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January 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Nu'wilim! Bienvenue 2023! On behalf of the staff, we hope that you all had a wonderful and restful holiday and wish you the best for the New Year.

We have had a staffing update this month. Ecole Pauline Haarer would like to welcome Mme. Sywak. Mme. Sywak will be our new school secretary for the remainder of this year.

The Student Learning/Satisfaction Survey is currently underway. This survey is mandated by the Ministry of Education for all Grades 4 & 7 students, at the elementary level. Parents of these grade students will also be asked to participate in the survey. A letter has already been distributed to students to take home to their parents. If you have not yet received it, please contact the classroom teacher or the office. Staff at Ecole Pauline Haarer are also asked to complete the survey. The data collected helps us to plan for next year.

Mid Year Written Progress Reports will be coming home to families on February 10th, 2023 via email. This means that teachers are busy completing them now. We encourage all students to continue to work hard and ensure that all assignments are completed well and are handed in. The written comments and a sliding scale are the two important components of this document. Supplementary documentation will be emailed to families separately on the same distribution day. For questions about your child's learning progression, please speak to the classroom teacher.

Registration for next year is currently underway also. If you have a student attending Kindergarten next September or a student moving to Grade 8, please see the information below regarding the registration process, the lottery system and Secondary Academy options. If you have any questions about this information, please don't hesitate to connect with either me or the school's office. We would be happy to help you.

Secondary School Course Selection is underway. Ecole Pauline Haarer welcomed NDSS this past week with a presentation from one of their counselors.

As we move into the second half of the school year, Ecole Pauline Haarer is excited to provide a variety of fun learning opportunities to students. We are pleased to offer in January, the Science Fair, the Literacy Week activities and PACIFIC SPORTS – THE ART OF CIRCUS after school program for Grades 2-4 students. Detailed information about these upcoming activities are further along in this newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's educational program, please don't hesitate to connect with me. I would be happy to have a conversation with you.

Christine Bohm



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.

Registration 2023-24

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway online as of **Wednesday January 4th at 8:00 am and ends Tuesday, January 31st, 2023.** ALL families interested in French Immersion for their incoming Kindergarten student(s) need to apply online by the deadline.

If you currently have a child who will attend Pauline Haarer again during the 2023-24 school year, you can have a kindergarten spot saved for their younger sibling(s)! To ensure a spot is saved for your kindergarten aged child(ren), you **MUST** register online before January 31st. If you do not register within that time frame, a spot will not be held for your child, and your child(ren) will be placed on a waitlist.

Unfortunately, if you have a child who is currently enrolled in Grade 7, your incoming Kindergarten student will not have a spot held for them. Your kindergarten aged child(ren) will be included in the lottery; providing that you apply before the lottery closes on January 31st, 2023.

All registration is done online and all policies are created at the district level. For further questions please contact: ereg@sd68.bc.ca.

Grade 8 registration for our current Grade 7 students

If your child plans to attend NDSS for Grade 8, you do not need to re-register. All grade 7 students from Pauline Haarer school are automatically set up to attend NDSS for their grade 8 school year. However, if your child is registering for an Academy, even an NDSS academy, then you must please complete the online registration form. Some academies are determined by lottery and some by audition. Registration deadline for the Academies is March 1, 2023.

If your child is not planning to attend NDSS for Grade 8, please complete an online registration form for the school of your choice.

Registration opens on January 4th, 2023.

Please note that all registration is done online and is managed at the district level. For further questions please contact: ereg@sd68.bc.ca. To register visit the SD68 website under the Register tab on the top orange ribbon.



Dress for the Weather

We would like to remind parents that we expect the children to go outside to play during our recess breaks. This is a healthy activity. Thank you for sending your child(ren) to school prepared to be outside in the cold, wet winter conditions.

It is also helpful for students to have spare clothing available at school in case they get too wet or fall in the mud.



School Closure due to Inclement Weather

It is that time of year again when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reason that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice.

If you are wondering if schools are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to the local radio (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website (www.sd68.bc.ca), Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your child(ren) home, even though schools are open.



Pacific Sports – The Art of Circus

We are excited to announce that Ecole Pauline Haarer has been selected for the opportunity to offer the Pacific Sports – The Art of Circus after school program for students in Grades 2-4. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays after school from 2:30- 4:00 pm in our school gym from January 17 to March 7. This program is designed to encourage physical activity in children while learning the art of the circus. It is FREE, but registration is required. Information on how to register has already been sent home with your child. For more information, please contact the school office.

Science Fair



Ecole Pauline Haarer will be having its first Science Fair on January 26th in our school gym. This activity is open to all students to participate and can be completed in either French or English, with a partner or independently. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster curiosity about the world around us. Please encourage your child to participate.

Here is the schedule for the day:

8:45-9:00 am – presenters set up

9:00-10:15 – open to families and classes

10:15-10:30 – closed for recess

10:30-11:45 – open to families and classes

11:45-12:45 – closed for recess and lunch

12:45-1:30 – open to families and classes

1:30-2:00 – clean up

Family Literacy Week

During the week of January 23-27, Ecole Pauline Haarer staff and students will be celebrating Literacy Week. We will be having a Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) event, Dress As Your Favourite Book Character Day, as well as other literacy-based activities. Students, families and staff are encouraged to participate in these fun activities which promote reading.



Sports

Volleyball is coming to a close with Playoff Games. Thank you to both Bantam Teams on your excellent attitude and sportsmanship this season, and to the coaches and teacher sponsors, thank you for donating your expertise and time to our students.

Basketball season for Bantams will be starting shortly. More information will be coming from M. Bamford in the near future.

Mark your calendar! The School Track and Field Meet day is April 26th. We will need many volunteers to help us make this day a success for our students. If you are able to volunteer and have a Criminal Record Check on file with the school, please contact Mme. Bohm.



Swim to Survive

School District 68, in partnership with City of Nanaimo Parks and Rec Aquatics Department, are pleased to once again offer this valuable program to our Grade 3 and 7 students. The Swim to Survive program focuses on how to be safe in and around water and drowning prevention - this is not swimming lessons. All sessions are free to families and include one in class session, 2 pool sessions for Grade 3s and 1 pool session and 1 Westwood Lake session for Grade 7s. More information will be coming home at the end of January. Grade 3 lessons will be taking place in February and Grade 7 lessons will be in June.

Kindergarten Hearing and Dental Screeners

Island Health will be visiting Ecole Pauline Haarer on February 17th to offer both the Dental Screener and the Hearing Screener to our Kindergarten students. Information will be coming home to families via email on January 27th. Please connect directly with Island Health at the phone numbers provided in the information letters if you do not wish this service for your child.

Upcoming Events

January 19	Fire Drill
January 23-27	Literacy Week
January 26	Science Fair
January 31	Registration closes for Kindergarten 2023-24
February 6 & 7	Professional Development Days – no school for students
February 10	Mid-Year Progress Reports go home
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 20	Family Day – schools are closed