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APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

As we move into the last three months of the 2021-22 school year and we begin to return to "our normal", we are once again able to schedule and have the traditional Spring activities, such as Welcome to Kindergarten, Young Entrepreneurs, and Track and Field. We are so excited to be able to offer these activities again! For a full list of activities coming up in the next few months, please see the individual sections further along in this newsletter. We are looking forward to being able to have you join us for some of these activities.

We have had some staffing changes this month. Ecole Pauline Haarer would like to welcome Mme. Alena Piper and Mme. Wallin to our staff. Mme. Piper is our Child Youth and Family Care Worker and will be at EPH on Thursdays for the remainder of the school year. Mme. Piper is replacing Mme. Morgan. Mme. Wallin has been replacing Mme. Jennifer, our school secretary, for the month of April. Mme. Jennifer is expected to return in May. We are also pleased to welcome back M. Thomas Johnny, our Indigenous Educational Assistant. M. Johnny had been previously expected to leave EPH after Spring Break. M. Johnny joins us on Thursdays and Fridays.

As the school year begins to wrap up, we are beginning to take the first steps in planning for next year. Staffing assignments and class placements will be coming up in May and June. This year's classroom teachers, next year teachers, counselor, CYC, SLP, Inclusion Support Teacher, as well as administration will be meeting numerous times throughout April – June to discuss the best educational placements for students. Of course, parents are welcome to add their voice in the form of letter to the principal. Should you wish to do so, please read the section below regarding *Class Placements*.

In May, teaching staff will be participating in both a Professional Development Day and a Curriculum Implementation Day. Staff will be on site at the school both days to deepen their learning around specific topics: Meeting Students Needs and Indigenous Learnings.

Throughout the spring, facilities crews will be on site periodically to rebuild the retaining wall adjacent to the alley way which leads to the Scout Hut. Work will take place outside of the school day, so as to not disrupt the learning in the classrooms on that side of the school and allow students to use the blacktop area during recess. If you have any questions about this work, please do not hesitate to connect with me.

As always, if you wish to discuss your child's education plan with me, please do not hesitate to connect.

Christine Bohm
Principal

Class placements for 2022/2023

Staffing allocations and class size and composition for the next school year has yet to be finalized by the School District and is subject to change depending on enrollment. However, Pauline Haarer staff will begin the preliminary process of student class placements in the last months of school. The staff works carefully as a team to discuss the best placement for students.

Parents may submit a letter to the **principal** stating the type of learning environment you believe your child would need to be successful. Please do not indicate a specific teacher, but rather frame your comments in constructive and positive terms which highlight the educational merits for your child. Teachers will also be reading the letters. Only written email requests to the principal, submitted by May 20, 2022, will be considered in the process. Please type “*Class placement Request for Your Consideration*” in the subject line so that the email can be easily identified and does not get overlooked. Emails should be sent to cbohm@sd68.bc.ca.

In arranging new classes, we will endeavor to place students in the best educational setting. Please note that teacher assignments to specific classes will not be confirmed until late August or September. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Track & Field

Track and Field is going to be happening this year! On May 4th, students in Grades 3-7 will be participating in the School Track and Field Meet at the Rotary Bowl. We will be leaving the school at 8:55 am sharp and returning at 2 pm. Please ensure that your child is at school on time so that they do not miss the bus. Permissions slips have already been sent home.

Ecole Pauline Haarer will be partnering with Cinnabar Valley Elementary School to complete the School Track Meet. We will be running the Field Events: Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Ball Throw and Shotput, while Cinnabar will be in charge of all the run events. We will need parent volunteers (a minimum of 2 per class) to help us run the activities at the Rotary Bowl. If you are available and would like to volunteer, please connect with the classroom teacher or Mme. Bohm at cbohm@sd68.bc.ca.

Welcome to Kindergarten

On the morning of May 31st Ecole Pauline Haarer will be hosting our Welcome to Kindergarten event. We are looking forward to spending some time with our incoming Kindergarten students and families and getting to know them. Parents will be also given a tour of the school during this time. A big thank you to our student volunteers from Grade 6 who are helping the little ones at each station.

Jump Rope for Heart

Ecole Pauline Haarer students will be once again participating in the Heart and Stroke's Jump Rope for Heart event on April 21st. Classes will be coming to the gym for skipping and a variety of PE activities. A big thank you to Mme. Nadia for organizing this important event and thank you to families for supporting Ecole Pauline Haarer students in their fundraising efforts.

Young Entrepreneurs

Students in Grades 5, 6 and 7 have been working through the Young Entrepreneurs program as part of their study of Financial Literacy. As the final project for this program, students are required to develop a product, advertising campaign and then attempt to make a profit by selling their product. Our Young Entrepreneurs Fair will be taking place on May 20th in the gym and students of all classes will get an opportunity to purchase an item. More information about the Fair will be coming home in May.

Earth Day

On April 22nd, Ecole Pauline Haarer staff and students will be celebrating Earth Day. We will start the day with a whole school assembly followed by a variety of activities. A big thank you to M. Simon and his class for organizing this day for us.

Malicounda

Ecole Pauline Haarer is excited to have Malicounda join us on April 29th. Malicounda is an Arts Education presentation in French involving percussion, rhythm games, songs and dance. A big thank you to our School District for sponsoring this presentation.

PAC News

Next PAC Meeting
Thursday April 14th
6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85311775682?pwd=dHJRSUNkc0haeCtxODI2Q0JsN1Jkdz09>
Meeting ID: 853 1177 5682
Password: 431757

Grade 7 NDSS Visit and Tour

NDSS counselors and Principal will be visiting Ecole Pauline Haarer's Grade 7 students on Thursday, April 14th. This is an opportunity to hear about courses and student life at NDSS and have some of their questions answered. Grade 7 students will also be visiting NDSS on May 3rd for the tour of the school. Permission slips have been sent home already. If your child is not attending NDSS next year, please contact their secondary school for information about the school and their tour date.

Music in the Park

Ecole Pauline Haarer is pleased to present Music in the Park in June. Families will be invited to join students for an afternoon of Music on the field. Students in all the music and band classes have been working hard to prepare their repertoire and showcase their learning. We hope you will be able to join us. More information will be coming home at the start of June.

Upcoming Important Dates

Good Friday (no school)	April 15, 2022
Easter Monday (no school)	April 18, 2022
Curriculum Implementation Day (no school)	May 5 th , 2022
Pro-D Day (no school)	May 6 th , 2022
Vitoria Day (no school)	May 23 rd , 2022
Last day for Students	June 29 th , 2022