



Weekly Memo

Monday September 16th – Friday September 20th

<i>Mon, Sept 16</i>	Welcome back!
<i>Tues, Sept 17</i>	Cross Country practice at big recess Gr 7 Football practice after school
<i>Wed, Sept 18</i>	Gr 7 Football practice after school Open House 2:30- 3:30pm (meet the teacher) Visit PAC in the gym 😊
<i>Thurs, Sept 19</i>	Cross Country practice at big recess
<i>Fri, Sept 20</i>	Terry Fox Run - AM

Important Upcoming Dates – Please mark your calendars

Sept 25	Individual School Picture day (Begins at 8:45am)
Sept 25	PAC meeting 6:00pm (Hammond Bay Gym)
Sept 30	School Closed - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct 14	School Closed – Thanksgiving
Oct 21 – 24	Early Dismissal at 1:18pm (Formative Assessment Conferences)
Oct 25	School closed Pro-D Day – All B.C. Districts

Open House/Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday, September 18th, we are opening our doors from 2:30 – 3:30 pm for those parents and guardians who would like to come in and meet your child(ren)'s teacher. You are also invited to visit with and learn about the PAC in the gym during this time. Please wait outside until teacher's open door to welcomes you in. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Supply Fees

Grades 1 – 7 families should have received an email regarding School Supply and Agenda Fees via our online payment system, [SchoolCashOnline](#).

If you have any questions or did not receive the email, contact info.hb@sd68.bc.ca.

Student Belongings

Please **label your child's belongings** (water bottles, jackets, sweaters, lunch bags, hats, gloves, *etc.*) to ensure that we can return lost and misplaced items to them. Every day there are many items that are brought to the lost and found and often they are never claimed.

The **Lost and Found** is located just outside the main office. Please check as soon as you notice that an item has been lost. We donate items at the end of every month.

Emergency Drills

All schools in B.C. are required to conduct a variety of emergency drills throughout the school year. These drills include fire drill/evacuation, earthquake, shelter in place, hold & secure, and lockdown. We do not publish the exact times of our drills but the teachers receive advance notice so they can prepare their class in an age-appropriate manner.

This week, we walked students through a fire drill/evacuation [without the alarm bell]. Classes will have ongoing discussions about the importance of practicing drills and how being prepared at school and at home is everyone's responsibility. We try to minimize the concerns for the students but do want people to be ready for any emergency that may arise.

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 20th, we will be participating in our annual Terry Fox Run. We have a goal of each student bringing in a *Toonie for Terry* for the Terry Fox Foundation – for more on Terry Fox and the fun, visit <https://terryfox.org/>

Sports & Clubs

Cross-Country Running (grades 3-7)

The cross-country team is open to students in Grades 3-7 and they are training on Tuesdays & Thursdays at long recess in preparation for the Zone Meet on October 29th.

A consent form will come home closer to the date for this meet.

Parent Corner

Nanaimo Child Development Centre Knowledge Sessions

(<https://nanaimocdc.com/calendar/>)

- NCDC Knowledge Sessions vision is to help build capacity for the community involved in supporting children and youth development by enhancing knowledge and awareness through educational opportunities based on current and cutting edge researched practices for parents, families, professionals, and community members.

Rainbows: Group support for children experiencing divorce, separation, or death in their families (<https://rainbowsnanaimo.ca/contact/>)

- Christ Community Church 2221 Bowen Rd on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Wednesday September 25 to Wednesday December 11

Message from PAC

Please come find us at the Meet the Teacher/Open house on Wednesday Sept 18th. We will be in the gym from 2:30pm-3:30pm with coffee, treats and some information about what we do at the PAC!

Please note, students must be accompanied by an adult.

The PAC is conducting a survey that can be accessed through the following link:

<https://forms.gle/4cYy2yf8KgM168Wm7>

The PAC invites all parents/caregivers to follow us on social media in order to stay updated on hot lunch deadlines, fundraisers and fun events at the school.

We currently have two options. Follow one or both:

WhatsApp

(Requires you to first download WhatsApp onto your device of choice)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GYpylbdLdloJA5xHvKko6k>

Instagram

@ecolehammondbaypac

Facebook

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be continuing to use our Facebook group at this time. We encourage all followers on that account to please join us on WhatsApp or Instagram. If we have a Facebook page in the future we will share that information.

What is happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:

