



**WEEKLY MEMO**

**Monday February 3 – Friday, February 7**

<b>Mon, Feb 3</b>	Professional Development Day – No classes
<b>Tues, Feb 4</b>	Professional Development Day – No classes
<b>Wed, Feb 5</b>	Boys Basketball Practice – big recess
<b>Thurs, Feb 6</b>	Pokemon Club at big recess in room 1001
<b>Fri, Feb 7</b>	Happy Friday!

**Important Upcoming Dates – Please mark your calendars**

<b>Feb 14</b>	Hot Lunch – Edo Japan (order deadline Feb 12 @ noon)
<b>Feb 17</b>	Family Day – School Closed
<b>Feb 27</b>	PAC Meeting
<b>March 14</b>	Second Term Reports Sent Home (Email)
<b>March 17-28</b>	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 | Ushul'e**

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



### **French Language Assistant:**

We are thrilled to have Rosalie, a French language assistant from Quebec, working with staff and students to help build capacity in oral French through playing educational games with us. Rosalie runs recess games on Mon-Wed and Fridays and will be with us until February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Carnaval week:**

We will be celebrating Carnaval during the week of Feb 10-14. During this week, all students will have the opportunity to watch a popular cartoon movie in French called *La course des Tuques* along with the prequel *La guerre des Tuques*. This movie came highly recommended by our friends in the Francophone community who said that their children aged 4-12 loved it. We are hoping to develop a love of the language and culture and to experience a sense of community by inviting all students to watch these movies. *We hope that the kids enjoy them!* Permission forms will be sent home with your child. Please look for them.

### **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**

Volleyball – The Girls team won their match against Departure Bay on Thursday to take home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place banner this year. We are very proud of all your hard work and development throughout the season. Thank you to Mme Monica for Sponsoring the team and to coaches Dominique Struch, Makai Del Mundo, and Mai Svendson – We appreciate all your time and energy to support the team and the school.

## **Parent & Community Corner**

Unlock Your Parenting Potential, NARSF

- Register: Contact Mia Maarika [mmaarika@narsf.org](mailto:mmaarika@narsf.org) | Phone: 250-754-2773 ext. 123
- This is a free service, open to Parents and Caregivers of teens aged 12-18

Rainbows, Guiding Kids Through Life's Storms [www.rainbowsnanaimo.ca](http://www.rainbowsnanaimo.ca) (new groups starting January 29th)

## **Messages from the PAC**

A big thanks to those of you who joined the PAC meeting last night! It was the first time to host a meeting in the North Nanaimo Library and, though there were some serious technical difficulties (apologies to all of you who couldn't join the meeting online), there were lots of exciting ideas shared as well as renewed motivation looking ahead. Keep your eyes open for new fundraisers coming your way, along with more opportunities to volunteer. We couldn't do it without you!



## HAMMOND BAY READ-A-THON



Next week is Family Literacy week in Canada. To celebrate, Hammond Bay will have a Story Walk along the south fence for families to enjoy during the week. As well, students in grades 2-7 and invited to take part in our Hammond Bay Read-a-thon! Information has been sent home with interested students. Below you will find a brief overview:

### **How to Participate:**

- A. Ask Friends and Family to pledge you for our Read-a-Thon. Any amount is welcomed. We are tracking reading minutes, not funds raised!
- B. Read for at least 20 minutes a day, at home, for two weeks, January 27th-February 7th.
- C. Fill in the total minutes read and have a parent sign your calendar each day.
- D. Collect pledges from Family and Friends & return them to Mme Erin (*Cash or cheque made payable to School District 68*)
- E. Pledge Sheets returned to school Wed Feb 21st at the latest to be eligible for our PRIZES! All pledge money earned will be used to purchase books that students have chosen.

*If you want more information follow this link, and if you have any questions reach out to Mme. Erin at [erin.lawson@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:erin.lawson@sd68.bc.ca). [Hammond Bay Read-A-Thon info letter 2025.docx](#)*



**What's Happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:**



*Celebrating Lunar New Year in Grade 1*



*Music and Bubble party with Mme Rosalie at Recess!*

