École Pauline Haarer

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Septembre 2016 Welcome back! Bienvenue à tous!

MESSAGE DE BIENVENUE DE LA DIRECTRICE

I trust everyone is as excited to be back starting a new year as we are. We look forward to hearing about your summer adventures and your dreams for this year. Please know that the office is open from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday to Friday. Jennifer Mile is back as our secretary and this is the start of my third year as principal at École Pauline Haarer, so we are both able to recognize most of you. Please be forgiving if we can't remember your first names and don't hesitate to introduce yourself if you are a parent new to the school. This newsletter may answer some of your questions for start-up.

To begin our year, we invite all grade one through seven students and parents to join us in the gym at 11:00 am September 6 for a very short assembly to introduce new faces and welcome everyone back. Parents are welcome to remain in the gym to mingle, chat and meet new families and PAC executive members. If you have ideas, questions or want to volunteer, this is a great time to let PAC and staff members know your interest areas. The Pauline Haarer community members (families, staff and community) work incredibly well together to provide a rich learning experience for everyone. If you are just joining us this year, we encourage you to get to know your child's teacher(s) and to get involved with activities around the school. Our fantastic Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is open to all parents.

Pauline Haarer is a great school. With your input and support, we aim to help all children explore their interests and passions. Welcome to the journey! Wishing you all a great year! Karina Younk, Principal

DISTRICT-WIDE GOALS & BC CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

Two district goals stand out for our community:

- Meeting each student's unique needs
- The continuous improvement of instruction and assessment.

In 2016-2017, we will be implementing the redesigned curriculum and exploring ways to ensure our students are meeting or exceeding expectations in all areas. We know that to be competent, students need opportunities to collaboratively develop and communicate their creativity and critical thinking abilities. To that end, we will be implementing the big ideas and core competencies of the redesigned curriculum, the BC Education Plan. Knowing that skills are strengthened through continuous and meaningful feedback, we encourage you to have daily conversations with your children at home about their learning as well. One of the new elements of the Interim Ministry Reporting Order is that when teachers are reporting on student progress, students will also be expected to report on their learning progress (core competencies). We encourage you to join us in listening for their thoughts as to how they are developing as learners.

BELL SCHEDULE

8:45	Attendance & Start of Day
10:15-10:30	Monday morning recess;
	TuesFri. snack time
11:30-12:15	Long recess
	(lunch at 12:15)
13:30-13:45	TuesFri. afternoon recess
13:47	Monday Dismissal
14:47	Tues-Fri. Dismissal

PHOTO DAY – JOURNÉE DES PHOTOS

September 8th is photo day. All students will have their photos taken for our school records. Order forms, with your child's sample pictures printed on them, will be sent home about two weeks after photo day.



OPEN HOUSE - PORTES OUVERTES

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 15th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm for our annual open house where your child introduces you to teachers and can give you a tour of the building to show you their favourite places at École Pauline Haarer.

SEPTEMBER DATES - ÉVÉNEMENTS

We try to keep you informed. Please consult our school sign, our online newsletter, calendar and emailed weekly memos for information and upcoming events! The PAC and community notice board at the front of the school announce PAC and community events and tutoring or other services. We are working with the district on a new school website; but for now our address remains the same: www.paulinehaarer.ca

September-Septembre

- 6 First Day Back 11:00-12:00 Gr.1-7
- 7 Gradual Entry for Kindergarten Full day for Gr. 1-7, 8:45 am-2:47 pm Cross-Country Running at 8:00 am
- 8 Photo Day
- 12 Mondays dismissal time is 1:47 pm
- 15 Open House, 5:30-6:30 pm
- 22 PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 23 Terry Fox Walk, 10:30-11:30 am
- 29 Curriculum Implementation Day
- 30 Professional Development Day

PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2016/17 Parent and Student Handbook is posted on our school website. Find answers regarding our school policies and expectations can be found in the handbook. The **School Climate Matrix** and Code of Conduct are also posted as links on the homepage of our site. Both are the result of a collective effort of parents, students, and staff members to define expectations for a positive, respectful, and safe learning environment. We thank volunteers and parents for modelling these expectations at all times. Feedback is always welcome.

FORMS - FORMULAIRES

Each year the school requires a number of forms be completed to keep our information current. We ask you promptly return the Student Verification and all other forms sent home. Your email address is particularly important for class newsletters, weekly memos and other school communication. For parents with children having medical needs, it is important you complete the appropriate medical form. If any information should change, please inform the office. Your email address will be kept confidential and will not be released. A few paper copies of newsletters are available in the office.

PAC MESSAGE - Jenni Burdes, President

Welcome to all our families, previous and new! We hope you all enjoyed your summer break and are ready to contribute to your child's learning experiences. There are many ways to be involved in the school, from volunteering at sporting events, in the classroom, in the library, at fundraisers and, of course, by attending PAC meetings, Our PAC meetings are held in the library from 6:30-8:00 pm the second Thursday of each month (except for December). Pizza, coffee and childminding are provided. Attending PAC meetings is a great way to know what's going on at school and the best way to have a say in the decisions made. You do not have to attend every meeting and even if you need to come late or leave a bit early, we would still love to see you. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 8th and we hope to see you there!

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

We all appreciate extra hands in the school! To best serve students' learning and to help us plan for our volunteers, we ask that all visits to the classroom be prearranged with the teacher. When volunteering in the school (or on the playground), please stop by the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge. To ensure student safety, staff members are expected to stop any adult in the school who is not wearing a visitor's badge. Parents who are frequently in the school may assume everyone knows them, but with new and itinerant staff members that may not be the case. All volunteers working with students must have completed a criminal record check. The online process is free for all school district volunteers and instructions are available in the office.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE-LIBRARY

A WARM WELCOME to all students and parents to our Library, also now called the Learning Commons throughout our district. I am thrilled to be your Teacher Librarian for the 2016-2017 school year! I am looking forward to sharing many great books and exciting new technology with our students during Library time, as well as during various big recess clubs over the course of the school year.

I do have a need for several parent volunteers who would be available for shelving books and other Library tasks, preferably for 1-2 hours on the same day each week. If this is something that interests you, please send me an email at nicole.cabral@sd68.bc.ca. Your help would be very much appreciated! Je souhaite une année scolaire SUPERBE à tous nos élèves, et bonne lecture! Amicalement, Mme Nicole

GUIDED READING VOLUNTEERS

Adults who are fluent in French and interested in volunteering for a half hour to two hours with our guided reading program, please contact Karina Younk (the principal) or Nicole Cabral to let them know which days you are available. It takes a whole village to raise a child and the same goes for raising strong, fluent readers. We appreciate your support both at home and at school!

NUT ALLERGIES

We have several students in the building who are allergic to a variety of nuts. These students are anaphylactic and we treat these cases with the utmost care and diligence. If your child shares a classroom with a child with allergies, please read the notices sent home and follow the guidelines set out by the teacher.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COACHING A TEAM AT PAULINE HAARER?

We are looking for adults, high school students or university students interested in helping our students learn the joys of an active life through team sports. Intramural and district sports we hope to make available to our students are cross-country running, track and field (Gr. 3-7), football, volleyball, and basketball (Gr. 5-7). If you are interested in helping with any of our teams or clubs, contact Mme Nadia! Football anyone? This season starts up right away in September for both boys and girls. Volleyball or triple-ball runs from November to January followed by basketball from February to early April.

CROSS-COUNTRY - COURSE DE FONDS

Thanks to Mike Connors and our dedicated morning parent volunteers, we are ready to start up cross-country running on the first full school day, Wednesday, September 7 at 8:00 am. Parents will need to sign a permission form for children to attend practices Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00 – 8:30 am.

PARKING

Please remember that there are restricted parking areas and business entrances near our school. We ask you honour all yellow lines and restricted parking signs as well as our handicapped parking spaces. The yellow hashmarked lane closest to staff parking is reserved for child care busses at the end of the day. We actively enforce the no stopping zone by the front entrance (from the speed bump to the start of the fence) for the safety and visibility of all pedestrians crossing here. Thank you for keeping everyone safe.

2016-2017 STAFF - PERSONNEL

We are delighted to welcome both new (noted in bold font) and returning staff to ÉPH.

Div. 1 - Maternelle Heather Marshall
Div. 2 - Mat.- 1ère Louise-Andrée Soucy

Div. 3 – 1ère année Ann Rainboth
Div. 4 – 2e année Lisa Ellis
Div. 5 – 2e-3e année Celia Pidduck
Div. 6 – 3e-4e année Suzanne Smith
Div. 7 – 4e année Kerry Murdoch
Div. 8 – 5e année Nadia Elzinga

Div. 9 – 6e année
Div. 10 – 7e année
Library Commons
Library Clerk

Dominique Payne
Evelyne St-Arnaud
Nicole Cabral
Julie Kim

Support – Appui Jeannette Arès Musique - Orchestre Karen Withers Counsellor **Jena Finetti** Speech Support (SLP) Lynn Tissington

Child, Youth Family Support Louise McArter School Psychologist Kiersten Côté

Aboriginal Educational Assistant April Shade Educational Assistants **Nadine Epp-Evans**

& Noon Supervisors Mia Jongkind

Noon Supervisor
Custodians

Kari-Ann Bernier
Robert Breadmore
Richard Bouchard

Secretary Jennifer Mile Principal Karina Younk

	Learning Environments	Hallways	Playground	Assemblies	Field trips	Parking Lot	Technology
RESPONSIBLE	Be on time Be ready to learn Keep areas clean and tidy	Use the assigned entry and exit doors. Stay calm	Dress for play Return quickly to the school at the bell Help other in need	Leave all of your belongings in your classroom Use the washroom before the assembly	Dress appropriately Be prepared and attentive Stay with the group	Keep your belongings with you Be on time	Electronics at school are for learning under teacher supervision Choose appropriate content
RESPECTFUL	Take turns Respect others' personal space and property Stay on task Listen actively	Walk quietly Walk in single file Follow your teacher	Wait quietly in line Respect other's personal space Use appropriate language Be inclusive	Listen with your whole body Keep your hands to yourself Applaud politely Stay seated	Listen to and thank the presenter Raise your hand and wait your turn Ask relevant questions	Respect the environment Allow traffic to keep moving	Electronics are off during the school day (except with teacher permission) Phone & text messages go through the office
SAFE	Follow classroom rules Be aware of others' health concerns	Walk on the right with eyes forward Open doors slowly Allow younger students and adults to go by first	Leave foreign objects on the ground and tell an adult Inform supervisors of visitors	Enter and exit quietly – walking! Listen for instructions	Follow teacher expectations Stay with your group Follow the rules of the site you are visiting.	Walk; wheels are for the road Look <u>all</u> ways Stay in sight of the supervisor	Choose teacher approved content Ask others' permission before taking photos or recording them