



ÉCOLE PAULINE HAARER

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January 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Nu'wilim! Bienvenue 2021! Welcome to a new calendar year at Ecole Pauline Haarer! On behalf of the staff, we hope that you all had a wonderful and restful holiday and wish you the best for the New Year.

We have had a staffing update this month. Ecole Pauline Haarer would like to welcome back Mme. Alex Kilshaw to Division 9 and thank Mme. Bayans for stepping in during Mme. Alex's absence.

The Student Learning/Satisfaction Survey is currently underway. This survey is mandated by the Ministry of Education for all Grades 4 & 7 students, at the elementary level. Parents of these grade students will also be asked to participate in the survey. A letter has already been distributed to students to take home to their parents. If you have not yet received it, please contact the classroom teacher or the office. Staff at Ecole Pauline Haarer are also asked to complete the survey. The data collected helps us to plan for next year.

Mid Year Written Progress Reports will be coming home to families on February 10th, 2022 via email. This means that teachers are busy completing them now. We encourage all students to continue to work hard and ensure that all assignments are completed well and are handed in. The written comments and a sliding scale are the two important components of this document. Supplementary documentation will be emailed to families separately on the same distribution day. For questions about your child's learning progression, please speak to the classroom teacher.

Starting this month, Ecole Pauline Haarer will be receiving Fruits & Vegetables every month from the BC Agriculture Fruits and Vegetables program. We are looking forward to being able to offer this opportunity of having fresh fruit and vegetables delivered to our classrooms for our students. For more information about this program, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about the education program of your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact me.

Christine Bohm

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 for more information.



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. <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Ensure that your child(ren) has/have 2+ masks with them each day for their use at school. Masks are required to be worn by all inside the building.

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.

For **Self-Isolation and Self Monitoring** Information:

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation?gclid=EA1aIQobChMI8ozEsfSs9QIVUj2tBh3aywQLEAAYASAAEgIyFfD_BwE#Self-monitoring

Instruction for **Close Contacts**:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Instructions_covid19_close_contact.pdf

For more information on Covid-19 protocols at school, 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/>

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

Functional Closures

“Functional Closures” is a term which has recently been used by the Provincial Health Authority to refer to the closure of a school when staffing levels are such that the safety of a school is compromised. Our hope is that Ecole Pauline Haarer will not have to close, however, we all must be prepared should the school be required to do so. For more information about Functional Closures, please see the Letter to Parents January 12th sent via email from the school.

Registration 2022-23

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2022-23 school year is underway online as of **Wednesday January 5th at 8:00 am and ends Monday, January 31st, 2022.** ALL families interested in French Immersion for their incoming Kindergarten student(s) need to apply online by the deadline.

If you currently have a child who will attend Pauline Haarer again during the 2022-23 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 31st. 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 31st, 2022.

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

Grade 8 registration for our current 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 5th, 2022.

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



Dress for the Weather

We would like to remind parents that we expect the children to go outside to play during our recess breaks. This is a healthy activity. Thank you for sending your child(ren) to school prepared to be outside in the cold, wet winter conditions.

It is also helpful for students to have spare clothing available at school in case they get too wet or fall in the mud.



School Closure due to Inclement Weather

It is that time of year again when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reason that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to the local radio (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website (www.sd68.bc.ca), Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your child(ren) home, even though schools are open.



Student Lates

We are noticing an increasing number of students arriving late to school. We would like to remind parents/guardians that school begins promptly at 8:45 am. Students arriving consistently late disrupt the instruction already taking place and are missing key pieces of information for the day. Please help us set your child(ren) up for success by arriving on time. All student arriving late must report to the office to check in. In case of emergency, it is important that we have an accurate attendance.

Family Literacy Week

During the week of January 24-28th, Ecole Pauline Haarer staff and students will be celebrating Literacy Week. We will be having a Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) event on Tuesday, January 25th, where at a specific time in the school day all instruction will cease for 15-30 minutes for students and staff to read. AS well as other literacy-based activities throughout the week, January 27th is Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day. Students and staff are encouraged to participate in these fun activities which promote reading.

Sports

Basketball season for Bantams will be starting shortly. More information from Mme. Bohm or Mme. Nadia will be sent home to families as soon as NETPEA resumes.

Upcoming Events

January 24-28	Literacy Week
January 24	Fire Drill
January 25	Drop Everything And Read event
January 27	Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day
January 31	Registration closes for Kindergarten 2022-23
February 1	Lunar New Year
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 7 & 8	Professional Development Days – no school for students
February 11	Mid-Year Progress Reports go home
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	Family Day – schools are closed
February 23	Pink Shirt Day

COMMUNITY ITEMS

VIU SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY APPLICANT INFORMATION NIGHT

VIU's Science and Technology Applicant Information Night is Thursday, January 20, 7-8:30 pm. If you are thinking about applying to one of VIU's Science and Technology programs this event is for you. Chat with faculty and get all your questions answered. Register @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/viu-science-and-technology-applicant-information-night-tickets-231243263827>

NANAIMO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The Nanaimo Child Development Centre has two Free educational opportunities coming up, registration is required and done via Eventbrite.

Positive Parenting – 8 week seminar – (limited seats) starts on Jan. 18th at 6 pm via Zoom. Link to join in via Zoom is sent 2 days prior to event via Eventbrite – through registrations. Focus is 2 to 12 yr olds. Click [HERE](#) for the Poster. Registration Link – <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/positive-parenting-seminar-8-weeks-tues-evenings-starting-jan18-2022-tickets-235234983167>

Understanding Anxiety: Our Little's and Us! – on Jan. 27th at 6 pm via Zoom. Link to join in via Zoom is sent 2 days prior to event via Eventbrite – through registrations. Focus is 2 to 12 yr olds. Click [HERE](#) for the Poster. Registration Link – <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/understanding-anxiety-our-littles-and-us-tickets-235051303777>

Nanaimo Women Helping Women – Kid's Closet - Is a new local group called Nanaimo Women Helping Women bringing awareness to their Kid's Closet Program. Kid's Closet is a collection of new and excellent used quality clothing in newborn through teen sizes. They collect outerwear, all regular (season-appropriate) clothing, socks, underwear and footwear). The group can also be found on [Facebook](#)