



## ÉCOLE PAULINE HAARER

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January Newsletter

### **Principal's Message**

*Nu'wilim! Bienvenu 2021! Welcome to a new calendar year at Ecole Pauline Haarer!*

I sincerely hope that you were able to spend some wonderful "quality kid time" at home over the winter break.

As you are all aware, it is COLD and WET outside this time of year. Students will be sent outside daily to ensure they have fresh air. Rain or shine, students will be outside for short and long recess. Please make sure they have appropriate outerwear, gloves and a change of clothes. I also recommend an umbrella. If you are a family in need of support with purchasing any of these items please don't hesitate to contact the office, or email your classroom, teacher. *We want to help keep your child(ren) warm and dry.*

I am excited to see all the smiling faces back at school tomorrow.

*See you soon!*  
Mme. Apland

### **Covid-19 Safety:**

We had a very successful start to the school year and are hoping to keep it up! We thank you for doing your part and ask that you continue doing the following:

- ✓ Ensure you do a daily Health Check with your child(ren) before bringing them to school.
- ✓ If your child has symptoms please keep them home and call the office to report the absence.
- ✓ Ensure the office has your current contact information so that we can reach you if your child develops symptoms during the school day.
- ✓ Continue to follow our Covid-19 drop off and pick up procedures.

Covid-19 safety protocols in schools are under the direction of the Health Authority. These measures are in place with the goal of reducing the risk of transmission at school and to ensure that school remains a healthy and safe place to learn. We will update you if any changes occur in our protocols.

For more information on Covid-19 protocols at school, including accessing the daily health check, please go to the COVID-19 tab on our School district website or click on the link below:  
<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/covid-19/>

## **If you are new to our school:**

*Welcome!* We are thrilled to have you join the Pauline Haarer family! Please walk in with your child and knock on the office window. You will be directed on where to go. Please take some time to read the Drop off and Pick up procedures which can be found further on in this newsletter. For specific information about your child(ren)'s class, please contact the classroom teacher. If you are unsure of how to contact your child's classroom teacher, please contact Jennifer at our front office by emailing [jmile@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:jmile@sd68.bc.ca). Jennifer can also be reached by calling 250-274-2722. The office can get fairly busy, so please leave a detailed message if your call is missed.

## **Drop off and pick up procedures during Covid-19.**

### **Drop off is 8:30am - 8:44am:**

***Please DO NOT park on-site.  
Drive-through only in the mornings.***

*If you need to walk your child(ren) **please park offsite and walk-in.** Staff are outside on supervision at 8 :30am daily. No parents beyond the Fire Lane gate please.*

### **Pick up 2:25pm daily:**

***The parking lot is CLOSED to all vehicles at pick up time.***

*This is to allow families to reunite with their children while maintaining social distance. All parents/guardians must park off site and walk on. Parents/guardians with health or mobility issues please plan to come a bit early or a bit late to find a parking spot near the school.*

Spaces near the school tend to clear up fairly quickly after 230pm.

A spot outside of our school always comes available on the street prior to our supervision time ending at 2:40pm. Please ask your child(ren) to wait at the front of the school until you are able to find a parking spot and we will help ensure they connect with you!

***Thank you so much for doing your part in making sure Pauline Haarer remains a safe place to learn!***

## **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year opens online on **Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and ends Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.** ALL families interested in French Immersion for their incoming Kindergarten student(s) need to apply online between **January 6, 2020 and January 31, 2020.**

If you currently have a child who will attend Pauline Haarer again during the 2021-2022 school year, you can have a kindergarten spot saved for their younger sibling(s)! To ensure a spot is saved for your kindergarten aged child(ren), you **MUST** register online before January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you do not register within that time frame, a spot will not be held for your child and your child(ren) will be placed on a waitlist. Unfortunately, if you have a child who is currently enrolled in Grade 7, your incoming Kindergarten student will not have a spot held for them. Your kindergarten aged child(ren) will be included in the lottery; providing that you apply before the lottery closes on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

*All registration is done online and all policies are created at the district level. For further questions please contact: [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca).*

## **Grade 8 registration for grade 7 students**

If your child plans to attend NDSS for Grade 8, you do not need to re-register. All grade 7 students from Pauline Haarer school are automatically set up to attend NDSS for their grade 8 school year. However, if your child is registering for an Academy, even an NDSS academy, then you must please complete the online registration form. Some academies are determined by lottery and some by audition.

If your child is not planning to attend NDSS for Grade 8, please complete an online registration form for the school of your choice.

Registration opens on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

***Please note that all registration is done online and is managed at the district level. For further questions please contact: [ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca). To register visit the SD68 website under the Register tab on the top orange ribbon.***

## **PAC News**

PAC meetings continue to be held virtually this year. On behalf of the Pauline Haarer Staff, we thank the parents of the PAC who work hard and donate their time to enhance the quality of school life at Ecole Pauline Haarer. If you have not attended a PAC meeting and/or are interested in knowing more about how you can help out, please contact the PAC executive team at the email address below.  
[pac.paulinehaaer@gmail.com](mailto:pac.paulinehaaer@gmail.com)

## **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. Please visit [www.erasebullying.ca](http://www.erasebullying.ca) for more information.

## **School Closure**

If schools are closed due to inclement weather, the district will post this information on their website ([www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca)) by 7am unless there are technical problems or a power outage. Information can also be found by downloading the Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools mobile app on your Apple or Android device. *Make sure to allow notifications to receive the most up-to-date information from the district.*

## **Upcoming Important Dates - January 2021**

### **Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

School re-opens after winter break

### **Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

Online registration opens for Kindergarten students and Grade 8 academies

### **Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

FSAs begin for students in grades 4 and 7. More information will come from the teacher prior to January 18<sup>th</sup>.