



École Pauline Haarer

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Welcome back! Bienvenue à tous!

MESSAGE DE BIENVENUE DE LA DIRECTRICE

Over the summer, our district facilities crew was responsible for equipping over 50 classrooms. They have done an incredible job; this is like opening 4 elementary schools in just 2 months. At our school, our portable has become the additional division (we now have 11 classes). There were also several other classroom and staff changes; teachers have spent significant time over the summer preparing their new classrooms.

It was wonderful to see students' eager faces on the first day of school. Thanks to Gary Croome and his team of parent volunteers, we also had over 70 students show up on the field eager to run at our first cross-country practice!

You may have also noticed that we have a few new faces at our school. In addition to a few new families, we also have 8 new staff members: Mme Noelle Easthom (Gr.2 for Lisa Ellis), M. Simon Brink (Gr.3/4), M. Nic Fortin (Gr. 6), M. Claude Therrien (Gr. 7 on Fridays), M. Mark Fawdry (music, band & choir for Karen Withers), Pattie Metheral is back as our counsellor, Debra Logan is our new Aboriginal Education Resource and Sandy Posnikoff is our Child, Youth and Family Support Worker replacing Louise McArter who retired last year. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself new families and staff. If you are new to the school, please feel free to ask questions of any staff member. This newsletter may also answer some of your questions.

To start off our year, we invite all students and parents to join us September 21 (5:30-6:30 pm) for our Open House and September 29 for our Terry Fox Walk (10:30-11:30 am). Parents, our first PAC meeting is September 14 in the library. Pauline Haarer's families, staff and community work 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 Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) welcomes all parents.

Pauline Haarer is a great school. With your input and support, we can have all children exploring their interests and passions. Welcome to the journey! Wishing you all a great year!

Karina Younk, Principal

DISTRICT-WIDE GOALS & BC CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

The district vision is 'Success for All'. To work toward that vision, our district/school goals are:

- Meeting each student's unique needs
- The continuous improvement of instruction and assessment
- Reconciliation
- Organizational effectiveness and accountability to support learning

We continue to implement the curriculum and to explore ways to support students with expanding their curricular and core competencies (personal and social identity and responsibility, critical and creative thinking and communication). We are aligning our assessment and reporting practices to reflect inclusive and collaborative inquiry and innovation processes so all learners, children and adults alike are actively involved with constructing their understanding. When learners have an opportunity to extend their inquiry into new contexts both at school and at home, they deepen their knowledge, skills and processes. We encourage you to continue your daily conversations with your children to expand and make new connections with their learning. We enjoy hearing and sharing how your child is defining personal competencies and growth as part of our reporting process.

BELL SCHEDULE – HORAIRE JOURNALIER

8:45	Start of our instruction
10:15-10:30	Monday morning recess; Tues.-Fri. snack time
11:30-12:15	Long recess (Students eat lunch at 12:15)
13:30-13:45	Tues.-Fri. afternoon recess
13:47	Monday dismissal
14:47	Tues-Fri. dismissal

OPEN HOUSE – PORTES OUVERTES

Mark your calendars for Thurs., September 21, 5:30 – 6:30 pm for our annual Open House where your children introduce you to the staff members and give you a tour of the building to show you their favourite learning spaces.

DATES - ÉVÉNEMENTS

We try to keep you informed through our school sign, our online newsletter, our web calendar and emailed weekly memos for information and upcoming events. The PAC and community notice board in the main hall by the office announce PAC and community events and tutoring or other services. The bulletin board by the gym displays Students' Council events they are hosting. Our school website address is: www.paulinehaarer.ca

For September - en septembre

	Running Club, M-W-F, 8:00-8:30 am
11, 18, 25	Monday dismissal time is 1:47 pm
14	PAC Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
14	Gr.6-7 Band Instrument Rentals, 3-5
21	Open House, 5:30-6:30 pm
22	PAC Popcorn Day
29	Terry Fox Walk, 10:30-11:30 am
29	PAC Lunch
30	Nanaimo Clippers Cheer-Off (ÉPH!)

For October – en octobre

3	Photo Retakes
6	Curriculum Implementation Day
9	Thanksgiving
16-19	Parent-Teacher Meetings
20	Professional Development Day
31	Halloween Events

CODE OF CONDUCT & CLIMATE MATRIX

The School Climate Matrix and the Code of Conduct are posted on our website. These are a result of the 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. We review these documents are yearly; your suggestions are welcomed!

FORMS - FORMULAIRES

Each year we require you to updated forms to keep our information current. We ask you promptly complete and return the Student Verification Form, the Media & Technology and Volunteer Driver Permission Form, the Google Suite for Education Permission and other forms teachers send home. Your email address is particularly important for class newsletters, weekly memos and other school communication. For children with medical needs, please complete the medical form in the office. If any information should change over the year simply inform the office. Your email address will be kept confidential and will not be released.

PAC MESSAGE – Kara Brunt, President

PAC would like to welcome all new and returning families and students for the 2017/2018 school year. All parents are a part of our school's PAC and are able to participate in decisions that affect our children as students. We welcome new ideas and new voices. By attending PAC meetings, you can hear more about these ideas and have a vote on topics such as fundraising, spending and other school community learning priorities. PAC meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in the school library. Free pizza and childminding are provided. Please watch for a PAC notice coming home in the next few days, with more information about PAC and a consent form for PAC-related emails. Welcome back, and thank you for your commitment to your child's education!"

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

We appreciate extra hands in our 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 our Learning Commons. Mme Nicole, with staff, student and PAC support has added many great books and exciting new technology to our library time. Mme Nicole will continue on with us as school support teacher but her new assignment will be to support students with vision challenges in our district. Until a new teacher-librarian is in place, M. Fawdry and Mme Karina will be working Tuesdays to ensure students have an opportunity to see the new resources and begin borrowing books. We are looking for parents who are available to shelve books and to help with other library tasks, preferably for 1-2 hours on the same day each week. If this is something that interests you, please contact Mme Nicole or M. Fawdry so they can connect you with the incoming librarian. Your help is most appreciated!

GUIDED READING - BÉNÉVOLES

Adults who are fluent in French and interested in volunteering for a half hour to two hours with our guided reading program, please contact our school support teachers Jeannette Arès 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!

ALLERGIES

We have individuals at our school who have environmental or food allergies. A few of these students could potentially have an anaphylactic reaction. We treat these cases with the utmost care and diligence. If your child shares a classroom with a child with allergies, please respect the guidelines the teacher sends home and posts on classroom doors.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COACHING A TEAM AT PAULINE HAARER?

We are looking for volunteers interested in helping our students learn the joys of an active life through team sports. We try to make intramural and district sports available to our students in cross-country running, track and field (Gr. 3-7), football, volleyball (triple ball), and basketball (Gr. 5-7). If you are interested in helping with any of our teams or clubs, please contact Mme Nadia!
Football anyone? This season starts up right away in September.

CROSS-COUNTRY – COURSE DE FONDS

Thanks to Gary Croome and parent volunteers, we started our running club on Wednesday, September 7. Practices are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 – 8:30 am. All parents, staff and students are welcome!

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 hash-marked lane closest to staff parking is reserved for child care busses at the end of the day. We actively enforce the no-stopping zone at the front entrance between the speed bump and the fence for the safety and visibility of all pedestrians crossing here. Thank you for keeping everyone safe and visible!

2017-2018 STAFF – PERSONNEL

Please welcome both new and returning staff. The bold font shows how each person prefers to be called.

Div. 1 – Maternelle	Mme Heather Marshall
Div. 2 – Maternelle	Mme Suzanne Smith
Div. 3 – 1 ^{ère} année	Mme Ann Rainboth
Div. 4 – 1 ^{ère} -2 ^e année	Mme Kerry Murdoch
Div. 5 – 2 ^e année	Mme Noelle Easthom
Div. 6 – 3 ^e année	Mme Celia Pidduck
Div. 7 – 3 ^e -4 ^e année	M. Simon Brink
Div. 8 – 4 ^e -5 ^e année	Mme Dominique Payne
Div. 9 – 5 ^e année	Mme Nadia Elzinga
Div. 10 – 6 ^e année	M. Nic Fortin
Div. 11 – 7 ^e année	Mme Evelyne St-Arnaud

Support – Appui

Mme Jeannette Arès
Mme Nicole Cabral

Library – Bibliothèque To be determined...

Musique - Orchestre	M. Mark Fawdry
Counsellor	Pattie Metheral
Speech Support (SLP)	Lynn Tissington
Child, Youth Family Support	Sandy Posnikoff
School Psychologist	Kiersten Côté
Aboriginal Education	Deb Logan
Educational Assistant	Mme Mia Jongkind
Noon Supervisors	Kari-Ann Bernier Bonnie Blenkhorn

Library Clerk
Custodians

Julie Kim
Bob Breadmore
Richard Bouchard
Jennifer Mile
Mme Karina Younk

Secretary
Principal

**Our Pauline Haarer Climate Matrix: Expectations of our Learning Community
(Draft revisions to be discussed for 2017-2018)**

	Learning Environments	Hallways	Playground	Assemblies	Field trips	Parking Lot	Technology
RESPONSIBLE	<p>Be on time</p> <p>Be ready to learn</p> <p>Keep spaces clean and organized</p>	<p>Use assigned entry and exit doors</p> <p>Hold door open for others</p>	<p>Dress for play</p> <p>Wait calmly in line after the bell</p> <p>Help others in need</p>	<p>Leave belongings in class</p> <p>Use the washroom before the assembly</p>	<p>Dress for the activity</p> <p>Be prepared and attentive</p> <p>Be a great ambassador for our school</p>	<p>Keep your belongings with you</p> <p>Be on time</p> <p>Stay in sight of the supervisor</p>	<p>Electronics at school are for learning under teacher supervision</p> <p>Choose appropriate content</p>
RESPECTFUL	<p>Take turns</p> <p>Respect others' personal space and belongings</p> <p>Stay on task</p> <p>Listen actively</p>	<p>Walk calmly in single file</p> <p>Follow your teacher</p> <p>Greet guests and offer to help them</p>	<p>Respect equipment & personal spaces</p> <p>Use polite language</p> <p>Invite others to join you</p>	<p>Listen with your whole body</p> <p>Applaud politely</p> <p>Stay seated</p>	<p>Listen to and thank the leaders</p> <p>Raise your hand and wait your turn</p> <p>Ask thoughtful questions</p>	<p>Respect our neighbours and our spaces</p> <p>Allow traffic to keep moving</p> <p>Make eye contact with drivers before crossing</p>	<p>Turn off and keep personal gadgets in backpacks</p> <p>Phone messages go through the office</p>
SAFE	<p>Follow school-wide expectations</p> <p>Be considerate of others' health and safety</p>	<p>Keep right so others may pass</p> <p>Look ahead</p> <p>Open doors slowly</p>	<p>Use gloves & grabbers to pick up garbage</p> <p>Point out visitors or unsafe objects to supervisors</p> <p>Stay off trees & rocks</p>	<p>Enter and exit calmly</p> <p>Follow directions</p> <p>Keep hands to self</p>	<p>Follow school expectations and those of the place you are visiting</p> <p>Stay with your group</p>	<p>Walk on crosswalk and walkways; Ride or drive on driveways</p> <p>Look <u>all</u> ways before crossing traffic areas</p>	<p>Choose teacher approved content</p> <p>Parent & staff permission is required for all media recordings and sharing</p>