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March 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

And just like that February is done and we are into March! Wow, time has flown by so quickly. February was a busy month for students and staff.

Congratulations to all our students on their hard work during the first half of the school year! The Mid Year Progress Reports were an absolute pleasure to read! Mid Year Progress reports were completed and sent home to families via email on February 11th. If you did not receive the Progress Report for your child, please contact their classroom teacher.

Also in February, EPH celebrated Lunar New Year and Carnival. Students were invited to play human foosball, try out obstacle courses, make and learn about the ceinture fleche and its historical relevance to Carnival, and hunt for the Bonhomme Carnival in their classroom.

Pink Shirt Day took place on February 23rd. Staff and students were encouraged to wear pink in support of Anti-Bullying Day. A variety of activities took place in the school, including Filling Up Someone's Bucket, and the Pink T-Shirt clothesline of positive messages down the halls.



And finally, February was also Black History month. Every morning on the announcements, we learned about a notable Canadian. Classes also added to

the learning by contributing to the display for Black History month.

March is looking busy too. We will be learning about the Hindu Festival of Colour and celebrating St. Patrick's Day...all before Spring Break!



Thank you for the continued support of all of our school initiatives. EPH is a fun place to learn and grow!

We will be having some staffing changes coming up as we move into the spring. We would like to say goodbye to Mme. Morgan. Mme. Morgan has been our Child, Youth and Family Care Worker during the absence of Mme. Piper. We wish Mme. Morgan all the very best of success in her new assignment. In addition, Mr. Johnny will be leaving us at Spring Break. It is with saddened hearts that we will be saying goodbye. Many of our staff and students have made special connections with Mr. Johnny during his two years at EPH. We wish him well in his next assignment. Mme. Logan will be returning to EPH in April.

Christine Bohm

Connecting with the School

We are kindly asking families to use the Info.PH@sd68.bc.ca when communicating via email with the school office. This way, when Mme. Jennifer is away, Mme. Bohm can receive the messages. Mme. Jennifer will be away for the month of April.

Safety and School Grounds

You probably have noticed the mobile fencing by the portable has been pulled over the entrance. We recently have had a number of people attempting to traverse our property. Your child(ren)'s safety is of utmost importance to us hence we closed the mobile fencing as a deterrent. We will open the fencing again after Spring Break when the foot traffic abates. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Feeling Unwell?

If your child is feeling unwell please keep them home and complete the Daily Health Check with them. The Daily Health Check can be found on the School District's website under the Covid 19 tab. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this. It helps keep students and staff from becoming ill, and prevents a possible functional closure of the school.

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.

Congratulations to published authors:

Congratulations to 9 more grade 5 students that will be added to the "published authors" list that we have going here at Pauline Haarer. These 9 students submitted poems to Polar Expressions Publishing in November and have been chosen to have their poems published in their annual anthology. Every year for the last 8

years, students have been submitting their poems and we have had many students become published authors. Congratulations to these authors: Audrey P, Brynne R, Eli W, Takaiah Z, Addison B, Eden S (for Short Story), and Maren S.

Sports

Congratulations to our Bantam Basketball team on a fabulous season! Playoff games will be starting for EPH on March 8th with a home game. A big thank you to our parent coaches and teacher sponsors!

Track and Field will be taking place this year! All Grade 3-7 students will be participating in a School Track and Field Meet on May 4th at the Rotary Bowl.



For this event to be successful, we will need parent volunteers to help us for the day. If you are interested and available, please contact Mme. Bohm directly at cbohm@sd68.bc.ca. Please remember that you will need to have your valid Criminal Record Check on file with the school to volunteer. More information and permission slips will be coming home in April.

The Zone and District Track and Field dates are June 1st and June 16th, respectively. If you can help out at either of these two dates, please connect with Mme. Bohm.

Thank you for your help! Without parent volunteers we would not be able to make these activities happen.

Kindergarten Hearing Screener

On April 1st, all our Kindergarten students will be receiving a Hearing test courtesy of Island Health. Letters will be sent home to families prior to Spring Break to explain the Screener. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Island Health directly.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be on March 10th from 6:30-8 pm via Zoom. Please connect directly with PAC for questions about these meetings.

Upcoming Important Dates

Last day before the Break/Green Day - March 11
Spring Break - March 13 – 25
School reopens – March 28
K Hearing Screener – April 1
Good Friday (no school) – April 15
Easter Monday (no school) – April 18

Community Events



Xplore Sportz
find your game!

MULTI-SPORT CAMPS
SPRING BREAK CAMPS FOR KIDS!
for Children Ages 7-12 - No Experience Required!

March 14-18 & 21-25, 2022
9:00am-4:00pm | Fairview Community School

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