



École Pauline Haarer

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – MESSAGE DE LA DIRECTRICE

As spring break ends and we now leap forward into April, May and June, we would like to pause to thank Andréanne Bergeron for her inspirational games and activities at our school. She now moves on to NDSS and then to Quarterway.

At this time of year learning moves into the fast lane... kids know the routines, know the expectations and can focus on celebrating successes. There is nothing more rewarding than to see students who have struggled for months to learn a concept suddenly burst into wide grins, eyes aglow exclaiming, "I get it!" or "Je l'ai!" Thank you staff, parents and volunteers for building these successful experiences in the lives of our students in academics, arts, sports and in the many ways we learn to wonder about our world.

Keeping with the theme of celebrating successes, in March we were treated to a huge celebration of success: Twinderella! DVDs of the evening performances are available through the PAC website. In April, students are invited to participate in Patati et Patata, the STEAM Fair, and the school track meet. This year we are sharing our date with École Quarterway. Our basketball season will end in the next two weeks and our Bantam teams look forward to their finals. Congratulations to all our students who have the courage to take risks, to try new challenges and to give their best!

Spring is a time of change and some families may be thinking about moving. If you or someone you know is contemplating a move to or from our school, please inform the office. We have a waitlist of families moving to Nanaimo eager to know if we have room at Pauline Haarer and at this point our classes for next year are full.

As always, thank you for being active participants in our school's learning environment! Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Karina Younk

PAC NEWS – NOUVELLES DU COMITÉ DE PARENTS

The next PAC meeting is Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 pm in the library. Child-minding is provided by grade 6-7 leaders. Thursday, April 27, come out for some fun at our Spring Fling Event. More information coming in the PAC Newsletter!

GARDENING - JARDINAGE

Gardening is ready to start up again. We are looking for a parent who might be willing to coordinate this eager group of students and parents for one lunch recess each week. It is time to plant peas, strawberries, potatoes, and greens and repair boards and fencing. Please come by if you are able; the more, the merrier!

WHITE RAPIDS 5th ANNUAL SPLASH AND DASH

We have a great contingent of students signed up for this swim and run event taking place at Beban Pool, Friday, April 7th, from 3-5 pm! The deadline for registration was March 17. If you missed the chance to register, come watch, cheer on our students and plan to join in next year (or at one of the other *Splash and Dash* events later this year).

TRACK AND FIELD - ATHLÉTISME

Our school track meet will be April 25 with École Quarterway. Grade 3 through 7 teachers have been working outside with their classes during gym time as much as possible in March and April. If you would like to dust off your track skills to help out, please speak with your child's teacher or join the running club Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from April 5 to May 25 between 8:00 and 8:30 am.

PATATI-PATATA – MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

Students from all grades were invited to prepare a PowerPoint slide show in a new endeavor with Canadian Parents for French (CPF). The idea for these presentations is to have a dynamic format where students use images, costumes, drama and their speaking talents to demonstrate their French public speaking skills. Our class finalists will be presenting in the gym April 6 and the school finalists will present at the Port Theatre April 18. With the musical, not all classes were able to prepare the Patati et Patata this year. More information is available from your child's teacher.

READY, SET, LEARN – APRIL 26 with APRIL!

April Shade is hosting our Ready, Set, Learn event for 3 and 4 year-olds in the Gathering Place, Wednesday, April 26 from 9:00 – 10:30 am. If you have, or know of someone who has a 3 or 4 year-old, please let Jennifer know in the office so we can have nametags ready for children attending this event with their parents.



TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Triple P is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, currently running in 25 countries.

Triple P works across many cultures, socio-economic groups, and family dynamics. This program gives parents/caregivers simple and practical strategies promoting building strong and healthy relationships; confidently managing children's behavior; and identifying and problem-solving areas of concern. For more information: <http://triplepvp.ca/>

Triple P Group: for Parents/Caregivers of children aged 2-12.

When: Thursdays 6-8 pm; April 13-June 1, 2017

(Certificate presented on final evening)

Where: North Oyster Elementary School on Cedar Rd.

**Please note: this program is open to parents and caregivers outside of the North Oyster catchment as well.

Facilitators: Kendra-Ann Van Shaik & Louise McArter (Child, Youth & Family Support Workers, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, SD68)

Information on this and other Triple P Programs in Nanaimo & Ladysmith Area:

<http://triplepvp.ca/NanaimoGroupCalendar.htm>

For registration please contact: Kendra-Ann at kendra.vanshaik@sd68.bc.ca or Louise McArter at lmcarter@sd68.bc.ca phone 250-713-6089

STEAM FAIR! LA FOIRE D'INNOVATION! APRIL 19

Thanks to the efforts of Brent and Jorish, we are preparing to hold a STEAM fair – foire d'innovation April 19th. Children are encouraged to explore and experiment with an innovative idea of their choice and then to present their findings to peers and families. While April 19 may seem a long way off, if we exclude spring break, it is only just over four school weeks away! Science, technology, engineering, arts, and math are great ways to learn about how we interact with our world and to make connections. Here are some ways to build your child's innovation skills:

- Ask questions about what you see and experience. I wonder why...? I wonder what would happen if...? What if I changed this variable...? What do I already know about...? What else would I like to learn? How can I make a difference to my environment? To those around me?
- Has your child been in the robotics club? Then maybe this is a great time to demonstrate accomplishments!
- Look for mathematical patterns in the environment... what do they make you think about? Can you imagine those patterns in other areas or other ways?
- Recipes are a fun way to learn about science through changing matter through physical and chemical actions.
- Use plain or graph paper to sketch your ideas and then create a model to present to others.

- Students may remember building complex machines in grade 5 or doing electrical circuits in grade 6. Students in grade 4 are busy learning about salmon and Aboriginal technologies. In grade 3, students have done projects on animals and habitats. Even in kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 there are fascinating science and math discoveries being made every day. These are also great ideas to share with younger students.

Stretch and flex those thinking skills! Does your child have a great question? Share it with peers and work together.

SCHOOLHOUSE CAFÉ

Thanks to parents and students who have hosted the schoolhouse café every Monday and Friday morning from 8:15-8:45. It is a wonderful way to start and end the week in the gazebo or the gathering place.

DÉFI DE LECTURE 2017 READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the students and families who participated in the Pauline Haarer Défi de lecture 2017 Reading Challenge to read for 2017 minutes in French by March Break! Multiple prizes were won each week since the Reading Challenge began in early January, and the final draws were done Friday March 17.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – EN FRANÇAIS!

Watch for more information on this event happening at the same time as the Spring Fling. Book Fair dates are April 27 and 28. This is a great way to stock up on books in French and also for students to select books for the library in French.

SPRING TIME AND TRAFFIC

As the weather turns warmer and the sun begins to peek out, we are delighted to see so many families walking and riding to school. We do have some families who bike all the time and are well aware of the rules of the road, but for those of you who put away the bikes for the winter, as you bring them out, be sure to practice safe cycling skills with your child and check to see the helmet and bike height still fit your child!

CALENDAR – CALENDRIER @ www.paulinehaarer.ca

Here are a few details to update your 2017 calendars:

April

5,7,10,12,19,21, 24	Running Club at 8:00-8:30 am
6, 7	Div. 9 and 10, Tim Hortons Lunch
6, 12:30	Patati et Patata – School presentations
7, 15:00-17:00	Splash and Dash - more info to follow!
13	PAC Meeting
14-17	Easter Weekend
18-27	Bantam Basketball Playoff Games
18	Patati et Patata (Port Theatre)
19, 17:00-19:00	STEAM Fair (gym)
25	School Track Meet
26	Ready, Set, Learn (for 3 & 4 year olds)
27	Spring Fling (PAC Event)
27-28	Scholastic Book Fair – Livres en français
May 3	Class and School Photos (morning)
May 1-16	Sautons en Coeur – Jump Rope for Heart
May 12	Professional Development Day