



1025 Morningside Drive, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6C3  
Telephone: 250-758-5711 Fax: 250-751-1873  
Website: <http://schools.sd68.bc.ca/hamm>  
School Year: 2011-2012  
Issue #4 – November 16, 2011

Principal: Francine John  
Vice-Principal: Sharyn Andruski-Collins  
Secretary: Karen Matthews

## Principal's Message

Student Safety is everyone's responsibility. Although we have seen some improvement, the parking lot, at arrival and dismissal times, continues to present some safety issues for our students.

The Hammond Bay Safety Committee continues to address this situation and have made various recommendations in order to try to improve the flow of cars and student movement.

We would like to ask parents to:

- Try to arrive 5 minutes before the bell and park your car either in the parking lot, on Morningside Road or in Neck Point Park parking lot and have the students walk to the school.
- Do not drop off or pick up children in the round about in front of the school.
- Do not ask children to wait for you in the circular garden in front of the school.
- Slow down when driving on the school ground and respect the school zone speed limit.
- Pick up your child 10 minutes after dismissal and establish a meeting point.

We all need to work together to try to improve this situation.

Sincerely, Francine John

## Recess

Afternoon recess is taking place from 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Monday to Thursday; 1:15 - 1:30 p.m. on Friday. Supervision is provided for the following times:

Mon. – Thur.: 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. (3 supervisors)  
2:45 – 3:00 p.m. (1 supervisor)

Friday: 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. (3 supervisors)  
1:30 – 1:45 p.m. (1 supervisor)

Please make sure to establish a meeting time and place with your child(ren) to facilitate pick up in a safe manner. Out of bound (forest, rocks) play is forbidden during recess or after school unless the parent directly supervises his/her child(ren).

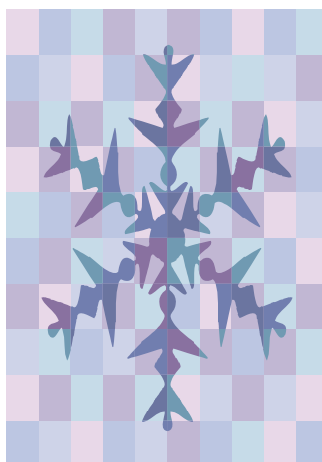
On rainy days, primary students will remain in their classrooms and will be supervised by intermediate students until they are picked up at 2:45 p.m.

Thank you for your support with this situation.

## Report Cards

Parents may be aware that the Labour Relations Board (LRB) has said that as part of Phase One of job action by the B.C. Teachers Federation, teachers are not required to prepare report cards. The B.C. Public School Employers Association, which represents school districts, has asked the LRB to rule that report cards are an essential service. Our school district is waiting for the LRB's ruling before making a final decision on the format of the November/December report cards. Once there is a decision, parents will receive a letter with more details and information will also be posted on the school district website [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca).

## Inclement Weather



A reminder that school closure information is announced in the morning on the radio (FM 102.3 or 106.9) and also posted on the School District 68 website at [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca). **On wet and snowy days please send an extra set of clothing to school with your children – especially at the Primary level.**

Even after the snow goes, our fields remain very soggy for quite a while. It's nice to have a change of dry clothes at school when someone falls.

## Magazine Sales

Thank you for your support of this event. Proceeds from the sale of magazines will be used to provide activities for the students like the craft session and decorations for the dance. Winners of the weekly draws were: Luke Linder, Carmen Dixon, Selayna Lopez, and Drew Bramley

The winner of the "Step on Piano" grand prize was Maxime Therrien!

## Salvation Army Christmas Hamper

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper program. The following is a list of the basic non-perishable hamper items they are in need of: canned ham; canned salmon or tuna; canned fruit; canned vegetables; canned pork and beans; cranberry sauce; soup, large and small cans; peanut butter; jam; soda crackers; cookies; dry cereal; stove top stuffing; juice; rice; tea; ground coffee; instant coffee; sugar; candies and sweets.

Each classroom has a Salvation Army collection box so that students can bring food items during the month of December. The Salvation Army will be picking up donations on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

## Assemblies

**October** - Thank you to Mme. Dominique's class who presented a Halloween Dance for our October assembly. It was well choreographed and extremely well executed. Bravo!

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** - Thank you to Kevin and Mrs. Andruski-Collins's grade 7 students for planning, organizing and presenting our Remembrance Day Assembly.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** - Mme. Heather's class will be featured at our month end assembly at 9:15 a.m. Please join us.

## Student Council Activities

### Backward Day – November 25<sup>th</sup>

Wear your clothing backwards, eat your lunch in a different order, maybe have a totally backward day and enjoy a film in the gym at long recess.

### Christmas Tree Decoration – December 13<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:20 - 12:00 p.m. grade 1 to 4 students will be invited to the gymnasium to make a Christmas tree decoration. The decorations will be used to decorate the Christmas tree located in the front entrance. Students will be able to bring their decoration home on the last day of school before the winter break.



### Green, Red & White Day – December 16<sup>th</sup>

Wear your festive Christmas colours to school on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Winter Concert

Due to Phase One of job action by the B.C. Teachers Federation there will be no winter concert.

The PAC is hosting a Christmas sing-a-long and a craft night on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow soon.

## Have you checked our Website lately?

It is updated on a weekly basis and you should be able to find all pertinent forms, permission sheets, newsletters or special announcements. Some teachers are also posting their weekly newsletters under their class events.

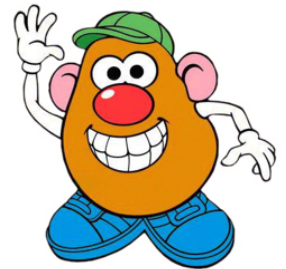
<http://schools.sd68.bc.ca/hamm/>

## Aboriginal Program

Mrs. Susan Brown, Aboriginal EA, is at Hammond Bay every Thursday afternoon to work with our students. She has been offering beading sessions for our grade 5, 6 and 7 students at lunch time and she has been doing some cultural presentations in our classrooms. Check out the information bulletin board at the top of the staircase.

## Toy Sale - Mme. Dominique

Mme. Dominique's class is hosting its Annual Toy Sale starting with a viewing only on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the sale on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Sports

### District Cross-Country Meet

Congratulations Hammond Bay Runners, our school placed **First** overall at the District Cross Country Meet on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!



The following students placed in the top ten at the District Meet:

Amelia Usborne, Luke Hoefler, Aiden Kemp, Thomas Fridriksson, Ian Grabher, Thomas Grabher, Ben Fridriksson, & Rhys Foster.

## Football and Soccer

Congratulations to our Bantam Boys Football team which placed second overall after playing a great final game.

Congratulations to our Bantam Girls Soccer team. They won all their games during the season.

Thank you to all sponsor teachers and parent coaches for your hard work with our Bantam teams.

## Volleyball

Peewee Girls Volleyball – practices are on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and all games are played after school on Tuesdays.

Coach: Ms. Leslie; Sponsor: Mme. Dominique

Peewee Boys- practices are on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. and all games are played after school on Mondays.

Coach: Mr. Kossey; Sponsor: M. Kevin

Bantam Girls- practices are on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. and all games are played after school on Thursdays.

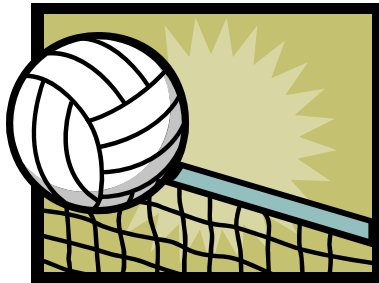
Coach: Mr. Dendes; Sponsor: Mme. Cantin

Bantam Boys – practices are on Mondays at 11:20 a.m. and all games are played after school on Wednesdays.

Coach: Mrs. MacNeil and Mrs. Robinson

Sponsors: Mme. Kathleen and M. Mercier

Thank you to the parents and teachers who have signed up to coach and sponsor these teams.



## 2011-2012 School Calendar

December 16	Last day before Winter Vacation
January 3	School Reopens
February 20	District PRO D Day
February 21	Non-Instructional Day
March 16	Last day before Spring Break
March 26	School Reopens
April 6	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Monday
April 23	School-Based PRO D Day
May 14	School-Based PRO D Day (Secondary)
May 21	Victoria Day
June 28	School-Based PRO D Day (Elementary)
June 29	Administrative Day school closed

## Library News

Students have been making book choices that are as varied as the individuals concerned. This is a good thing! Our library collection can meet the reading interests of all students and matching the resources to the student’s reading level remains the challenge. Teachers are also selecting books for the classroom based on projects defined and upon the interests of their students. The library as a hub of information seeks to match the requests of our school community to learning needs.

You may well be aware that our students have been utilizing iPads on loan from the district. Students have been experimenting with varied applications. Digital tools in education can promote French Language expression and reinforce social learning. Many students show ease and curiosity with technology and have proven to be a positive resource to others. We have the iPads for six weeks.

Many events this month will provide fresh learning opportunities. Guest readers from the Nanaimo Clippers will drop by on Tuesdays later this month. “Children’s Rights” and “Internet Safety” will be discussed during library time as we approach Universal Children’s Rights Day on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to PAC for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair this month with chances for readers to be **caught in the act of reading** by submitting photos of themselves as readers. A great idea to engage kids and to personalize their reading! Pictures must be submitted by November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you parent volunteers who are helping out with shelving and book exchange on a weekly basis. Your contribution of time helps all students access books promptly. If you have some time to give, Monday and Tuesday mornings are open for sorting and shelving books.

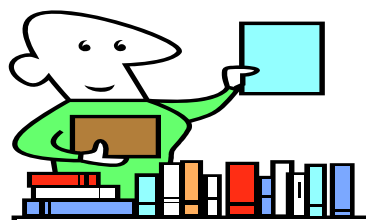
As parents, do drop by before and after school to select books and parent magazines that are current and informative. One book by Canadian sociologist Lindsay Green, entitled Teens Gone Wired: Are You Ready, will soon be available to parents. We have two copies in process. The focus of her research is how to best monitor and communicate with adolescents about internet use and safety. Early Years magazines (Parent Canada and *Enfants*) are available as well.

All in all, it is a busy month for sharing ideas, resources and books in circulation.

Welcome Mrs. Pam Boutin, our library technician, who will be in the library processing books most Tuesday mornings over the next few months.

Happy Reading,

Pam Boutin, Library Clerk  
Robert Lussier, Teacher-Librarian



## Grade 5 Active Pass

Was your child born in the year 2001?

If so, they are eligible to receive the **Grade 5 Active Pass from Nanaimo Parks Recreation and Culture**.

The pass is for any child born in the year 2001 attending school in school district 68. The pass costs nothing and gives children **free** access to all public swims, public skates and public open gym times. The pass is good from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

So what are you waiting for? Come into a Nanaimo Parks Recreation and Culture facility and pick up your card now.

In order for us to process your Grade 5 Active Pass, you must bring the following with you:

- Child who was born in the year 2001 for a photo;
- Birth certificate or passport (does not need to be current).

\*\*\*\*Be prepared to complete a short application form and questionnaire on site\*\*\*\*

## PAC meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

## PAC Scholastic Book Fair

Come and check out the great selection of books available for purchase. Money raised supports our school with new books and resources for our library!



Did you know that our Fall Book Fair sales are usually more than \$3000, resulting in 60% of this amount being returned to our school in credit for books (that's over \$1800!!!)?

Come and **get your copy of the newest Wimpy Kid book "Cabin Fever"**, which will be available at our Fall Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be open at long recess and after school on:

- Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> (Open till 7pm for "after-work" and "kid-free" shopping)
- Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

## Poinsettias



DeVry Greenhouses, family owned and operated in Chilliwack, grows Christmas poinsettias specifically for school fundraisers. They are of high quality with a replacement guarantee. The PAC is thrilled to offer these gorgeous plants to you once again for Christmas. You can buy them as a feast for your own eyes and for fabulous, reasonable gifts for others. Offices love to be decorated with them too!

The way it works.....the PAC gets wholesale pricing from DeVry's and can then sell to you at regular retail prices.....**so you get FABULOUS plants for reasonable cost and your kids benefit!!! Taxes are already included. Receipts available on request.** This year we have 230 families. If each family order averaged 2 poinsettias we would raise \$2000 for fun school activities thanks to wholesale pricing!

You can order poinsettias **until Monday November 21st**. Please contact only people you know, there is no need to go door-to-door (unless you are absolutely driven to do so....ho ho ho).

**Cheques are to be made out to: HAMMOND BAY SCHOOL PAC. No cash please.** (Remember to multiply the # plants ordered by the \$ cost). **Kids put the forms and cheques into the collection box in their classroom by Monday 21st (latest).**

**Plants will be ready for pick-up on Thursday December 1st (8:30-9:00 and 2:15-3:30) and Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:30-9:00, 1:15-2:00)**

**Perfect timing for the start of December!!!!**

Thank you so much for supporting the poinsettia fundraiser!!!

Merry Ho Ho,

Jane Walters, poinsettia coordinator

(questions to 758-0845 or [janeandmur@shaw.ca](mailto:janeandmur@shaw.ca))

## Movie Night

Come to the gym and enjoy a Christmas movie, "Santa Claus", on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Students are invited to wear PJs and bring their sleeping bags.

Refreshments will be sold.

