

**SCHOOL:** École Pauline Haarer Elementary

**YEAR:** 2024-25

**PRINCIPAL:** Christine Bohm



## OUR SCHOOL

Ecole Pauline Haarer is more than just a school; it's a vibrant, community-oriented institution that thrives on the principles of support, care, and inclusivity. Within its walls, students, staff, Parents Advisory Council (PAC) members, families, and the wider community come together to create a nurturing and warm environment for learning. Here, the emphasis is on making education not only effective but also enjoyable and safe. The school embraces diversity, celebrating the richness it brings to the educational experience. Respect is a cornerstone, and everyone, from the youngest student to the most seasoned teacher, is both respectful and respected. Beyond academics, Ecole Pauline Haarer places a strong emphasis on emotional and physical well-being, fostering a culture of looking out for one another. Additionally, the school recognizes the importance of environmental stewardship, teaching students to care for the world around them, thus instilling valuable life lessons that extend far beyond the classroom.

Ecole Pauline Haarer, nestled in the heart of downtown Nanaimo and within the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public School District 68, stands as a distinguished single-track French Immersion Elementary School. Our school's proximity to the picturesque Swy-a-lana and Bowen Parks offers an idyllic backdrop for learning. With an enrollment of approximately 215 students, our community is tight-knit and close, despite not being a designated catchment school. Boasting 10 divisions, a robust music and band program, as well as a bilingual library, we provide a well-rounded and enriching educational experience that extends beyond traditional academics. At Ecole Pauline Haarer, our demographics reflect a diverse and engaged student body, united by a shared passion for French immersion and a commitment to academic and cultural excellence.

## OUR SCHOOL GOALS

### Student Success

Increase literacy success rates for all students

Our goal is to establish a strong foundation in literacy for all students in the early years by implementing

### Student and Employee Wellness

Increase the number of Students who feel welcome, safe and have a sense of belonging in their school

Our school is committed to implementing the "Leading through Spirals of Inquiry for Equity and Quality" framework as a

### Select a Board Goal

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## OUR CELEBRATION STORY

This past year has seen a remarkable increase in the engagement of students, families, and staff towards learning, addressing social-emotional needs, and participating in school activities. The journey has been transformative, fostering a deeper sense of community and shared purpose within our school. Students have become more enthusiastic about their education, taking an active role in their learning journeys and showing a greater interest in school projects and discussions. This shift in student engagement has been particularly evident in their willingness to participate in collaborative activities, take initiative in their academic progress and lead the discussions in Student Led Conferences. The spark of curiosity and the joy of discovery have become more prevalent in our classrooms, creating a dynamic and stimulating learning environment.

Families have also become more involved, participating in school events, and collaborating with teachers to support their children's academic and emotional well-being. This increased parental involvement has strengthened the home-school connection, ensuring that students receive consistent support and encouragement both in and out of the classroom. The partnerships formed with families have been invaluable in creating a network of care that nurtures the whole child.

Staff members have embraced a holistic approach to education, prioritizing not just academic excellence but also the social and emotional development of students. This commitment to a well-rounded education has led to the implementation of various programs and practices aimed at fostering resilience, empathy, and emotional intelligence among students. Teachers and staff have shown incredible dedication to understanding and meeting the diverse needs of their students, contributing to a more inclusive and supportive school culture.

The collective commitment of students, families, and staff has fostered a vibrant, supportive school community where everyone feels valued and invested in the success and well-being of each student. This year has demonstrated the power of collaboration and shared vision in creating an environment where every member of the school community can thrive. As we reflect on these achievements, we are inspired to continue building on this foundation of engagement and support, ensuring that our school remains a place where every student can succeed and flourish.