or driving our students must submit a criminal record check **online using our district access code**.

Outside CRCs are not accepted – even if you go directly to RCMP.

The instructions and access code can be found under the Parents dropdown tab on the school website or through this [link](#).

These can take time to process-so submit your application as soon as possible to avoid last minute disappointment or frustration!

Library Learning Commons

The Library wanted to be a part of ***Carnaval!*** We took a collaborative approach and decided to make a school-wide mural celebrating Les cabanes à Sucre. All interested students from Kindergarten were invited to the Library during recess to work on this multi-modal collage featuring both cut and ripped paper art, recycled parts, and of course our collaborative building of the cabanes à Sucre out of popsicle sticks and glue.



Thank you to everyone who took part, and a special shout out to some wonderful Grade 5 leaders - Quinn Cowie, Emerson Rolls, Clare Mortimor and Lauren White - for helping with each of the many steps.

Parent Corner

The **Ministry of Education and Childcare**, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, founder of **Open Parachute**, will be hosting **free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults**. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)

Black History Month

Nanaimo African Heritage Society (NAHS) will have an exhibit in the community gallery at the Nanaimo Museum for Black History Month.

- The exhibit will be available to be viewed free of charge at the Nanaimo Museum from: Tuesday, Feb. 6th – Saturday, Mar. 2nd

Throughout February, Black writer's, artist's, and poet's books will be on display at the Vancouver Island Regional Library (Downtown Nanaimo Branch).

Community Events

Maple Syrup Festival at Beban – February 23-25th

<https://msfnanaimo.org/>



More of what is happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:

