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## **Principal's Message**

November is another busy month at EPH. We ended October with a Halloween costume parade and our first French Immersion Inter-school dance, and rolled right into District Cross Country Meet, Volleyball practices and games, Remembrance Day assemblies and the completion of the FSAs.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. For the first time in a long while, we were able to invite families to the assembly. Thank you to M. Bamford, Mme. Marshall, Mme. Boyd and Mme. Evelyne for their class presentations. A Big thank you to Division 10's Shaila, Masato & Mae for reading their poems as well a Thank you to Corporal Allmedinger for attending our Assembly.

Atelier de Cirque is coming to EPH! On November 21<sup>st</sup>, students in all classes will have an opportunity to try out various circus related activities, such as stilt walking, juggling, etc. Thank you to SD68 for sponsoring this fantastic and fun francophone activity for our students.

EPH will be having a Scholastic Book Fair this month! We are so excited to be able to offer this event in person this year. Please see the "Book Fair" section below for all the details.

The next PAC meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will be held also at this PAC meeting. As people in the current positions may change, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing PAC executive members for their constant support for school initiatives this past year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside them.

Our Earthquake Kiosk has moved! Thank you to PAC for helping the school move the EQ Kiosk closer to the school. Over the next few months, staff will be beginning to organize the emergency supplies and practice scenarios to prepare us in case of an emergency.

Finally, we have had some staffing changes recently. Welcome to Mme. Ali and Mme. Josianne, our new Educational Assistants. Mme. Sprott and M. Scoates were reassigned to other schools at the end of October.

As always, if you have concerns or questions about your child's educational program, I would be happy to have a conversation with you.

Sincerely,  
*Mme. Bohm*

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

Each year, schools in Nanaimo Ladysmith School District practice Emergency Drills. These include Fire evacuation, Earthquake Response, Lockdown, Hold and Secure, etc. EPH has completed all of the required autumn drills. Please ask your child what happens during a drill.

### **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 about and to report bullying incidents. Please visit [www.erasebullying.ca](http://www.erasebullying.ca) for more information.

### **Dressing for the Weather**

Just a reminder that students should be dressed for the weather. Recesses will be taking place outside each day, rain or shine. Students should have appropriate footwear (boots) and winter outerwear, so they can enjoy being outside in the fresh air.

As the weather becomes wetter, we are asking everyone to ensure that their child(ren) have inside shoes to change into when they are at school. This little thing goes a long way in helping to keep our school clean. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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 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.



## **Sports**

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the District Cross Country Meet. Well done everyone! A big thank you to all the parent volunteers and Mr. Bamford for helping to make the race experience exciting for our students.

Volleyball is underway already. Our Bantam team will be participating in the NETPEA league games every Thursday after school. Good luck to all our players for the remainder of the season. Thank you to Mr. Bamford, Mme. Pascale and all the parent volunteers for your time and expertise.

## **Book Fair**

The Pauline Haarer Bookfair is coming next week! We are very excited to host our first in-person bookfair in many years. The in-person bookfair will be running out of the **library** on:

**Monday, November 14th: after school (2:30-4:00)**

and

**Tuesday, November 15th: before school (8:00-8:30), at lunch (11:45-12:15), and after school (2:30-4:00).**

Please come in through the side doors, closest to the music room/library. We will only let a certain number of students and parents in at a time.

If you cannot make it to our in-person bookfair, I will provide a link so that you can shop online.

**The link will be active from Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5180262>



## **Grade 3 Fire House**

The Nanaimo Fire Department will be visiting EPH on November 24<sup>th</sup> to teach our Grade 3 students about Fire Safety and Prevention.

## **Nanaimo Lions Vision Screening**

The Lions Club is once again able to offer the vision screener for students in grades 4 and 7. The Spot Vision Screener is designed to detect some common vision problems. Parents have the option to opt out this year. Information will be coming home shortly. If you **DO NOT** wish to have your child participate in the vision screener, please complete the second page and return it to your child's classroom teacher.



## **Fruits and Vegetables**

Ecole Pauline Haarer is pleased to announce that this year again we are partnering with BC Ministry of Agriculture to provide our students with fresh fruits and vegetables each month. This month we will be receiving mandarins.

## **Grade 7 Parent Meeting**

Grade 7 parents/guardians are invited to a planning meeting for Grade 7 which will include fundraising and year end activities on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the school.

## **School Wide Party**

To say goodbye to Mme. Pascale, our French Language Monitor, the Grade 7 students have organized a goodbye event on November 25<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be participating in a series of fun activities designed to promote French oral language. These activities have been organized and will be led by our Grade 7 students.

## **Healthy School**

EPH is pleased to announce that we will be having some VIU Nursing practicum students join us through the month of December. The Nursing students will be with us and working in our classrooms to help facilitate learning around the following topics:

- All aspects of hygiene education – including presentations and guidance on proper hand-washing.
- “Ask a nurse” presentations on various health and wellness topics

- Presentations on all social determinants of health – puberty, development, good touch/bad touch, consent etc.
- Teach needle safety and leading sharps safety walks.
- Facilitate student discussions on personal health
- Provide wellness sessions around sleep/activities/nutrition/mental health
- Design and develop information leaflets/posters on health-related topics that are relevant to the age group and their social and emotional learning needs.

For information about what the VIU Nurses will be involved in in your child(ren)'s classroom, please speak directly to the classroom teacher.

### ***Important Upcoming Dates***

Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – No School
Nov 14	Fire Drill
Nov 14 & 15	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov 16	Grade 7 Parent Meeting
Nov 17	Salon du Livre Animation PAC Meeting & AGM
Nov 21	Atelier de cirque
Nov 24	Firehouse for Gr3
Nov 25	School Party
Nov 29	VIU Nurses join EPH