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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



Message from our Principal!



Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year. We had a wonderful start up. Students greatly enjoyed their time at the YMCA camp or exploring Sergeants Bay. Thank you so much to the PAC who helped support the cost of the trips.

They paid half the money with the other half coming from the school budget. A great way to start the year.

We have 205 students enrolled as of this writing. Many students are moving into the area. We have 27 Kindergarten students this year. This bodes well for our future.

I expect to be at HMB full time until the end of December. Mrs. Brisebois is doing well but will need more time to fully recuperate. We hope to see her back in the new year. Expectations are that we will job share the school for a while leading up to Mrs. Brisebois taking over full time. Please feel free to come in and discuss any issues that might come up. We would prefer to deal with issues in a timely manner. If it is something that is on your mind it is good for us to know about it. Then we can work together to resolve the issue. We would also appreciate you coming to the school rather than social media if you have a concern or a question. We look forward to a great year.

Mrs. Susan Budgell

CALENDAR

Thurs. Sept. 22

Terry Fox Run in the afternoon. Bring a Toonie for Terry

Thurs. Sept. 29

Open House/Ice Cream Social 6:00 - 7:00
PAC Meeting 7:00

Fri. Sept. 30

Pro-d day. No school for students

Thurs. Oct. 6

School photos (class, individual and panorama)

Mon. Oct. 10

Thanksgiving Day School closed

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:15 - 2:23 pm

Lunch: 12:00 - 12:40

Friday: 8:15 - 12:03 pm

Hello! I am the new school counsellor!

Along with other staff members, I will work to support the social-emotional growth and well being of students. I'm enjoying learning about and becoming part of the HMB Elementary School community. If you'd like to talk to me please leave a message with the office and I will contact you when I am in the school. Looking forward to a great year together. Kate Cree

Morning Routines: Our welcome bell rings at 8:13 am and classes begin at 8:15 am. Students are expected to be in their classrooms ready to learn by 8:15 am. When students arrive late, they tend to miss important messages, routines and the opportunity to have a personal check-in with their teacher. It is fairly disruptive to the other students and teacher as well. Just by being 15 minutes late each morning, a child is missing over an hour of instruction each week! This has a significant impact on their learning! Your support is greatly appreciated.

KIDZ CLUB Sechelt Afterschool Care

Sechelt Community Schools (SCS) offers affordable licensed after school care at the Sechelt Learning Centre in downtown Sechelt. It is open to students from DBES, KES, WSES, Ecole du Pacifique, and HMB, Monday to Friday until 5:30 pm. Children travel directly to the Sechelt Learning Centre by school bus where they are met by our staff. Supervisor Susie Doerksen provides arts, crafts, outdoor and indoor cooperative games, and healthy snack for our participants. Once your child is registered with us, preregister for only the days you need each month, with drop in available if space allows. Low Income Ministry Subsidy is available for those who need it. The cost is \$15.00 per day. For more information, contact kidzclubsechelt@gmail.com, or call 604 989-5365.

You are invited to HMB's Open House

Thursday Sept. 29th

6:00 - 6:30 - Classrooms are open

6:30 - 7:00 - Ice Cream social

7:00 PAC Meeting in Library

Come to see your child's classroom and then enjoy ice cream in the gym scooped

by our awesome teachers!



IMPORTANT REMINDER

HMB School is

NUT AWARE

Please do not send any food items with any type of nuts. We have several children with serious nut allergies.

Thank you!

WIN A FRESH TURKEY!

Your child will SOON be bringing home a construction paper turkey. Please cut out the turkey shape and help your child DISGUISE Tom Turkey as a different animal or character in hopes of avoiding being caught for Thanksgiving Day dinner! Please use any items you find in your home to create your turkey's disguise! Some suggestions for disguising the turkey may be; a sheep, a cat, superman, etc. Please return these turkeys to school by Monday October 3rd and receive an entry ballot for your chance to take home a turkey! Good luck working on this project with your child!

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS**

Homework Club will start the first week of October for Grade 4-7 students. It is an after school program providing students with a healthy snack and homework support followed by a organized games and fun. We hope to run this club Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:23 pm-3:35 pm but are still looking for parent and community volunteers to help on Thursdays, please see Wendy if you are interested in helping. Watch for sign up notices coming in the next week.

We would like to put together a "Parent Tech Team". We are looking for parents who are interested in learning about our lighting, sound and stage equipment!!! This team could then be called on to help with lighting and sound set up and provide technical support for our HMB stage productions such as Christmas Concert, Talent Show, Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony and Class Play Productions throughout the school year. Please see Wendy if you are interested.

PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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Welcome back to another school year from Student Support Services!

VTRA Fair Notice

As part of our Safe Schools policy, we would like to remind all parents of our VTRA (Violent Threat Risk Assessment) process that is used in the District to keep all students and staff safe. We, as a school district, have been involved in intensive safety training with our community partners – the RCMP, Ministry of Children and Family Development and other community agencies and services. Together, we have developed a plan for responding to all situations in which students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

This plan requires principals to complete a “threat assessment” in all cases of students making significant threats to harm themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home to tell you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that policy is being followed and that the goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as a school community, will not accept “no response” to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment. We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side.

For more information on our VTRA/Fair Notice process, please refer to our school district website at www.sd46.bc.ca under the “Parents” tab.

Social Media Posting

Each year our school principals gather information from parents regarding their wishes around media release and posting of student photos on social media. We would like to take this opportunity at the start of the school year to remind all parents that, in the interest of student safety, please do not post photos or videos of children other than your own, on social media sites without prior consent from the parent(s). Our principals aim to give this reminder at the start of school events, such as Christmas concerts, talent shows and assemblies that involve student performances, and we depend on the responsible actions of all our parents to keep our students safe. We thank you in advance for your vigilance in this regard.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Vanessa White at 604-885-6782 or vwhite@sd46.bc.ca

Vanessa White
Director of Instruction for Student Support Services