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Principal's Message

Already the first month has come and gone. Time is just flying! We have had a great start to the year with lots of activities underway!

It was an absolute pleasure to open our doors again and welcome families into the building for Open House/Meet the Teacher Night. It was lovely to see so many families join us for the evening. Thank you to PAC for hosting a Welcome BBQ prior to the Meet the Teacher/Open House event.

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/Open House.



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.



Ecole Pauline Haarer was pleased to have Mr. Patrick Aleck join our Music classes throughout the month of September. Mr. Aleck taught our students the Equity song.

Our Terry Fox Run/Walk also took place in September. A big thank you to 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.

September's PAC meeting was a presentation by Primex Investments Ltd. and Westmark Construction about the redevelopment of the former Caledonian Clinic and its potential impact on Ecole Pauline Haarer. For the minutes of the meeting, please connect directly with EPH's PAC at pac.paulinehaarer@gmail.com.

The Foundations Skills Assessment (FSA) for Grades 4 & 7 is currently underway. The results of this Ministry of Education mandated assessment are used at a school level to inform our practice and planning for next year. If you have any questions about either of these two assessments, please do not hesitate to connect with me.

EPH is pleased to once again welcome Pacific Sports to our school. This year, they have offered a free afterschool art program to 15 of our Grades 2-4 students. Thank you to Pacific Sports and all the families who expressed interest in this program. The program will run on Thursdays from October 26-December 14th.

Halloween will be coming up at the end of the month of October. EPH's PAC is organizing a family Halloween Dance in the evening of October 30th. The school will be following this with a Costume Parade in the morning for all students, and an Immersion inter-school dance for Grade 6 and 7s in the afternoon. For more information about the rules for Costumes, please see the section entitled "Halloween" below. Thank you for your cooperation.

A big thank you to PAC for supporting Fine Arts at EPH! We are pleased to announce that Aché Brasil and Dufflebag Theatre will be presenting to our students this year. Aché Brasil will be joining us in November and Dufflebag Theatre in March.

We will be having our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th at 10:40 am. Families are welcome to join us.

Sincerely,
Mme. Bohm

New Reporting Order from the Ministry

There have been some changes made to the way in which teachers report student learning to families. New this year, there will be three formal written report cards: December, March and June. In addition, there will be two informal updates. These informal updates are the Student Led Conferences and Parent Teacher Meetings, which will occur twice per year: once in the fall and once in the spring. For the fall session: Student Led Conferences will be on October 18th and the Parent Teacher meetings will be on October 19th. For more information about the changes to the Reporting Order, please don't hesitate to connect with school or click on the link below to hear from the SD68's Director of Instruction. [PAC K-12 Reporting Policy PP.mp4](#).

Fire, Earthquake, Lockdown Drills

EPH will be conducting the mandatory number of each of the emergency drills this year. We have already had a fire drill, two earthquake drills and a lockdown drill. The Great Shakeout was held on October 19th. Students evacuated and practiced buddy formations. The staff practiced Search & Rescue. Our next drill will be a fire drill.



Halloween

Halloween is fast approaching! EPH will be having a costume parade for students in the morning of October 31st. 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 should not contain nuts, as we have several anaphylactic students. Please speak with the classroom teacher beforehand regarding dietary restrictions in their classrooms.



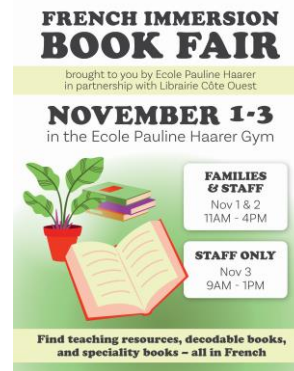
Picture Retake Day

Photo Retake Day will be on October 26th. If you missed the first Picture Day or just wish to have it redone, the photographer will be here in the morning of October 26th.

Choir

EPH has a choir! Students from Grades 5-7 are participating in choir on Wednesdays at lunch recess with Mr. Bradbrooke in the music room. Students will be performing at the Remembrance Day Assembly in November.

French Book Fair



EPH is very pleased to host a French Immersion Book Fair taking place in our gym on November 1st and 2nd. Books and resources ALL IN FRENCH will be available for families to view and purchase. Students will be able to tour, but we kindly ask that they are accompanied by a parent to purchase. November 3rd will be reserved for Immersion teachers.

Sports

Cross Country is up and running. Students have been diligent in attending all the practices at Thursday lunch recesses. Thank you to the parent volunteers and Mme. Andersen for coaching. The Zone Cross Country Meet is on October 25th.

Swim to Survive

School District 68 and City of Nanaimo Parks and Rec are pleased to once again offer the Swim to Survive program to our students. Our Grade 3 students will be participating in November-December and Grade 7 in the spring. More information will be coming home about the program, along with permission slips, at the start of November.

A Little About Us: Student Support Services

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.

Dressing for School

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.

Indoor shoes are requested in all classes. We encourage everyone to change their shoes when coming back in from outside, especially when it has been raining. Changing our shoes keeps our school dry and clean; and our custodians very much appreciate all of our efforts.

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.

PAC News

For all inquiries related to EPH PAC, please email the PAC directly at pac.paulinehaarer@gmail.com

The next PAC AGM and Meeting will be on November 16th at 6:30 pm in the school's library.

PAC will be hosting a Family Halloween Dance on October 30th from 5:30-7:30 pm in the school's gym.

The PAC is looking for donations to help stock the Emergency Supply Kiosk before purchasing new. They are looking for the following items:

- 4 Hard Hats
- Work Gloves

- Nitrile Gloves
- Goggles (Chemical & impact resistant)
- N95 Face Masks
- Pulaski Axe
- Shovel
- Wrecking/Crow Bar
- Spine Board(s)
- Hand Truck
- Scissors (Heavy Duty)
- Zip Ties (100 lb+ tensile strength)
- Duct Tape
- Avery Labels (waterproof)
- Sharpies
- Pallet Nets



Upcoming Events

Oct 25	Zone Cross Country Meet
Oct 26	Photo Retake Day
Oct 30	PAC Family Halloween Dance
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 1-3	French Book Fair
Nov 3	Non-Instructional Day
Nov 7	District Cross Country Meet
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 13	Statutory Holiday
Nov 16	PAC Meeting & AGM
Nov 20	Aché Brasil Presentation
Nov 22	Grade 6 Immunizations
Nov 23	Grade 3 Swim to Survive