



ÉCOLE PAULINE HAARER

February 2022 Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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

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 and healthy at school and the staff at work. Help us avoid a functional closure of the school by continuing to do your part. Please visit the BCCDC website for the Daily Health Check and what to do when someone is sick.

Mid Year Progress reports will be sent home electronically by teachers on February 11th, 2022. The Progress Reports reflect your child's learning from September to January. Two important components of the report card are the sliding scales and the comments. If you have any questions about how your child is learning or the report card, please connect directly with the classroom teacher. A positive, collaborative partnership between home and school is important for the success of each child. We encourage all families to touch base regularly with classroom teachers regarding your child's progress at school.

Registration for Kindergarten September 2022 is complete. Registration closed on

January 31st, and the lottery was held on February 2nd. Thank you to our PAC Chair, Melissa Vasey, who attended the Lottery event as the representative from EPH. Information about our Welcome to Kindergarten will be coming out shortly to all of our new Kindergarten families.

Hulqimimum language lessons with Mme. Colleen are continuing each Monday morning and students are enjoying the challenge of learning another language. "Uy 'kwunus 'i lumnamu means "Good to see you today".

Professional Development Days took place at the start of February. Topics explored were: Indigenous Math, Mindfulness, Science of Reading, Science Exploration, Genius Hour.

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

Sincerely,

Christine Bohm

Activities At School

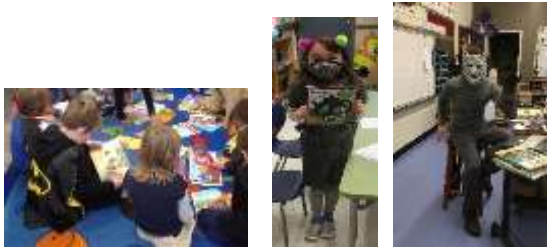


Literacy Week

The end of January was Literacy week at Ecole Pauline Haarer. Staff and students

participated in various literacy activities in their classrooms, as well as the school-wide Drop Everything And Read event and Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day.

Here are just a few photos of the day:



Lunar New Year



Gong Hei Fat Choy! Happy Lunar New Year! Ecole Pauline Haarer learned about and celebrated Lunar New Year on February 1st. Wishing everyone happiness and prosperity for the Year of the Tiger!



Carnaval

February 9-11 were Carnaval days at EPH. Students participated in a variety of activities related to the Carnaval de Quebec, some of which were: Human Foosball, Ceinture Fleche, and the Hunt for Bonhomme Carnaval.

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

Early in 2022 the Student Learning Survey is 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 survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at 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. If you have any questions about the survey or how to access it, please contact the school office.

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.



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is coming up. We understand that many students love to share cards with their peers and teachers. This year circulating paper Valentine's Day cards and small tokens like pencils and erasers, etc. are okay; but unfortunately, due to safety guidelines, we are still unable to accept 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.



Fruits and Vegetables

EPH has recently joined the BC Agriculture's Fruits and Vegetables program, where fresh produce is delivered to schools once a month for the enjoyment of students. In January we received our first item: apples! In February, we received pears! They were very much enjoyed by everyone.

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.paulinehaarer@gmail.com

School Closures

If schools are closed due to inclement weather, the district will post this information on their website (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.*

Functional Closures are also currently a possibility. This is when we do not have enough staff to safely care for students at school. Please ensure that the school has your most current contact information so that we can connect with you. In addition, if you have made changes to your list of Emergency Contacts, please let us know. This will help us ensure your children are safe in case we need to close. Thank you for doing your part to keep our students and staff healthy and able to come to school/work.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Feb 1 – Lunar New Year/Black History Month begins
- Feb 2 – Groundhog Day/Lottery for Registrations
- Feb 7 & 8 – Pro D Days – no school
- Feb 9-11 – Carnaval de Quebec activities
- Feb 11 – Mid Year Progress Reports sent home
- Feb 14 – Valentine's Day – Red & Pink Dress Day
- Feb 18 – Hot Lunch
- Feb 21 – Family Day – no school
- Feb 23 – Pink Shirt Day

Canadian Parents for French

Ever wonder what French language resources are at the Vancouver Island Regions Library? Join us for a tour at the Harbour Front (downtown) Library on Tuesday, February 15 at 2:45 with the Creativity Commons. Personal tours are also available if you contact Dalia at CC@virl.bc.ca. Brought to you by

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