



WEEKLY MEMO

Monday March 3 – Friday, March 7

Mon, Mar 3	Mme Apland away Girls Basketball Practice – after school
Tues, Mar 4	Chess Club at big recess in room 1001 Girls Basketball Practice – big recess Boys Basketball Practice – 2:30
Wed, Mar 5	Boys Basketball Practice – big recess Boys Basketball home game vs Departure Bay
Thurs, Mar 6	Chess Club at big recess in room 1001 Girls Basketball home game vs Randerson
Fri, Mar 7	Boys Basketball Practice – 2:30

Important Upcoming Dates – Please mark your calendars

March 1	Manie Musicale Commence!
March 12	Second Term Reports Sent Home (Email)
March 17-28	Spring Break

Message from the office:

We are paddling together * Nous Ramons Ensemble * Kwanátul yu'ishul

Kindness and gratitude is being cultivated at Ecole Hammond Bay!

During our Pink Shirt day assembly we discussed what it means to be kind and what it means to work as a team so that everyone can feel safe to play and learn at Ecole Hammond Bay.

Students who were caught doing selfless deeds for the betterment of our school community last week were recognized. We discussed that “being kind” involves being intentional with our actions and thinking about others. This week, and into next week, students “caught being kind” by staff members will be given a heart to decorate and place on our Kindness Tree.

We are cultivating kindness, by working together to support each other, and to take care of others and Mother Earth.

Ramadan and Ayyám-i-Há to all those who celebrate:

On the topic of kindness and giving back, we are aware that many of our families are celebrating Ramadan and Ayyám-i-Há. We have been told that part of this celebration is to do acts of kindness for others and to show gratitude. Some families have already gifted the school staff with lovely messages of gratitude for their hard work. One family gave a long list of suggestions for “acts of kindness” that are relatively simple, accessible and free! These ideas were shared with our staff, to share with all students. This will definitely help us to grow our Kindness Tree. *Merci!*

Traffic Safety:

A few traffic safety reminders:

- Our school parking lot is a 15km/hr zone.
- Please slow down and watch for children crossing.
- Please be patient - do not back up in the drop off loop.
- Please be patient. There is no need to tail gate other drivers.

Manie Musicale

Manie Musicale Kick off is on Monday Morning! Manie Musicale is a Music project designed in the style of March Madness Basketball. Students listen to songs by French artists from around the world and vote on their favorites. This is a global event, and the kids LOVE it. Thank you to Mme Char for bringing it to us and organizing our involvement.

Spirit Wear On Sale

Spirit Wear is for sale again on SchoolCash Online – An email was sent out with options and sizing.

Deadline is March 13th so we can put the order in before Spring Break. Those who ordered it last time are very happy with it.



Weather reminders

Dress for the weather: We continue to have wet west coast weather and we go outside no matter what. 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!

*Please also label your child's clothing when possible to ensure that any missing items get returned

Fencing

You will see that new fencing is being installed along the gym and blacktop as well as down along the playground – this is to keep kids safe and to protect the hill from continued erosion. Please encourage your kids to use the stairs and avoid playing on the hill when enjoying the field and park before and after school. The last stage of our fencing will be going in next week. This is the remainder of the guard-rail barrier that was meant to be installed along the side of the new build to help keep students safely off the roads and out of our planter boxes.

Parent & Community Corner

Kelty Mental Health *Where You Are* Podcast <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/podcast>

- Season 6 starts February 27, 2025
- <https://keltymentalhealth.ca/>

The Nanaimo Parks & Rec Spring and Summer *Activity Guide* is now available for viewing!

- <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture>

Le Mur des Sons

Reminder to students that the new sound is << ou >>, All students are invited to put words that contain the << ou >> sound into our draw envelope. At the end of the month Three names will be drawn and those students will receive a prize. The more words you enter, the higher chance you have of winning! Please note, you can only claim one prize. A new name will be pulled if the same child is pulled twice.



Et Lou le hibou et le mouton doux
jouent dans la boue toute la journée!



What's Happening at Ecole Hammond Bay:



The Kindness Tree

Let Kindness Grow | Cultiver la Gentillesse

Caught being Kind and doing things to help others and the community

