



## ÉCOLE PAULINE HAARER

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### MESSAGE DE LA DIRECTRICE

We have had a great start-up!

- Our dedicated team of parents and over 70 runners are preparing to run at the upcoming meets in October and we are hosting the small schools zone meet.
- The boys and girls football teams are benefiting from the Raiders' coaching by Jérémie Cheng and Jerome Erdman.
- Our kindergarten students are enjoying the kinder park (thank you Mike Ledingham) and feeling confident on the playground with a little help from our amazing grade 5 activity volunteers and Michelle Gale.
- Helen Godolphin, Janet Chehoity, Julie Lavoie, Breana Curnow have been working with students and volunteers cleaning up the garden. All are welcome to join in!
- Yvana Ho used our school to do a test run of Ballet Bohemia's upcoming school shows. Students and staff raved about the performance, especially where everyone had a chance to dance at the end.
- Our students, staff and volunteers had an opportunity to test their grit in the torrential downpours of our Terry Fox Walk. Thanks to Erik Wedholm for coordinating the RCMP traffic control.
- Brent Stetar and Joris Wiggers have been busy inspiring creative minds in the field of coding and robotics in the after school science club Wednesdays.
- Grade 4-7 students have been busy helping with many of our start up routines and our student council is bringing student voice to the activities in our school.

Thank you all for such a great beginning to our collaborative learning adventures!

Karina Younk, Principal

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Students will be dismissed early **Monday through Thursday at 1:32 pm, Oct. 17-20** for parent-teacher interviews. Beginning Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, teachers will have sign-up sheets outside their classrooms. Please choose an appointment that works best for you and your family. If you cannot find a time that suits your needs, please contact the teacher directly to arrange an alternate time.

### PAC NEWS - NOUVELLES DU PAC

The next meeting for the Parent Advisory Committee is **Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 pm** in the library. All parents are invited to join in and contribute their ideas to the amazing work done on behalf of our school community! The draft budget will be presented at this meeting as well as any proposed changes from the Bylaws Review Group. Child-minding is provided by grade 7s. PAC organizes many events at our school like our salad bar luncheon picnic in the gym.

### JARDINIERS! GARDENERS!

Gardeners are active **11:30 to 12:15 every Wednesday**. Parents and students are welcome to join in to help. Bring gardening gloves if you have them. Contact: [ephgarden@hotmail.com](mailto:ephgarden@hotmail.com). Merci! Helen

### BIENVENUE AUX VISITEURS ET BÉNÉVOLES!

We appreciate the extra effort everyone makes to volunteer at school. For new volunteers, please complete the online CRC (Criminal Record Check) at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>. The access code is available from the office. When you have completed the application, let us know so we can look for your confirmation within the next week or two.

## NEW MINISTRY INTERIM REPORTING ORDER

With the focus on big ideas and competencies in BC's redesigned curriculum, the Ministry of Education has invited educators, students and parents across the province to inform changes to current reporting practices. Our school will be hosting its information session for parents **October 27 from 6:30-7:30 pm** with the purpose of sharing our District's approach for this year: two written progress reports (end of January and end of June); parent-teacher interview in October; a minimum of two learning samples where parents will be able to see evidence of their child's progress in relation to the learning standards, as well as through teacher and student feedback.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND COURTESY



Thank you for keeping the area in front of the school and the new crosswalk to the courtyard visible. We would like to remind drivers that the drive-through lane is not a parking area – it is a 30 second drop and go zone.

Thank you to all pedestrians for using the path and the sidewalks. Staff appreciate that the 'Staff Only' parking stalls are respected. Our neighbours appreciate that we leave the entrances to their driveways clear and that we come to a complete stop before entering Selby Street. It is great to see so many people riding bikes or walking to school.

## SHAKE-OUT BC EARTHQUAKE DRILL

**Thursday, October 20**, along with the rest of the province, we will be having an earthquake drill. However, **our drill will be at 1:15 pm** to release students to parents and caregivers from the hockey court. We view this as an important part of our drill to help students and parents understand the process used to ensure students are signed out by a parent **before** leaving the assembly area. If you have not already sent in your child's emergency comfort kit, we can add them to the kiosk at that time.

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

I am April Shade, the Aboriginal Education Assistant at École Pauline Haarer. I am of Liach Kwil Tach (Campbell River) ancestry from maternal lineage and mixed European from paternal. My primary focus in class is to support teachers with students' academics and also to encourage cultural sensitivity surrounding First Nations issues and understandings which are now curriculum requirements for all students in K to 12 in B.C. and across Canada.

Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution of 1981 recognizes Aboriginal people of Canada to be First Nations, Inuit, and Metis. In our district parents acknowledge whether or not children are identified as Aboriginal on the registration form. It is great to see more and more children showing pride in their Aboriginal ancestry. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about inclusion.

I will be helping our staff to:

- Plan and organize cultural and social events, field trips and other activities throughout the year.
- Every Monday and Wednesday in the Gathering Place, we have time for craft and interactions. As funding is limited for supplies, your donation of wool, beads, sinew, willow branch ends, bead thread, buttons, feathers is appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [ashade@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ashade@sd68.bc.ca).

## NOUVELLES DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Mme Nicole is our new school librarian and we are fortunate to have her at Pauline Haarer every day as she also teaches grade 7s, school support and coordinates our inquiry and innovation projects. Volunteer helpers in the library are welcome! Tuesday lunch recess the library is open for Lego club.

## NOTRE CALENDRIER

Our online calendar: [www.paulinehaarer.ca](http://www.paulinehaarer.ca) has information regarding special days and events. We also send out a weekly memo every Friday so you can plan for the next week.