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School Year: 2022-23
September 2022

Principal: Christine Bohm
Secretary: Jennifer Mile

Principal's Message

To both our returning and our new families, Welcome to Pauline Haarer! We hope you and your family have had a wonderful and restful summer break. The staff is looking forward to another exciting year of learning with your child(ren).

Please note that we have had some staffing changes over the summer as some staff have moved to other assignments or are currently on leaves of absences. We would like to welcome Mme. McNicoll to our staff. She will be one of our Grade 5/6 teachers. Also, welcome to Mme. Andersen who will be with us until the beginning of October, replacing M. Therrien. It is also with saddened hearts that we will be saying goodbye to Mme. Amy at the end of September. Mme. Amy has decided to leave the education profession to pursue other possibilities. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Christine Bohm – Principal
Jennifer Mile - Secretary
Heather Marshall – K
France Soucy – K/1
Char Johnson – Gr 1
Kerry Murdoch – Gr 2
Heather Boyd – Gr 2/3
Micalla Wallace – Gr 3/4
Claude Therrien – Gr 3/4
Simon Brink – Gr 5/6
Caitlyn McNicoll – Gr 5/6
Evelyne St-Arnaud – Gr 7
Janelle Ten Have – Library
David Bamford – Music / Band
Gitanjali Mitchell – Student Support
Nika Silickas – Counsellor
Alisa Gatley/ Karen Sprott/Chris Scoates – EAs
Thomas Johnny – ICSW
Alena Piper – CYFSW
Kellie Mitchell – Speech & Language
Courtney Millhoff – Psychologist
Richard Bouchard/Kelly McGolrick – Custodians

Contact information for our teaching staff is available on our school website.

We are looking forward to welcoming families to the Meet the Teacher Night, on September 22nd from 6-7 pm. This will be an in-person event, teachers will be in their classrooms and meeting families to share their classroom routines and expectations. We hope to see you! More information is below in the Meet the Teacher section.

Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) will be starting during the first week of October for all Grade 4 and 7 students. This Ministry of Education mandated assessment is in English and encompasses several basic skill components in both paper based and digital formats: reading comprehension, writing and mathematical computation. All students are provided with supports to help them, should they need, to complete the FSA. More information will be coming home as the FSA start date approaches or visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment> for parent information and sample assessments.

Sincerely,
Mme. Bohm

Absences

If your child is absent from school or you know of dates your child will be away, we would ask you to please let your teacher know and please contact the school by 8:35 am either by phone at 250-754-2722 or by email at info.ph@sd68.bc.ca. If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a detailed message on our answering machine. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

Feeling unwell?

Families are reminded to complete the Daily Health Check with your child(ren). Please keep students who are feeling unwell home until they are better. Please see the district's Communicable Disease plan for more information. Students who become sick at school will be sent home. The office staff will call the main care providers first and if we do not hear back, we will move on to the Emergency Contacts listed in the student's file. We are optimistic that we will not have to consider a Functional Closure scenario again this year, if those feeling unwell stay home from school/work. Thank you for your cooperation

and continued support in helping us stay a healthy learning and working environment.

Student Verification Forms

In September the school will have been 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.***

Other Consent Forms

This year, for the first time, the District is moving towards online Consent Forms for parents/guardians. These will encompass Walk/Run field trips, Technology, Media, Parent Volunteer Driver and Emergency Release. Some information was sent already to families by the District's Communications Department. Schools are just waiting for the Consent App to go live. Thank you for your patience.

Earthquake Comfort Kit

Every year we ask parents/guardians to provide their child with an Earthquake Comfort Kit to provide comfort to your child while they wait for their parent/guardian to pick them up from school after an emergency has occurred. If you have not already, please ensure that your child brings his/her own Comfort Kit to their teacher by the end of September.

Fire, Earthquake, Lockdown Drills

EPH will be conducting the mandatory number of each of the emergency drills this year. Our first few will take place at the end of this month without bells. This is an opportunity for students who are anxious to learn how and why we practice these important drills in a calm and supportive learning manner. Anxious students will be given the opportunity to walk through each drill with the Principal and to see the "behind the scenes" activities. For more information about this process, please contact Mme. Bohm directly at the school at 250-754-2722.

Drop Off and Pick Up

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Supervision is at the front of the school. The duty at the front is there to direct traffic and keep students safe while crossing. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30 am, unless they are attending the onsite daycare. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) is/are picked up at the end of the day by 2:40 pm. Students whose parents are late will be asked to remain at the office. If you

know you will be late, please contact the office a *minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day*, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

We ask everyone to please respect the Staff Parking areas as well as the Yellow Lined "Bus Only" area. This area is reserved for Buses, Day Care drop off and pick up and for those needing to park in the Handicap Parking.

We also ask that you drive slowly in and out of our parking lot and down the alley and at the back near the Scout Hut. Please note that the alley and Scout Hut are not part of our school grounds and we do not have supervision back there. Please ensure you arrange to pick up your child from the FRONT of the school for their safety.

Dot Day

EPH participated in the International Dot Day activity again this year. Students were given an opportunity to express their creativity by starting with a dot. For more information on Dot Day, please visit <https://www.internationaldotday.org/>

Things on Wheels

For the safety of everyone, we are kindly asking students to please walk bikes and scooters while on school property. Students wearing heeled shoes will also be asked to change their shoes once inside the school.

Sports

Bantam football is up and running. EPH will be having a co-ed team enter the NETPEA league this year! Practices are on Tuesdays after school with games being Wednesdays after school at various elementary schools around the District. Thank you to M. Chang for coaching and M. Bamford for sponsoring and all the parents who will be supporting driving players. M. Bamford will be sending the game schedule to families as soon as it is received from NETPEA.

Cross Country will also be starting soon. M. Bamford will be announcing meetings and practice run dates and times shortly. He is hoping to have some parents join to help coach and run alongside students, as there are many students Grade 3-7 who have already expressed interest in this sport. If you are interested in helping out, please contact M. Bamford at David.Bamford@sd68.bc.ca

Meet the Teacher Night

We are so excited to welcome families back into the school for our Meet the Teacher Night on September 22nd. Teachers will be opening their classroom doors to families from 6-7 pm to introduce themselves and their classrooms routines and expectations. Please note this is not an opportunity to discuss individual students and their progress. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to make separate meetings with teachers for these types of conversations.

Terry Fox Run/Walk

Once again, students and staff at Ecole Pauline Haarer will be participating in a Terry Fox Run/Walk event. Next week, students will be participating in a run/walk events, gaining points for their class. We will round out the week with an assembly. Thank you to M. Bamford and Mme. Wallace for organizing this event for our school.

National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (ORANGE SHIRT WEEK)

Please join us during the week of September 26th-September 29th in acknowledging and honoring the children and families of residential schools. In support of *Every Child Matters*, students and staff are encouraged to wear orange throughout the week. To learn more about Orange Shirt Day and Phyllis Webstad's story, please visit <https://irshdc.ubc.ca/orangeshirtday/>. Please also be aware that schools will be closed on September 30th. A big thank you to Ecole Pauline Haarer's PAC for sponsoring the Orange Shirt sale for our school community last spring.

Parent Teacher Conferences/Formative Assessment Conferences

During the week of October 17th – 20th, teachers will be meeting with parents/guardians for the Formative Assessment Conferences. These meetings will be in person at the school. Teachers will be contacting families at the beginning of October to set up appointments. More information to come in October.

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. T-shirt logos must be not have references to drugs or alcohol. Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students. Rain jackets and boots are recommended for the wetter weather in the months coming up. Students will be expected to go outside for recess.



Nut Aware

We greatly appreciate the effort Ecole Pauline Haarer families make to ensure that our school is 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 and staff with severe life-threatening

allergies to nuts. We thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Important Upcoming Dates

Sept 19	Federal Holiday – schools are closed
Sept 21	Earthquake Drill (walk through)
Sept 20-22	Terry Fox Run/Walk week
Sept 22	Meet the Teacher Night 6-7 pm
Sept 23	Student Verification forms are due
Sept 26-29	Orange Shirt Week
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – schools are closed
Oct 5	Educator Appreciation Day
Oct 7	PAC Pizza Hot Lunch
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day – schools are closed
Oct 11	Photo Day
Oct 14	PAC Popcorn Day
Oct 17-20	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 20	Great Shakeout
Oct 21	Pro D Day
Oct 24	Pro D Day
Oct 28	PAC QF Hot Lunch
Oct 31	Halloween

BELL SCHEDULE

Bell Schedule

8:45 – 10:15 am	Instructional Time
10:15 – 10:30 am	Short Recess
10:30 – 11:45 am	Instructional Time
11:45 – 12:20 pm	Long Recess
12:20 – 2:25 pm	Instructional Time

Community Events:

Mariners Volleyball Club Grades 3-8
Fall Skills Development Programs.

A promotional poster for the Mariners Volleyball Club's Fall Development Programs. The background features a photograph of a volleyball player in a blue jersey jumping to spike a ball. The text is overlaid on a blue gradient background. At the top left, it says 'FALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS' in large white letters. To the right is the Mariners Volleyball Club logo, a stylized white 'M' with a volleyball in the center, and the text 'MARINERS VOLLEYBALL CLUB' below it. In the bottom left, there is a list of program details. At the bottom center, it says 'REGISTER NOW' in large white letters, followed by 'More information:' and the website URL 'www.marinersvolleyballclub.ca' in smaller white text.

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- TRAINING & GAMEPLAY
- ALL SKILL LEVELS
- MALE AND FEMALE
- GRADES 3 - 7

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