



New Hazelton Elementary  
'A Community of Readers'

MAY 20, 2015

New Hazelton Elementary School seeks to provide students with positive learning and social experiences which will enable them to participate successfully in our society.

### VICE -PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

#### SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL & PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL WORKSHOP:

Last week the following representatives from the Parent Advisory Council (Annette Peterson, Gemma Mousely, and Jodi Snider) with Mrs. Pickering and me participated in a workshop about School Planning Councils and Parent Advisory Councils presented by the School District Superintendent, Katherine McIntosh and District PAC/ School Board Trustee, Shar McCreery. This presentation was very informative outlining how parents can get involved in the goals and directions of the school.

I look forward to working with these ladies over the next two weeks to review the upcoming staffing, class compositions, budgets and growth plan directions for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Their collective

input will continue to help make our school strong and move our students' learning forward. Furthermore, I will lean on our collective knowledge of our students and the relationships we have and/or can establish in order to increase parental and community presence at the school for the benefit of all.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

Between now and the end of June the school staff and I will be reviewing the Code of Conduct and how discipline is handled in the school. I will be seeking a few parent volunteers to review the information with us. If you are interested please come to the PAC meeting this Wednesday to let your name be put forth. If you can't

come, but would like to have input, please make your suggestions or comments known to a PAC representative or place your thoughts in a provided comment box outside the office.

#### YEAR-END CELEBRATIONS:

Mark your calendars!!! On Tuesday, June 23rd at 11:00 am, we will be having our year end assembly and promotion of the Grade 7s who will be heading off to Hazelton Secondary School in the fall. Next week we will be holding our first Grade 7 parent meeting to brainstorm ideas for the celebration. All grade 7 students and their parents are welcome to attend. The meeting will take place Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the school library.

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### READY, SET LEARN....

**Parents / Guardians please come to our "Drop In" event on Friday May 22nd, 2015 at the New Hazelton Meeting Center from 12:30—2:30 p.m. This event is for 3 and 4 year old children.**

**The After School Adventures** would like to invite parents to a year-end music concert for all grades. Date: Wednesday May 27, 2015 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at New Hazelton Elementary Gym. Refreshments, prizes & great entertainment. Rehearsal for all grades K-7 Tuesday May 26 from 3—5:30 p.m. Any questions contact: M. Harris 842-6613 or 842-3172

## Gr. 3/4 Class Newsletter

We learned so much during **Book Character Dress Up and Book Talk Day** last Friday and we had fun doing it too! Almost every student in attendance that day brought a book to share with the class and many students dressed up in a costume to accompany their presentation. We listened to talks about both fiction and nonfiction books, we were introduced to authors that we didn't know and new books by authors whose books we had read before. Thank you to all the families that helped to prepare their children for success by creating costumes, helping to write out speeches and helping to choose appropriate books.

Our latest **Health and Careers** topic is injury prevention. Students have been learning about bicycle safety. They have participated in many discussions and watched many videos related to hand signals, equipment checks, rules of the road and most importantly - the use of helmets. Ask your child about the watermelon and helmet experiment that compared the thin rind of the watermelon to the thin layer of bone called the skull that protects your brain. The culmination of our unit will take place at a **Bike Rodeo** being held at the school on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will need to bring their bikes and helmets to school to complete a safety course supervised by an RCMP liaison officer. Please make arrangements for your child to have a bike and helmet at the school by 10:45 a.m. and picked up by 3 p.m.. A letter with further details will be sent home closer to the date of the event.

We will soon be finished our unit about **weather in Science** class. Our last project is to work together with reference materials to find out how weather affects both living and non-living things in our environment. The students have been very excited to learn about extreme types of weather like hurricanes, tornadoes, blizzards and electrical storms.

Scholastic book order forms for June will be sent out next week and are due back by 3 p.m. on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last set of order forms for this school year.

Mrs. K. Barr

## HELLO, FROM ROOM 12 (kindergarten)

These days are flying by!

We started off the month (May 1) with a visit to the book bus. Thankfully, Dusty Cooper agreed to come to New Hazelton at an earlier time to accommodate our class. We had fun picking out "new" books to take home.

A week later (May 8) our butterfly larvae arrived. The larvae (caterpillars) will soon be forming

chrysalids. The chrysalid stage lasts about a week to 10 days, at which point, the caterpillars will have gone through a metamorphosis and will emerge as butterflies. We are excited to see the changes taking place!

In Science, we have also reviewed the parts of a plant and, at present, we are making daily predictions and observations about the weather.

Our focus in Social Studies is "Our Community". Last week we took a walk around New Hazelton to note any new businesses and those that are no

longer in operation.

This month, we completed the Food Explorers program. In total, the students were encouraged to try 8 different foods.

Parents/Guardians I am trying to round up the home reading book bags. Please refer to the attached note and return these bags as soon as possible.

Thank you

## Gr. 2/3 (Mrs. O'Hara)

Last week we began working on word problems in math. Students need to identify if the question is asking them to add or subtract. If the question uses the word 'altogether' they know to add. If they question asks for 'how many more or less' they know to subtract. We will continue to work on this this week. Make sure you ask your child for the homework that was sent home today.

We are continuing to work on Persuasive

Writing. Today, students tried to persuade me what the best pet to own would be. I'm sure they would have to be pretty persuasive if they want you to accept their ideas. Some kids want cheetahs, dragons, snakes and peacocks!

We will finish up our last lesson on Air, Water and Soil this week. Students have learned about the different layers of soil. Ask them to describe 'erosion'.

Ask them to tell you how it can be good or harmful.

Next week we will begin studying the Provinces of Canada.

Have a great week.

Mrs. J. O'Hara

## Gr 1/2 news (Mrs. Hobenshield)

Book talk/character day was this past Friday. We had 11 students participate. Well done: Zechariah, Charlie, Lily G, Ava, George, Shaneal, Mondana, Rhiannon, Kierra, Teagon, and Lily H!

Our next school wide "events day" will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> - Western Day. Dress up in your western gear!!!

For the remaining gym time we will be spending as much of it as possible outside, weather permitting. Appropriate footwear to protect toes would be appreciated, i.e. shoes as opposed to flip flops or sandals. A pair of flip flops or sandals can be kept in the classroom for alternate wear.

In math we have moved on to a measurement unit. We will be measuring length, area and perimeter using nonstandard and standard units.

For science, as part of the living things unit, we are hatching out Painted Lady Butterflies. We are keeping a journal detailing information and the different stages. In approximate a week to ten days we should be releasing the ladies.

In social each student is working on a page for a Canadian symbol. Most students got their homework of three sentences on their symbol done. Good job. All of the pages will be compiled into a class booklet.

Upcoming for our class: June- Western Day Bike Rodeo Aboriginal Day Field Trip

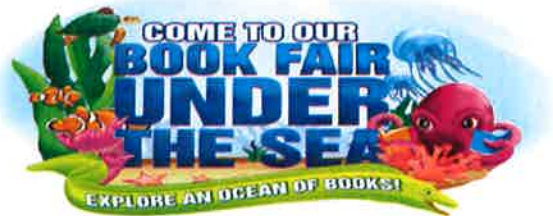
Information on these will follow.

### ~~ \*\*TODAY—NHE GYM\*\* ~~

Scholastic Book Fair @  
NHE  
Wednesday May 20th, 2015  
from 8am to 4pm ~1 DAY  
ONLY~

"Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about

everything and everything about anything". -Tomie de-  
Paola



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Dear Parents and Guardians:

- The speed limit is maximum 10 mph in the back parking lot when used.
- please remember that IF you come to the school to pick up your child for an impromptu appointment, to inform either Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Pickering OR Mrs. Woloshyn or the classroom teacher.
- **STUDENT BUS USAGE:** Please be aware that First Canada, our busing contractor, and the School District are enforcing the rules with respect to student usage of bus-

es. Students will only be transported to and from their primary residence or secondary residence if circumstances apply, with bus passes listing their proper routes on them. School buses will no longer be used for personal transportation requests such as, but not limited to: 1) appointments, 2) birthday parties, 3) going to friend's houses, etc. Parents and guardians will have to make their own arrangements. Notes indicating such personal matters will no longer be accepted by the bus, bus drivers or by the

school staff. Also be advised that bus drivers do check your child's bus pass to see if they are on the correct bus, have a bus pass etc. IF your child has lost their bus pass please remind them to come to the front office and request a new one. Your child must have the correct bus pass to board the bus.

**Thank you Parents for assisting us to keep your children safe and healthy.**

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BOOK MONTH

New Hazelton



## For Your Information.....

**\*\*Head Lice,** Parents & Guardians have the responsibility to take an active role in the prevention of head lice outbreaks by: a) frequently checking your child's head for lice or nits. 2) talking to your child about not sharing hats, brushes, helmets, hair accessories and other personal items. 3) tying back long hair. It is important that we work together to control head lice. If your child has lice, please ensure the proper steps are taken to get rid of them. Should you require support for medications, the public health unit may be able to provide treatments and information on prevention.\*\*

⇒ **Late phone calls** at end of the day please **REMEMBER** to put them through to extension 3028 (Mrs. Pickering) please note that your message may not get delivered if you do not call before 2 p.m.

**Remember, to view our newsletter on line, all the pictures are in color. If you would like to receive your newsletter via email—just call the front office!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ MAY 20 PAC MEETING AT 6:30 (TONIGHT)
- ◇ May 20 Scholastic Book Fair in the GYM (8—4 p.m.) (TODAY ONLY)
- ◇ May 29 is NID (No School)
- ◇ June 5—RODEO DRESS UP day
- ◇ June 10—PAC MEETING 6:30 PM
- ◇ June 19—Aboriginal day
- ◇ Jun 23— Year end Assembly 11 a.m.

### ⇒ FRIENDLY REMINDER:

As parents, you can appreciate how hectic it gets when organizing your own child to go places. Here we have 168 children to organize, and sometimes the end of the day can be a little busy. We would like to remind all parents about our end of the day routines:

- 1) If picking up your child, please wait in the east entrance (by the medical room) for them. Walkers and those getting picked up come down the hall and leave by the side entrance.
- 2) If your child has a change to their routine (not taking bus, or taking the bus), please send a note with your child that morning or call the school before 2 p.m.

Your presence at the school and your understanding with regards to our routines is appreciated. Thank you.

# How to Audition Workshop

Do you have a talent? Do you want to try out  
for the Talent Show?

Come out and learn about how to audition for  
the talent show.

## **Workshop dates:**

**May 19 for Primary k – 3**

**May 21 for Intermediate 4 - 7**

At 12:15 in Ms Plewak's room. Sign up with your teacher.

**Talent Show will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at NHE**

# New Hazelton Aboriginal Day Talent Show

Do you have a talent? Do you want to try out  
for the Talent Show?

Come out and audition for the talent show.

**Audition dates are May 26,  
28, and June 2 and 4th**

At 12:15 in Ms Plewak's room. Sign up with your teacher.

**Talent Show will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at NHE**

## GR. 4/5 (Ms. McCreery)

Hello families:

We are getting ready for field trips—if parents are willing to drive and/or chaperone, please ensure you have all your paperwork into the school. All the students will be on their best behaviour, I'm sure, to show they are ready to be part of a field trip!

We have an author visit coming up

May 28<sup>th</sup>—Ann Alma will be here.

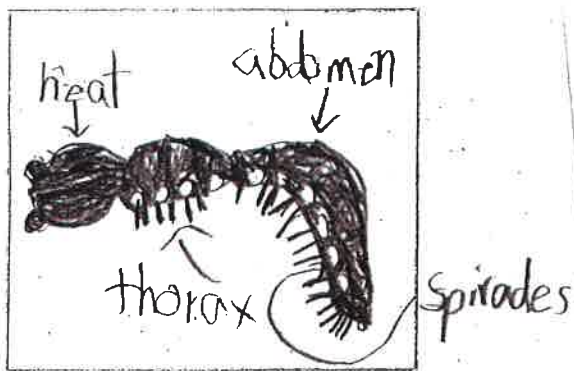
We'll have a chance to meet her and hear about some of her books.

The next round of Literature Circles has begun. Ask your student what book they have been assigned and how they are enjoying it. The final projects were really exciting last round and I look forward to the remarkable projects we'll see in June.

We are trying to go for walks at least once per week for P.E. Please ensure that your student has appropriate clothing and footwear—everyone is expected to participate and we will not let rain deter us.

Sincerely,  
Ms. McCreery

## Gr. 1/2 writing samples



Friday, May 15

The caterpillars are getting big and fat. Did you know the caterpillars has false legs! A caterpillar breathes through tiny holes on its sides.

Lily G



Tuesday, May 19

Most of the caterpillars have stopped eating. They are attaching themselves to the lids. They will shed their skin for the last time—MOLTING.

Kierra