



## ÉCOLE PAULINE HAARER

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February Newsletter

### **Principal's Message**

It is hard to believe it is already February and we are now at the halfway point in the school year.

Progress reports will be sent home electronically by teachers on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2021. Please make sure teachers and the office have your correct email address.

Reporting information for parents is available on the school district website. Click on "Reporting Information for Families" to view the video or see the link below. <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/student-progress-reporting/>

A positive, collaborative partnership between home and school is important for the success of each child. I encourage all families to touch base with classroom teachers regarding your child's progress at school.

Thank you to all staff, students and community members for all you have been doing and continue to do to follow COVID protocols and keep our students safe at school.

I look forward to finishing this school year as well as we have started it.

Sincerely

Mme. Apland

### **Literacy Week**

The end of January was Literacy week at Ecole Pauline Haarer. Thank you to staff and students who contributed to sharing stories and recommending books last week. Writing stories and sharing favorite books is encouraged at all times in our school. We will continue to have teachers and students share their stories virtually throughout the rest of the school year and we encourage you to continue to share stories and read aloud at home.

### **From Mme. Allisen in the library:**

CBC is supporting the whole country by encouraging families to read together. While we often read a book at night to little ones we forget about bigger ones; they love a chapter a night. Here is a segment of a conversation between Shelagh Rogers and experts in children's books. <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-67-the-next-chapter/clip/15813712-childrens-book-panel-december-2020?share=true>

Can you help? We are doing Inventory (cue the groans) in the library.

Our lost books list is very long. Please have a look thru your bookshelves at home to see if there are any with our library sticker and return. Of course, if the books were there on the shelves they would be easy to find and probably not lost. Old backpacks that got saved in the back of closets are a favorite hiding spot as are nooks behind beds. (The public library phones us if they get any of our books and we drop off any public library books that accidentally get returned here.)

Book return day is every Monday, right after the weekend.

Q. What did one book say to the other one?  
A. I just wanted to see if we are on the same page

### **Parents of grade 4 and 7 student's student learning survey:**

Early in 2021 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school.

### **Foundational Skills Assessment FSAs Grade 4 and 7 students**

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the

foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. Grades 4 and 7 FSAs will be written at school between February 15th to March 12th.

### **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day does not land on a school day this year, however we understand that many students love to share cards with their peers and teachers. This year, during COVID, circulating paper Valentine's Day cards is okay; unfortunately, due to safety guidelines, we are unable to accept any gifts (pencils, erasers etc.) or treats from home, even if they are packaged. Please check in with your classroom teacher regarding an appropriate time to send cards to school if your child wishes to make and distribute them this year.

### **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 for 24 hours until they no longer have symptoms.
- ✓ Call the office to report the absence.
- ✓ Call 8-1-1 or a health professional if you are unsure of symptoms or need guidance.
- ✓ 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/>

## **Upcoming Important Dates - February 2021**

February 10- Progress Reports Go Home  
February 11/12- Pro-D Days- No School  
February 15- Family Day- No School  
February 16-FSAs begin grades 4 and 7  
February 24- Pink Shirt day

## **PAC News**

PAC meetings continue to be held virtually this year and are typically on the second Thursday of each month. A link to the virtual meeting is shared by PAC prior to each meeting.

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.*