

400 Campbell St, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 3G7 Telephone: 250-754-2722 School Year: 2021 / 2022 September 2021 Principal: Christine Bohm Secretary: Jennifer Mile

## Principal's Message

To both our returning and our new families, Welcome to Pauline Haarer! We hope you and your family have had a wonderful and restful summer break. The staff is looking forward to another exciting year of learning with your child(ren).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, families and staff for making everyone new to Ecole Pauline Haarer feel welcome. It truly is a wonderful school and community.

Please note that we have had some staffing changes over the summer as some staff have moved away or retired or are currently on leave. We are so grateful to the wonderful staff who have stepped in for us to make sure that all students have a fantastic start up.

Christine Bohm – Principal Jennifer Mile - Secretary Heather Marshall – K Suzanne Smith /Micalla Wallace - K/1 Danielle Swanson/Monica Pridy-Jensen - Gr 1 Kerry Murdoch - Gr 2 Leigh Richardson – Gr 2/3Simon Brink – Gr 3/4 Claude Therrien – Gr 4/5 Nadia Elzinga – Gr 5/6 Alex Kilshaw – Gr 6/7 Evelyne St-Arnaud - Gr 7 Janelle Ten Have – Library David Bamford – Music / Band Gitanjali Mitchell - Student Support Pattie Metheral - Counsellor Amy Soper / Alisa Gatley - EAs Bonnie Blenkhorn - Noon Hour Supervisor TBD - Aboriginal Education Assistant Kayli Morgan – CYFSW Oliver Bild – Speech & Language Courtney Millhoff - Psychologist Richard Bouchard/Coren Medinksy - Custodians

Please help give a warm welcome to all of our new staff and our returning staff!

Sincerely, Mme. Bohm

#### Absences

If your child is absent from school or you know of dates your child will be away, we would ask you to please let your teacher know and please contact the school by 8:35 am at 250-754-2722. If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a detailed message on our answering machine. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

#### **Office Message**

Parent/Guardian and Emergency Contacts. The School District is still following all COVID 19 protocols and procedures as outlined in our safety plan. If your child(ren) become unwell at school, the office will contact all parents/guardians to pick up their child(ren) as soon as possible. If we are unable to reach you, the office will phone the emergency contacts listed. Parents/guardians are asked to continue to use the daily health checklist before sending students to school.

### **Student Verification Forms**

In September the school will have been sent home Student Verification, Consent, Emergency, Technology Forms for parents/guardians to update and sign. and sign. These forms contain important information about your child: current home address and phone numbers, medical information, allergies, etc. It is vital that this information is up to date for each school year. If you change your phone number throughout the year, please let the office know right away; so that in case of emergency or illness we are able to contact you. *Please return all of the forms to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.* 

### Earthquake Comfort Kit

Every year we ask parents/guardians to provide their child with an Earthquake Comfort Kit to provide comfort to your child while they wait for their parent/guardian to pick them up from school after an emergency has occurred. If you have not already, please ensure that your child brings his/her own Comfort Kit to their teacher by the end of September.

## Fire, Earthquake, Lockdown Drills

EPH will be conducting the mandatory number of each of the emergency drills this year. Our first few will take place at the end of this month without bells. This is an opportunity for students who are anxious to learn how and why we practice these important drills in a calm and supportive learning manner. Anxious students will be given the opportunity to walk through each drill with the Principal and to see the "behind the scenes" activities. For more information about this process, please contact Mme. Bohm directly at the school at 250-754-2722.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Supervision is at the front of the school. The duty at the front is there to direct traffic and keep students safe while crossing. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30 am, unless they are attending the onsite daycare. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) is/are picked up at the end of the day by 2:40 pm. Students whose parents are late will be asked to remain at the office. If you know you will be late, please contact the office a *minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day*, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

We ask everyone to please respect the Staff Parking areas as well as the Yellow Lined "Bus Only" area. This area is reserved for Buses, Day Care drop off and pick up and for those needing to park in the Handicap Parking.

We also ask that you drive slowly in and out of our parking lot and down the alley and at the back near the Scout Hut. Please note that the alley and Scout Hut are not part of our school grounds and we do not have supervision back there. Please ensure you arrange to pick up your child from the FRONT of the school for their safety.

### Things on Wheels

For the safety of everyone, we are kindly asking students to please dismount from bikes and scooters while on school property. Students wearing heelies will also be asked to change their shoes once inside the school.

## Meet the Teacher Night

This year teachers will be meeting families virtually again. During the week of September 20-24<sup>th</sup>, teachers will be connecting with families to introduce themselves and their classrooms routines and expectations.

### Terry Fox Run/Walk

Once again, students and staff at Ecole Pauline Haarer will be participating in a modified Terry Fox Run/Walk event. We have had to modify the usual whole school run/walk format to comply with Covid-19 Guidelines. As such, each class will have a day and time during the week of September 27<sup>th</sup> -October 1<sup>st</sup> they can run/walk on the field. Doing so gains points for their class. A big thank you to Mme. Nadia for organizing this important event again for us this year!

#### National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (ORANGE SHIRT WEEK)

Please join us during the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup> in acknowledging and honoring the children and families of residential schools. In support of *Every Child Matters*, students and staff are encouraged to wear orange throughout the week. To learn more about Orange Shirt Day and Phyllis Webstad's story, please visit <u>https://irshdc.ubc.ca/orangeshirtday/</u>. Please also be aware that schools will be closed on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### International Dot Day

Students are EPH participated in International Dot Day this year on September 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their creativity, courage and collaboration. Based on the book *The Dot* by author Peter Reynolds, students created their own dot reflecting their creativity and collaborated in creating a mural. Here it is. Well done EPH students!



#### Parent Teacher Conferences/Formative Assessment Conferences

During the week of October 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, teachers will be meeting with parents/guardians for the Formative Assessment Conferences. These meetings may be either virtual or in person, face to face. Teachers will be contacting families at the beginning of October to set up appointments. Please indicate to the teacher your preference, virtual or in person. We would ask families attending in person meetings to please adhere to the Covid-19 School Guidelines, by wearing a mask, entering/exiting by the classrooms' exterior door, and maintaining physical distances from others.

#### Dress Code

We appreciate the fact that our students come to school appropriately dressed for our school activities. Please remember to have a pair of running shoes at school for Physical Education. Students are expected to dress appropriately for each season and weather. T-shirt logos must be not have references to drugs or alcohol. Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students. Rain jackets and boots are recommended for the wetter weather in the months coming up. Students will be expected to go outside for recess.



We greatly appreciate the effort Ecole Pauline Haarer families make to ensure that our school is safe food zone for all students. While we cannot guarantee a nut free environment, we are reminding parents/guardians that snacks and foods containing nuts are not encouraged to be brought to school. We have a number of students and staff with severe life-threatening allergies to nuts. We thank you for your attention and cooperation.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

Sept 24 Fire Drill (no bells) Sept 27-Oct 1 Terry Fox Run/Walk week Sept 27-Oct 1 Orange Shirt Week Sept 28 Earthquake Drill (no bells) Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Oct 5 Educator Appreciation Day Oct 6 Fire Drill with bells Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day Oct 12 Photo Retakes Oct 22 Pro D Day Oct 25 Pro D Day

### BELL SCHEDULE – 2021/22

#### **Bell Schedule**

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
12:20 – 2:25 pm	Instructional Time

# For more information and to register please go to: Marinersvolleyballclub.ca

These Fall programs will focus on the development of core skills and the ageappropriate tactical strategies involved in Volleyball.

Grade 3-4 Boys & Girls Monday 6-7pm & Thursday 6-7pm Grade 5-6 Girls Monday 6:35-7:50pm & Thursday 4:40-5:55pm Grade 7 Girls Program #1 – Sunday 8:45-10:45am Monday 7-8:30pm Program #2 - Sunday 8:45-10:45am Thursday 7-8:30pm Grade 8 Girls Sunday 9am-12:30pm & Tuesday 6-9pm \*\*\*Athletes will be divided into groups and will train on Sundays either between 9-10:45am or 10:45-12:30pm and Tuesdays 6-7:30pm or 7:30-9pm. Training groups & times will alternate through the sessions. Grade 5-6 Boys Wednesday 6:30-7:45pm Grade 7-8 Boys Monday 6:45-8:15pm & Wednesday 6:30-7:45pm



New Session of French Lessons 10 weeks Starting September 23 & 27, 2021On Zoom Beginner, Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced Conversation Free assessment of your level Whether you want to prepare for your next trip, to help your children or simply to pursue your passion... Now is the time, so don't miss it! Call 250-245-8988 Or 250-729-2776 Registration form at www.francophonenanaimo.org INSCRIVEZ-VOUS DÈS MAINTENANT / **REGISTER NOW** 

