



ÉCOLE PAULINE HAARER

December 2021 Newsletter

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Principal's message:

Where has the time gone?! It is already December!

Students and staff have been working hard these past few months and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on all their efforts thus far. Well done and keep up the good work!

We will be having a staffing change this month. It is with saddened hearts that we are saying goodbye to Mme. Bayans at the end of December. Mme. Alex will be return to Ecole Pauline Haarer in January. We thank Mme. Bayans for helping us these past few months. We wish her all the best in all future endeavors.

Foundations Skills Assessment Booklets and scores were sent home to Grades 4 and 7 families this month. Every year the Ministry of Education mandates this province-wide assessment to "take the pulse" of the education system. Individual student results are not included in the Mid-Year Progress Reports, but rather by the school to inform our practice and help develop our school goals. This year we will be focusing on two goals: Literacy and Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability.

Registration for September 2022 will be starting in January. I have included all the information below in the *Registration Section* of this newsletter. If you have further questions about Kindergarten registration, the lottery, or about Grade 8,

please don't hesitate to connect with me. I am always happy to answer your questions.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's educational program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s) and/or myself. We look forward to hearing from you.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and relaxing Winter Break and Happy New Year! We will see you in 2022!

Christine Bohm

Erase Bullying

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



Dress for the Weather

We are noticing that students are arriving to school not dressed to be outside at recesses. Jackets, boots, hats, and gloves are needed to stay warm and dry as the

weather gets colder and wetter. Recesses will always be outside unless there is a safety concern.

Help us keep the school clean!

Due to the rain/snow and mud, the playground and field have become quite muddy in various sections. To help keep our school clean, students need to change out of their outside shoes once indoors.

All students are encouraged to have a pair of shoes (preferably running shoes) that they keep as their “inside or gym shoes”.



Food Drive

From November 29-December 10, Ecole Pauline Haarer students are learning to give back to the community by collecting non-perishable food items for a local food bank. Donations will be delivered on December 15th to Loaves and Fishes. Thank you for all of your support and cooperation.

Loaves and Fishes Food provides food free of charge to people in need on the Island. Every month over 15,000 people benefit from the work of Loaves and Fishes. This work is only possible because of the generosity of people like you in the community.



Energy Cup

Ecole Pauline Haarer is participating for the first time in the SD68 Energy Cup. Our goal is to reduce our carbon footprint by conserving energy. Some of the initiatives

we will be doing through December to February are:

- Dim the Lights – we are remembering to use daylight and/or half of the rooms lights where possible.
- Turn it off – we are remembering to turn off the lights and electronics when we leave a room.
- Sweater Days – we are reducing the heat in our school through December and January. Students and staff are reminded to wear sweaters.
- Close the blinds – we are remembering to close the blinds in each room at the end of the day to reduce heat lost through windows.

Registration for September 2022

It is that time of year again! Registration for next year is coming up in January.

If you are going to Grade 8 next year, please see the information below:

- If you are planning on attending NDSS French Immersion in September 2022, your registration will automatically be done by Ecole Pauline Haarer.
- If you are planning on attending NDSS English in September 2022, we will register your child and you must contact NDSS directly.
- If you are planning on attending NDSS Academies in September 2022, you must register online at www.sd68.bc.ca/programs/secondary-academies before March 1, 2022. Please note that academy spots will be determined by lottery or try-out/auditions. For more information, please contact NDSS directly.
- If you are **not** planning on attending NDSS in September 2022, please register online

at www.sd68.bc.ca for your school of preference.

If you are starting Kindergarten next year, please see the information below:

Do you have a child eligible to begin Kindergarten in September 2022, and have another student currently attending Ecole Pauline Haarer? If you do...

- We will hold a space in Kindergarten for your child
- Your registration will not be entered into the lottery

However, to hold that space, you must:

- Complete the online registration form (www.sd68.bc.ca) which will be available from January 5-31, 2022.
- Email the school secretary, Jennifer Mile, at jmile@sd68.bc.ca; with your child's name and the sibling's name currently attending Ecole Pauline Haarer.

If you do not register by January 31, 2022, you will lose your Kindergarten spot and it will be added to the lottery.

Out of Catchment Applications are due March 31, 2022



Winter Theme Days

To bring a bit of fun to the end of 2021, Ecole Pauline Haarer staff and students will be participating in theme days during the last week of school in December. Here is the calendar of activities:

Monday – Ugly Sweater Day
Tuesday – Snow Day (dress in white)
Wednesday – Elf Hat Day

Thursday – Red & White (Santa Hat) & Winter Socks Day
Friday – Winter PJ Day



Sports

Volleyball is currently wrapping up. Congratulations to both of our Bantam Teams for your dedication to the sport and your teammates. Also, thank you to all of the parent and teacher sponsors and coaches for your time and expertise. And thank you to Mme. Nadia for coordinating sports.

Basketball for Bantams will begin upon our return from Winter Break. If you are interested in helping to coach, please connect directly with Mme. Nadia.

PAC News

At the November PAC meeting, the AGM was held. To the outgoing PAC executive, thank you for all of your hard work, support and cooperation this past year. The PAC executive members for 2021-22 are: Chair - Melissa Vasey, Vice Chair - Rebecca Wood, Past Chair - Carlin Dunsmoor-Farley, Secretary - Max Nodwell, Treasurer - Debbie Greene, Fundraising Chair - Tanya Whyte, Members at Large - Darrell Harvey, Hugh MacDonald, James Hansen, Jen Ripley-Morris.

The next PAC meeting is December 9th at 6:30 pm. Here is the link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86352553626?pwd=QkVqUVF5ckdpQmovUXlkWGw2U0tGQT09>
Password: **548072** Meeting ID: 863 5255 3626

For more information about the PAC, their fundraising opportunities, and strategic goals, please contact PAC at pac.paulinehaarer@gmail.com



Important Up-coming Dates

Dec 17 The last day before Winter Break
Jan 4 The first day back from Winter Break
Jan 27 Family Literacy Day
Feb 1 Lunar New Year
Feb 2 Groundhog Day