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## Principal's Message

Already the first month has come and gone.  
Time is just flying!

We have been busy getting settled into a new school year. Right up until the start of the year, we have had some staffing changes occur. We would like to welcome to our staff: Mme. Caitlyn McNicoll in Grade 5/6, Mme. Andersen in Grade 3/4 (until January), and M. Scoates (EA). It is also with saddened hearts that we said goodbye to Mme. Amy (EA) at the end of September. Mme. Amy decided to leave the education profession and pursue other avenues. It is also with sadness that we announce that we will be saying goodbye to Mme. Jennifer, our secretary, at the end of December. Mme. Jennifer has decided to retire. Although she will be greatly missed at EPH, we wish her all the very best as she embarks on a new chapter.

September has been a very busy month.

All classes are completing the ALPIN Reading assessments through the latter part of September and into October. The resulting data is extremely valuable to us as a school as we use this information to plan our school goals and support systems for students. Also, underway currently, is the Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA) for Grades 4 & 7. Again, the results of this Ministry of Education mandated assessment are used at a school level to inform our practice. If you have any questions about either of these two assessments, please do not hesitate to connect with me.

We also celebrated International Dot Day again this year. A display of the students' work is located in the front entrance which many families stopped to admire at the Meet the Teacher Night.

September was also Meet the Teacher month. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to open our doors again after two years and welcome families into the building. It was lovely to see so many families join us for the evening. Thank you to PAC for providing the refreshments.

EPH honoured Truth and Reconciliation Day with a week full of activities designed to develop our collective awareness and solidify our commitment to helping be the change. We made

a orange paper chain through the school, handprint leaves for the "learning tree", orange T-shirts with positive and supportive messages, and stamped our handprints to our "Voyageons Ensemble" canoe to symbolize our commitment.



Our Terry Fox Run/Walk also took place in September. A big thank you to M. Bamford and Mme. Wallace for organizing this important event for us; and to all the students and families who donated money to help support the Terry Fox Foundation.

Thank you to EPH's PAC and parents who donated the logs for our outdoor learning space at the front of the school.



October is shaping up to be also a very busy month.

Formative Assessment Conferences (ie. Parent Teacher Interviews) will be taking place October 17-20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed early this week at 1:25 pm, to accommodate the Conferences. Conferences should be in person, but parents may request an online through Teams conversation. Please see the Friday Reminders email of October 7<sup>th</sup> for the link to the online school appointment booking system.

Photo Day and the Grade 6 Immunizations have come and gone already. Photo Retake day is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Patterns have been the theme through the month of October. Classes have been drawing attention to patterns in all facets of learning: creating colour patterns with tiles and objects; learning to add and multiply, reading music, improv theatre activities and line dancing, etc.

Halloween will be coming up at the end of the month of October. We will be having a Costume Parade in the morning for all students; and a French Immersion Inter-School Black and Orange Dance in the afternoon for Grades 6 and 7 students. For more information about the rules for Costumes, please see the section entitled "Halloween" below. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Mme. Bohm

## **Student Verification Forms**

In September the school sent home Student Verification, Consent, Emergency, Technology Forms for parents/guardians to update and sign. These forms contain important information about your child: current home address and phone numbers, medical information, allergies, etc. It is vital that this information is up to date for each school year. If you change your phone number throughout the year, please let the office know right away; so that in case of emergency or illness we are able to contact you. ***Please return all of the forms to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. We still have quite a few not returned.***

## **eConsent Forms**

New this year, the District asked families to complete a series of eConsent forms online. They were for: Student Emergency Release, Technology use, Media Release and Walking Field Trips. Thank you for completing these forms. If you haven't already done so, please do so at your earliest convenience. Classroom teachers will be calling home if you have not completed the eConsent Forms for your child(ren).

## **Fire, Earthquake, Lockdown Drills**

EPH will be conducting the mandatory number of each of the emergency drills this year. We have already had two fire drills and one earthquake drill. Our next drill will be the Great Shakeout on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Halloween**



Halloween is fast approaching! EPH will be having a costume parade for students in the morning of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students are encouraged to wear their costumes to school for

the day. Students should bring a set of clothing to change into for recesses, as they will be going outside for recesses and we would not like their costumes to be soiled before the big night. Also, we are kindly asking that costume weapons (guns, swords, etc.) and Halloween costume face masks remain at home. Students will be asked to remove them. Just a reminder that treats for the class must still be commercially and individually packed to be shared.

## **Sports**

The Bantam Football season is starting to draw to a close. We were so very pleased to be able to offer a co-ed option this year. Congratulations to all the players on a season well played, and to Mr. Cheng and M. Bamford for coaching and sponsoring, respectively.

Cross Country is up and running. Students have been diligent in attending all the practices at lunch recess and before school. Thank you to the parent volunteers and M. Bamford for coaching. The Zone Cross Country Meet is on October 26<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming home from M. Bamford.

Volleyball will be starting up just after Cross Country ends. If you are interested in coaching either a Pee Wee or Bantam Team, please connect with either Mme. Bohm or M. Bamford, our Sports coordinator.

## **A Little About Us**

Child, youth and family support worker (CYFSW) (Mme. Piper)

The role of CYFSW is to be a part of the school, and community related functions by supporting the social emotional/mental health needs of students while bridging communication between families and the school. At the forefront is creating therapeutic relationships with students and supporting their families during times of crisis, grief/loss, poverty and trauma by providing resources and working collaboratively with community agencies.

Inclusion Support Worker (Mme. Mitchell)

Bonjour! My name is Gitanjali Mitchell and I am the Inclusion Support Teacher at Ecole Pauline. My role involves supporting students in areas that are a stretch for them. Most of the time it is small group support in the classroom and sometimes it is 1:1 support out of the classroom. It is preferable that the support be in the classroom to minimize them missing rich discussion and learning while they are out. I also support teachers in implementing universal design strategies to set students up for success in the classroom.

School Counselor (Mme. Nika)

As the counsellor at Pauline Haarer I work with the school team to support students in a variety of different ways. Sometimes this means coming into classrooms to deliver a whole class program, with the teacher, to support the well-being of all

students. At other times I might work with small groups on specific targeted interventions. For students needing a higher level of support I may work individually with a student to build specific skills. Regardless of the type of support I offer, I always strive to make all students feel welcome, respected, and valued.

### ***Dress Code***

We appreciate the fact that our students come to school appropriately dressed for our school activities. Please remember to have a pair of running shoes at school for Physical Education.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for each season and weather. Recesses will be outside this year regardless of the weather, so rain jackets and boots are a must.

T-shirt logos must not have references to drugs or alcohol. Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students.



### ***Nut Aware***

We greatly appreciate the effort Ecole Pauline Haarer families make to ensure that our school is a safe food zone for all students. While we cannot guarantee a nut free environment, we are reminding parents/guardians that snacks and foods containing nuts are not encouraged to be brought to school. We have a number of students with severe life-threatening allergies to nuts. We thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## ***Important Upcoming Dates***

Oct 17-20 Formative Assessment Conferences  
Oct 21 Pro D Day  
Oct 24 Pro D Day  
Oct 26 Cross Country Zone Meet  
Oct 31 Halloween Costume Parade & Dance  
Nov 1 Photo Retake Day  
Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time ends  
Nov 8 District Cross Country Meet  
Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly  
Nov 11 Remembrance Day – No school  
Nov 21 Atelier de cirque  
Nov 24 Gr3 Fire House Visit

## ***Community Events***

## **HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER**

Nanaimo Youth 20/20 Can is hosting Halloween for Hunger. A non-perishable food drive to collect food and money for Loaves and Fishes. Bring your non-perishable food and or cash donations to Save On Foods – Country Club Centre on

Saturday October 29, 2022 from 11am – 6pm.

## **INTRO TO PICKLEBALL**

The Nanaimo Pickleball Club is offering youth ages 10-18 to join them on October 24th, 2022 Professional Development Day to learn pickleball for FREE. Youth will learn pickleball from members of the Nanaimo Pickleball Club with quality instruction based on a 4:1 ratio. There will be fun and challenging drills and paddles and balls will be provided.

WHEN:

October 24th, 2022

8:30 – 11:30am ages 10-12years

12:30pm – 3:30pm ages 12-18years

WHERE:

John Barsby Secondary Gym