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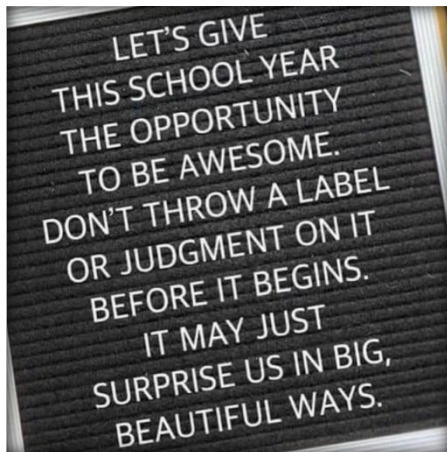
Principal's Message

Bievenue! Nu'wilim! Welcome new and returning families to Ecole Pauline Haarer!

It has been a real pleasure to see all the students and families back at school this September. I want to say a huge thank you to all of our staff for their dedication to our students and school and for making this re-opening as smooth as can be in such ever changing times. I also want to thank our wonderful Pauline Haarer Community for your support in ensuring that you are following all of the new safety guidelines that the Island Health officer and the District have put in place to ensure that we are all doing our part to keep students safe.

Welcome to all of our kindergarten students! I am enjoying spending time in your classrooms and getting to know you. I look forward to being a part of your educational journey.

As you know, our school year will look different this year due to Covid-19. Field trips, except for walking excursions to local parks within 4km have been postponed until further notice. NETPEA Sports League has also been postponed until further notice. While we greatly enjoy having parents volunteering in our classrooms and school, we will not be able to open our doors to you this fall. Following the School District's direction, schools will not be open to parents/community members until further notice. Teachers will make every effort to connect with families digitally. Please make sure you contact your teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child(ren)'s learning.



We are all in this together.
Merci! Hy' cep qua! Thank you!
Sincerely,
Mme. Apland



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Terry Fox Run

Pauline Haarer usually holds an annual Terry Fox walk to honor this great Canadian hero and to carry on his legacy of cancer awareness. This year, due to COVID, each class was invited to participate in a 5 day Terry Fox run challenge. During the school day for 5 days, students were encouraged to run or walk 1km around the field or gym with their classmates and teacher. Some students ran or walked a little less and some students ran up to 3km each day! Results for the school are being recorded and put on a large bar graph near the gym! *Amazing work everyone!* Thank you to Mme. Nadia for organizing this event this year.

Everyone did a fabulous job!

Also, thank you to all of the students/families who brought a donation or who donated online through KEV cash. These funds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Orange Shirt Day

On Wednesday Sept 30th we honored Orange Shirt Day by wearing something orange. Students engaged in various activities within their classrooms to learn more about the origin and importance of this day. Thank you to everyone who participated. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many students wearing orange and popping into classrooms and listening to stories being shared about this day. I also enjoyed walking through the halls and admiring the amazing artwork that many students have put on display in honor of Orange Shirt day.

Erase Bullying Resource

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with School Districts across the province have developed and implemented an online student and parent resource about bullying and how to report bullying incidents. Please visit www.erasebullying.ca for more

Cashless Schools:

School District 68 has gone cashless. Families have been provided the information by the District's Communications department to register their children in the Kev Cashless system. We are aware of some issues with the system, and the District is currently working to resolve them. Please contact your teacher if you are experiencing challenges registering your children so that they may be able to get you the required forms manually. Thank you!

Assessments:

At the start of any school year, teachers regularly employ diagnostic assessments in reading, writing and mathematics. These assessments are meant to determine the relative strengths and challenges for our students, so that we may begin to build and implement support plans and extension projects. This year, Ecole Pauline Haarer will be working with the ALPIN and NLPS Reading Assessments or similar diagnostic classroom assessment tools. These assessments have been designed by teachers of our district and are available in both English and French. Our Grades 1-7 students will be assessed throughout October, and Kindergarten will be completed in January once they have a working knowledge of the French language. The results of these



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assessments are to inform our instruction and help us plan the next steps in our school goals. Foundation Skill Assessments has been postponed until January 2021 by the Ministry of Education. More information to follow in the new year. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's educational plan, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE – 2020-21

Bell Schedule 2020 / 2021

Monday – Friday

8:45 – 10:15 am	Instructional Time
10:15 – 10:30 am	Short Recess
10:30 – 11:45 am	Instructional Time
11:45 – 12:20 pm	Long Recess
12:21 – 2:25 pm	Instructional Time

FROM THE LIBRARY

Q. What kinds of books do bunnies like? A. Ones with hoppy endings.
Speaking of endings, any chance library books have turned up at home so we can end the OVERDUES in the library? Notices for books signed out in student accounts will be sent home.

Intermediate students will be able to request books from the library this month using Destiny on-line. All classrooms have books in baskets on a Library-on-a-Cart or a Library-on-a-Shelf that can be taken out and returned anytime. These will remain in the classrooms and are outside the check-out/check-in system.

In order to give students more access to books, do you have any books you could donate in gently used condition that your family has outgrown? These books will live in the classes so every room has its own mini-library.

PAC

Our first PAC meeting was held virtually via ZOOM on September 24th thank you to everyone who was able to attend. PAC will be sending an invite to the next virtual meeting in the coming weeks. Hope to see you online!



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Staffing:

We have had some staffing changes over the summer and will continue to have some changes throughout the month of October. We will keep families informed, as necessary, if these changes impact classroom staffing assignments. We are currently staffed for 10 divisions and 215 students.

It is with very sad hearts but also with the most sincere understanding and respect that I would like to acknowledge that Ms. Withers has retired this year. Ms. Withers will forever be in our hearts and her amazing musicals will be playing in our minds. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Below is the staff list for this year thus far:

Librarian – Mme. Barbara

SST-Mme. Megan

Prep (temp) – TBD. *Thank you to our wonderful TTOC Satya Grove who has been covering our prep position so far.*

Kindergarten – Mme. Heather

Kindergarten/grade 1 – Mme. Suzanne

Grade 1 – Mme. Rainboth

Grade 2 - Mme. Kerry

Grade 2/3 – Mme. Danielle

Grade 3/4 – M. Simon

Grade 4 – M. Therrien

Grade 5 – Mme. Nadia

Grade 6 – Mme. Dominique

Grade 7 – Mme. Evelyne

Aboriginal EA – Mme. Logan

EAs – Mme. Alisa and Mme. Amy

Noon Hour Supervisors – Mme. Kari-Ann, Mme. Alisa, Mme. Amy

Counselor – Mme. Pattie

Speech & Language Pathologist – Mme. Tissington

Child & Youth Care – Mme. Jolina

Secretary – Mme. Jennifer

Principal – Mme. Apland



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Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are coming up Monday, October 19 to Thursday, October 22. Students will be dismissed at 1:25pm to allow teachers to meet online with parents. Teachers will be using the Microsoft Teams program for these interviews. More information and directions on how to use Microsoft Teams and how to sign up for your interview will be sent out by classroom teachers.

Upcoming Important Dates

October 2 World Smile Day

October 5 World Teachers Day

October 9 Non instructional Day – no school for students

October 12 Thanksgiving Day – schools are closed

October 15 Great Shakeout Day

October 19-22 Parent Teacher Interviews/Early Dismissal at 1:25 pm

October 19 Retake Photo Day

October 23 Non Instructional Day – no school for students