



WEEKLY MEMO

Monday February 10 – Friday, February 14

** Valentines sold by grade 7 students over lunch hour. For more information see below.

Mon, Feb 10	Carnaval week begins Girls Basketball Practice – 2:30
Tues, Feb 11	Pokemon Club at big recess in room 1001 Girls Basketball Practice – big recess Boys Basketball Practice – 2:30
Wed, Feb 12	Grades 4-7 to Landmark Theatre (9am) Boys Basketball Practice – big recess
Thurs, Feb 13	Pokemon Club at big recess in room 1001 *last day
Fri, Feb 14	Grades K-3 go to Landmark (9am) Hot Lunch – Edo Japan Boys Basketball Practice – 2:30.
Mon, Feb 17	Family Day – School Closed

Important Upcoming Dates – Please mark your calendars

Feb 26	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 27	PAC Meeting – North End Library
March 14	Second Term Reports Sent Home (Email)
March 17-28	Spring Break

Message from the Office

We are continuing with our school-wide theme — *We are a team!* We are using these key phrases in French and in English:

We are all paddling together | Nous ramons ensemble | Nucamat Ushul'e

Thank you to Mme Alyssa and the Leadership students for creating a beautiful mural in our main foyer.



Carnaval week:

The snowfall this week was the perfect introduction to our theme for next week: Carnaval! We have lots of French games, French songs, and other fun activities planned throughout the week. *Keep your eyes out for Bonhomme Carnaval! We hope everyone has fun!*

Weather reminders

Dress for the weather: It is cold outside, and the forecast is calling for snow. Please remember to have your child come to school dressed for the weather. This includes hats, gloves, snowpants/rain pants and boots. If you need support purchasing outdoor clothing items, please let your teacher or the office know. We are here to support you!

Drive like a turtle and Walk like a penguin: With icy roads in the mornings, please slow down when driving and walk like a penguin when walking on icy surfaces.

Sports & Clubs

Basketball

Grade 7 Boys and Girls Basketball gets underway this week! The focus of this season is on fair play and development. Boys games are on Wednesdays and Girls games on Thursdays.

Parent & Community Corner

Unlock Your Parenting Potential Workshops, *NARSF*

- Week 1: Self-Compassion, Week 2: Boundaries & Communication, Week 3: Digital Wellness, Week 4: Self-Care
- To Register: Contact Mia Maarika mmaarika@narsf.org | Phone: 250-754-2773 ext. 123
- This is a free service, open to Parents and Caregivers of teens aged 12-18

Substance Use Prevention: Mental Health & Decision Making

- Complimentary Webinar for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
- 6-7:30pm February 20th, 25th, 26th

Grade 7 Fundraising

Our annual **Valo-Gram** sales are happening next week! Each Valo-Gram costs **\$1** and will come with a **Chupa Chups lollipop** attached.

Grade 7 students will be setting up outside your child's classroom during lunch, and teachers will send out a few students at a time to purchase their Valo-Grams. For younger students, our Grade 7s will be available to help them write their messages if needed.



Some students choose to purchase just a few Valo-Grams, while others prefer to buy one for their entire class. This year, we are offering a **class set option for \$20**, regardless of class size—an especially great deal for larger intermediate classes!

Thank you for supporting our Grade 7 year-end fundraisers!

M Kevin and Mme Alyssa

Library Learning Commons

I hope you had a chance to see our story walk last week that launched our first ever Hammond Bay Read-a-thon.

The read-a-thon ends today. A huge thank you to everyone who participated! Forms and fundraising pledges are due back into the library by February 21st. Cash or cheques made payable to SD68. I am so excited to announce our winners soon!



We've been busy beyond the pages too... Have a look at some of the amazing work our students have been up to:

Some of our grade 3 classes really went all out in our "Build Around The World" STEM challenge, building famous monuments using different materials.



Grade 4/5 students finished up a coding unit, using our **Dash Robots**. Based on the book "Balloons Over Broadway" they created their own Parade Balloon, & used block coding to create a program that made our 'parade floats' drive along our own mini NYC cityscape.



What's Happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:



