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Principal's Message

During the months of September and October we reviewed with the students a number of safety procedures. We have had fire drills, earthquake drills and practiced our lock down procedure. Students participated well and seriously. Thanks to all parents who have sent the student care packages to school. It is not too late if you are still working on completing your child's pack. We will add them to the emergency kiosk throughout the month of October. Please remember to keep the pack small and compact. Do not send water or juice – we have some in the kiosk for all students.

Francine John, Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences October 24th to 27th

Each year the District allows schools to dismiss 1 hour early for 4 days in the fall to facilitate parent/teacher conferences. Students from grades K – 7 will be dismissed every day at 1:30 p.m. from October 24th to October 27th.

Please contact your child's teacher to book an appointment or sign up on the poster board in the front of the school.

We will not have child minding this year during the conferences. Parents are asked to make other arrangements for their children during this time.

Individual Student Photos



MJM Studios will be here on Thursday, October 20th for student photos. **DO NOT WEAR GREEN OR TEAL COLOURED CLOTHING.** This year we will be using a green-screen background which will be replaced digitally at the

lab when you order photos. This means that you will be able to pick any background you like after you view your proofs on your order envelope, or online at www.mjmstudios.net.

Halloween Safety

Please review these Halloween safety tips with your children:

- Wear a costume that is bright and non-flammable;
- Choose make-up over a mask;
- Visit only well lit homes and never go inside;
- Accompany children;
- Save treats until checked by an adult.

Please remind students that school district policy states that the use or possession of fireworks at school is illegal and is a serious offence which will result in a school suspension. Have fun!

Halloween at School

On Monday, October 31st, students are invited to bring costumes to school. Please refer to specific teachers' memos regarding their individual expectations. Props (weapons, capes and other items) will not be permitted outside at recess. Please remind children to play safely and have fun.

PAC Monster Ball

The PAC is hosting a Halloween Monster Ball on Friday, October 28th from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the school gym. Little Caesars Pizza, drinks and other snacks will be sold. Tickets are \$15 per family or \$5 individually. There will be prizes for costumes.

Halloween Crafts

Students from grades K to 4 are invited to the gymnasium at long recess (11:20 - 12:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, October 25th to visit the various craft stations. Student Council students will be helping students make various Halloween crafts.



Student Messages

We are experiencing an increasing number of phone calls from parents requesting that we pass on messages to their children at the end of the day. Please make sure that you firm up student pick up arrangements and after school plans with your children before they leave in the morning. The office staff will be pleased to pass on only emergency changes to your children. It is very difficult at the end of the day to locate the children to their various activities in or out of class. Thanks.

Geography Club



Mr. Burnley will be hosting a geography club again this year for all interested grade 4 to 7 students. Interested students will meet on Fridays from 11:20 - 12:00 p.m. in our library

starting November 4th. A school based competition will be the culminating event in January.

Fruit and Vegetable Program

The fruit and vegetable program has now begun and students have already received delicious blueberries and pears. Thank you to Ms. McAulay and helpers for all of their hard work coordinating this project.



Good Food Box Program

We have had our first delivery of the food boxes! It is not too late to sign up if your family is interested in the monthly fruit and vegetable delivery service! Delivery to Ecole Hammond Bay will occur the second Wednesday of each month. Each bin contains a combination of pre-selected local (season dependent) fruit and vegetables at a cost of \$12 per bin, with an average monthly weight being 17 pounds. Please contact Jo Widmeyer at jwidmeyer@shaw.ca or 250-619-9042 to obtain an information sheet and sign-up for the program.

Magazine Sales

It is time to renew or purchase magazines for your family and friends. This is the only Fundraising campaign organized by the Student Council. Proceeds from the sale of magazines are used to provide activities for the students for example: material needed for the craft session, decorations for the dance. Additional booklets are available in the office. You must order online at www.ccrp.ca. Our school code is: BC832. The sale will end on October 22nd. Thank you for your continued support of this event.

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.

Terry Fox Run

Our school's Terry Fox team played an important role in sharing information about this Canadian hero and raising \$440.64 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to Mr. Lussier and Mme. Mirela Raduta's grade six students who took part in this memorable event in the gym and Neck Point Park.

Important Dates:

October 21	District PRO D Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 16	Last day before Winter Vacation
January 3	School Reopens
February 20	District PRO D Day
February 21	School-Based PRO D 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

Zone Cross-Country Meet

This year our Zone’s Cross-Country Meet will be held at Hammond Bay School/Neck Point on Wednesday, October 19th from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please make sure your child has brought the permission slip home. **We need many volunteers.** Please let us know if you can help out by phoning the office! The top 20 runners from each category will advance to the District competition on November 3rd at the Rotary Bowl.



Primary (Grade 2 & 3) Cross-Country Meet

Students in grades 2 and 3 are invited to practice for cross-country on October 24th, 26th, 28th from 11:20 – 11:40 a.m. and will then participate in a fun cross-country meet with Aspengrove School on November 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Watch for permission slips coming home this week. We will need parent volunteers to help at the practices and at the meet. If you can help please email the office.

Volleyball Season



Volleyball Season starts on November 14th. At this point, we have the following sponsors and coaches for our teams. We can only offer a sport if we have enough students to form a

team and parent or teacher coaches and sponsors. The students get very disappointed if we cannot offer them the opportunity to play in the extra-curricular activity.

Please note the Peewee Girls (grade 6) games are always played on Tuesdays after school. Peewee boys (grade 6) play on Mondays, Bantam girls (grade 7 or 6/7) play on Thursdays and Bantam boys (grade 7 or grade 6/7) on Wednesdays.

Thank you to:

- Girls Volleyball Bantam – Coach: Mr. Dendes
- Boys Volleyball Bantam – Coach: TBD,
- Sponsor: TBD
- Girls Volleyball Peewee – Coach: Jennifer Leslie, Sponsor: TBD
- Boys Volleyball Peewee – Coach: TBD,
- Sponsor: TBD

Please help us fill in the coaching roles.

Library News

Students continue to make book choices that are based both upon popular demand and personal interest. The challenge remains keeping the collection current to nurture literacy and learning. French novels have been purchased so that older students can select from a variety of genres and are now being circulated in the classrooms. Thank you to parent volunteers who help in so many ways, from volunteering time in the library to shelve books and to PAC members for their financial support of the library program. Please note the days for student book exchange, effective October, 2011. Some library times have changed.

- Monday AM classes: M Kevin (gr.7); Mme Raduta (gr. 6); Mme Monica (gr.2)
- Tuesday AM classes: Mme. Jacqueline (gr.1); Mme Laura (gr.5)
- Tuesday PM classes: Mme Williams (gr.4); Mme Kim (gr.2)
- Wednesday AM classes: M Mercier (gr. 3); Mme Heather (K); Mme Natascha / Mme Kathleen (gr.1)
- Wednesday PM classes: Mme Dominique (gr. 4/5); Mme Alison / Mme Anneli (gr.3)
- Friday AM classes: Mme Linda (K); Mme Kelly (gr. 7)

As we immerse ourselves in the digital world, libraries are called upon to transform student access to varied resources to deepen their learning. The digital shift is increasingly evident and the ‘current’ term used to describe this shift is *transliteracy*. How our school community continues to connect and to engage all learners in the digital world is an important area of focus for all teachers and teacher-librarians.

Knowledge of history and adherence to traditions can remain a constant in our lives. National Library Day celebrated on Monday October 24th is one such way. Families are encouraged to take time to share favourite stories. At school, Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.) times are being proposed to take note of this special event. Book characters may come to life! If you have a favourite book or story that you wish to share on that day (or any other day for that matter), why not contact the classroom teacher or library staff to plan a time to share your enthusiasm with students!

If you are seeking a book in particular or wish to peruse our collection, do drop by...before school at 8:30 AM or after school at 2:45 PM.



Happy Reading during this *boo! tiful* month!

Robert Lussier, Teacher/Librarian

Summer Reading Challenge News

Parents: Congratulations!! It must have been a wonderful, peaceful summer for you with all of the reading going on – and in French! July was an especially great month for getting cozy with a good book wasn't it? We had over 60 students participate in the Summer Reading Challenge – en français. We had 23 students in the 1,000 minute club (they read for 1,000 minutes or MORE). Our Grand prize winners were Maxime Therrien who read for 4,115 minutes and Emma Simard-Provencal who read for 3,868 minutes. They each won a Kobo e-reader. Many thanks to the Student Council for donating the two Kobos! Honorable mention goes to Jese Moran, who read for 3,635 minutes and Elise Therrien who read for 3,125 minutes!

The following students read for 1,000 minutes or more in French this summer: Maxime Therrien, Emma Simard-Provencal, Jesse Moran, Elise Therrien, Andreea Raduta, Sena Cleave, Mario Mercier, Paige Martineau, Emily Winter, James Winter, Jaden Little, Maya Little, Makayla Naprawa, Stuart Worona, Rhys Winchell, Alexander Perre, Joo-Young Jung, Alyssa MacGougan, Brayden Schuler, Ethan Watchorn, Matthew Brown, Kelly Graham, Sebastien Perre.

Simply reading 20 minutes each day added up to over 1,000 minutes of reading – way to go!

We were excited to see the huge amount of participation in this valuable program. We had students from early primary right up to grade 7 reading and it DID make a difference! Those who read a significant amount also increased their reading levels over the summer. One student jumped 12 levels between June and September! Several others gained 5 reading levels. Fantastic proof that practice really does make a difference. Summer Reading Challenge participants: Annalea Kirk, Melanie Kirk, Savannah Roitner, Isabella Richards, Leslie Therriault, Sierra Schuler, Ava Alexander, Olivia Hofer, Savannah Naprawa, Ella Hannesson, Angelique Hunter, Kelly Graham, Amelia Osborne, Ayden Fletcher, Rebecca Scrivens, Rachel Ward, Allison Walters, Tehya Clegg, Teegan Letwin, Charlotte Favre, Samuel DeVries, Hunter Kirk, Spencer Brown, Drew Bramley, Aidan Williams, Mattias Stochmal, Alden Holzwarth, Kaelen Pedersen Saunders, Logan Watchorn, Caelin Haapala-Wilson, Sebastien Perre, Noah Osborne, Daegan Haapala, Dylan Odgers, Tenzin Clegg, Brandon Groot, Luke Hofer, Jack Harrison, Jasper Letwin, Jayden Hodges, Alex Thompson.

Thank you so much to the following sponsors who donated the prizes that got our students excited about reading: Teresa Kooistra, The Bay, M. Lussier, Hammond Bay PAC, Hammond Bay Student Council, Mme. Lougheed-Mercier, Mme. John, Little Caesars, Shear Creations, Costco, French Language Resources, Kool & Child, Mme. Williams, Staples and Mme. Aristou.

A special thank you to Teresa Kooistra who spent many hours canvassing businesses and brought in many, many great prizes for students!

We look forward to next summer's challenge now!

Thank you all for your support!

Kathleen Lougheed-Mercier,
Literacy Team Leader

PAC News:

Holiday Raffle Donations

The elves are busy preparing fantastic prize packages for our annual Holiday Raffle. The countdown is on. We need your help! More prizes mean a more successful fundraiser and greater financial support for our school's programs and our children's education.

If your family, business or employer is able to donate a prize, or if you know of someone in the community who may be interested, please contact Mariah Patterson at mariahpatterson@hotmail.com or 250-758-2615. All gifts must be confirmed by Friday, Nov. 4th.

Volunteers to make a few calls or deliver letters to potential donors would also be greatly welcome at this time.

