



New Hazelton Elementary
'A Community of Readers'

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear New Hazelton Community;

What joy to see some of those excited faces beginning school! I just love to hear those comments such as "I missed school", or "I'm happy to be back". Our first week showed how pleased everyone was to be back in school. By now, we are well on our way to building routines and getting settled in. Yesterday was the first full day for our newest additions: the Kindergarten students! We all have fond memories of this first day, as students, parents, and teachers. In order to help with this transition with support and care, our students were encouraged to welcome them, help out, and were wonderful at making them feel secure.

As our numbers changed over the summer

and first week back, we needed to change classroom configurations in order to facilitate students in our catchment area. Be assured that in these changes, teachers take into account the best grouping of students with the purpose of creating the best learning environment. Our school growth plan continues to be our direction to achieve student learning. The mission stated is "New Hazelton Elementary School provides students with positive learning and social experiences which enable them to participate successfully in our society", and with this as a guide we are once again approaching this year from an inquiry perspective.

Social Responsibility is a strong area of attention for us: teachers will be putting lessons into practice in the classroom to promote

respect, self-regulation, responsibility, etc. We encourage exercise during recesses and bringing healthy snacks to school. Do check with your child's teacher on these important aspects.

As every year rolls in, we ask parents who have time and/or skills to share with us to come by the front office and sign-up for volunteering. The only prerequisite is the police information check required every 18 months. Don't hesitate to come in for any information, and we look forward to another successful and exciting year!

Cheers,

C. E. B. Pickering.
B.A.Psych., Ed. Cert., M. A. Ed., OCT.,
BCCT
Principal, New Hazelton Elementary

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Special points of interest:

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!

Student bus usage (IMPORTANT)

Please be aware that First Canada, our busing contractor, and the School District are enforcing the rules with respect to student usage of buses. 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.

CONCERT FEES...PLEASE READ PAGE SEVEN

GRADE THREE—FOUR

The students in Mrs. Barr's grade 3-4 class have returned to school eager to work and excited about learning. We began the week talking about responsibilities, team work, rules and goal setting.

In Mathematics, the first topic will be Place Value. Students will be learning to show 4-digit numbers in a variety of ways including standard form, expanded form, in words and using base ten blocks.

Our first Science unit will be Habitats and Communities. Students are encouraged to extend their school work at home by looking for information in books, on line and by talking to adults at home about terms like desert, rainforest and tundra.

Every child in class has been given a planner. I read these planners every day at lunch time, so please feel free to include notes or questions in this communication tool. I write in the planners every day, but I include my largest note every Monday that will contain information about spelling lists, upcoming events and an overview of the planned topics for the week. It is also a great place to let me know ahead of time about any medical appointments or other planned absences that your child may be taking so that I can notify the office. I can also be contacted by phone at the school: (250)-842-5777 (extension 3008).

Scholastic book orders for October were sent home last week. If you plan on ordering from this month's catalogues, please submit your forms and payment to Mr. Barr in room 3 or Mrs. Barr in room 8 by 3 p.m. on Friday, October 3rd.

If you have not already done so, please update and sign the package of green and white papers that were sent home on the first day of school that contain verification forms and a permission slip for community walks. A sheet regarding the hot lunch program option was sent home, as well as another sheet about the concert program. If your child did not bring home any of these important papers, please contact me by phone at the school or write a note in his/her planner.

Mrs. K. Barr

GRADE 6-7 (Ms. Plewak)

Welcome Back,

Some important reminders for parents. Please ask about Math homework nightly as any math not finished is to be taken home and finished. There will be tests every 2-3 weeks so keeping up with assignments is important. A midterm report will be sent home at the beginning of November and any unfinished work must be completed by the middle of November. If you

want the assignments by email, please call me at lplewak@cmsd.bc.ca and I will add you to the list.

Math tutoring is available through Gitanmaax. You may call to see if your child can get help with math after school.

Basketball will start in November after school, likely on Thursdays

from 3:15 until 4:30. I will be doing the after school practises for all gr 6/7's. Pansy Wright is doing volleyball at lunch until the end of November and will then start basketball at lunch.

Check to make sure your child has the proper school supplies and shoes for PE.

See you at the Open House on Thursday!

GRADE 1-2 (Mrs. Hobenshield)

In reading we have been working on reading together and using expression when we see **bold words** and/or an exclamation mark. As well, we are making a prediction (*I think this Book will be about...*). When we look at the front cover and we are giving an opinion after we have read the book, (*I like this book because...*).

In Math we are all working on pattern-

ing. Pattern that can be made with colors, shapes, letters, numbers or symbols. We have practiced making :

- * AB patterns (red, blue, red, blue)
- * AAB patterns (circle, circle, square)
- * ABB patterns (5, 8, 8, 5, 8, 8)
- * ABC patterns (red, yellow, green, red, yellow, green)

In writing we are working nonfiction,

descriptive pieces—Cats. We have written about what cats like to do, what body parts cats have, and what cats eat.

See samples on page _ of the newsletter.

GRADE 6-7 (Mr. Barr)

Hello everyone. Good to be back into the swing of things. By now I hope you have seen your son/daughter bringing home books or notes for study purposes. We have had some tests requiring study and I am already seeing a need for some students to work harder to learn some of the facts in Socials that we have been learning about. Please ensure that they have a set time each night to do any work that they may need to complete and that there is open communication about everyday work being done in class. They have planners to copy the homework into for study and for goal setting purposes. I hope to get to meet all of you over the course of the year and you can feel free to contact me anytime here at the school through my extension, by dropping in or online at the following address: nhegrade6and7teacher@gmail.com You can contact me using this address if you have any concerns or messages for me about your son/daughter's progress or if you would like to know if they are requiring any extra help. In addition to the 3 formal reports, I like to issue at least one or more of my own interim reports during each semester so that you know how they are doing with their workloads/studying habits. This year will require them to learn or to refine some new skills which they may not be proficient with so it may be a bit difficult for some students. I do allow students to do rewrites of tests if they want to put the extra time into restudying material and want to come for a retest during a suitable time.

Students are encouraged to be organized and to take control of their own learning in this environment under my facilitation. I expect them to express concern for their own learning and to develop the skills necessary to become an independent learner as the year progresses. This will be more challenging for some students who are just learning these valuable life skills. I encourage students to do their best and to explore themselves as learners as they evolve and blossom into lifelong learners. They will require assistance as they do this and I cannot stress the importance of the home environment as one of the important building blocks to their success. Providing encouragement and time to help them progress will go a long way to helping them to succeed. I hope I can count on you to help me with this endeavor. Here's to a great year at New Hazelton Elementary! Mr. Barr

KINDERGARTEN - GRADE ONE

The class has been settling in nicely and learning their new rules and routines which is part of our Social Studies curriculum.

We have been busy doing patterning centers in Math. The children made bracelets, Cheerio necklaces, under the sea creatures and shape lines using various

patterns. We are learning that patterns are in our environment and help us remember things.

Please try to get all your child's school supplies to our room. They all need headphones to use in the computer lab.

If you have sent runners with laces, please make sure they can tie their shoes.

I will be sending home Scholastic Book Orders, once a month, if you order books, please make sure cheques are made payable to N.H.E.

I look forward to meeting you on Thursday at "Meet the Teachers" night.

Mrs. D. Bartsch

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Dear Parents and Guardians:

1. The speed limit is maximum 10 mph in the back parking lot when used.
2. Please remember that the transportation of medications are not permitted through the school with your children.
3. The only drinks students are allowed to have in the school during their day are 'fruit juices' and 'water'. All other

drinks like 'powerades', 'slushies' etc. will be confiscated and disposed of.

4. 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.

Students are frequently reminded of this.

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

GRADE TWO-THREE (Ms. O'Hara)

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to the school year! It has been a pleasure getting to know your children. The first week of school we talked a lot about school rules and the top 4 we came up with were:

- Keep the Classroom Clean
- Be Kind
- Work Hard
- Be an Attentive Listener

This week we will be discussing what

students can do if someone is bugging them. Strategies they can use come from the W.I.T.S. program. They are:

- Walk away
- Ignore
- Talk it out
- Seek Help

Our first spelling test will be this week (see agendas) on Friday and we will begin the JUMP math program.


I look forward to meeting you at the Meet the Parent night on Thursday.

Yours truly,

Jennifer O'Hara

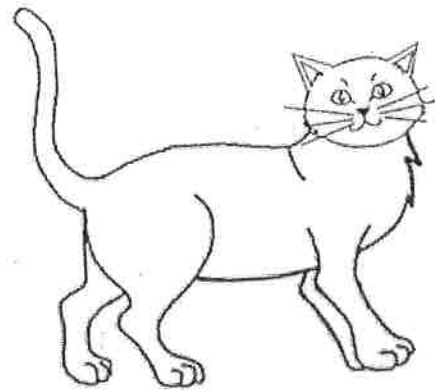
GRADE 1-2 (student samples)





 All cats hunt. Some cats eat fish.

by Desmond gr.2



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Whiskers



All cats have paws and claws. Cats have tails and whiskers.

by Shanel gr.2



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LEADERSHIP @ N.H.E.



New Hazelton



For Your Info

****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.

⇒ FRIENDLY REMINDER:

As parents, you can appreciate how hectic it gets when organizing your own child to go places. Here we have 189 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ Oct. 2, Thurs. 'Meet the Teacher 5—6:30 (6:30 the PAC meeting begins)
- ◇ Oct., 3, Fri.. Welcome Assembly at 1:50 p.m. in the gym EVERYONE INVITED
- ◇ Oct. 13, Mon. Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ Oct 24, Fri. Non Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL)

Spirit and Leadership

NHE PANTHERS School Spirit Flyer

To encourage and support school spirit, the staff and students were divided into four teams and given the opportunity to create a team name and cheer.

The team names are:

- Red Mist
- Gryffindor
- Golden Eagles
- Green Hornets



Thanksgiving Challenge



We all have many reasons to be thankful. Each team is encouraged to do their part to support the local food bank by bringing in non-perishable items. Teams will get one point for each item brought in and additional points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place.

- 1st 100 points
- 2nd 75 points
- 3rd 50 points
- 4th 25 points

So do you part to support your friends and families in the community!



Leadership Opportunity: School Safety Patrol Program and Peer-Helpers Program

New Hazelton Elementary School participates in the BCAA Road Safety Foundation's School Safety Patrol Program. Students will be invited to join the crossing patrol and the peer-helper program as an opportunity to demonstrate

their leadership skills at the school. The BCAA sent crossing patrol equipment (vests, pylons, stop signs and training information) which students will wear and use when performing their duties. Students in grades five, six and seven

are encouraged to talk with Ms. Campbell to voice their interest in participating in these programs. **The first Student Leadership meeting will take place this Thursday at recess.**

Team Points

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|---------------|--|
| Red Mist | |
| Gryffindor | |
| Golden Eagles | |
| Green Hornets | |

Upcoming Theme Day:

Hallowe'en Dress-Up

WHEN: Friday, October 31st

TIME: 9:00 am

POINTS:

Each team will earn one point for each member that dresses up. The most creative and original costume per class will earn an additional 10 points for their team.



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September 22, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Subject: 2014-2015 School Concert Series Fee

Please be informed that the 2014-2015 School Concert Fee is \$10.00 per student and is payable to your child's school in September 2014. Your contribution will allow your child to see up to three live performances each year. This year, we have booked two concerts per school with the option of more depending on monies collected.

2014-2015 Artists

- *Ruploops* - an extremely talented and versatile performer and composer will take your child on a musical exploration journey. They will experience folk and classical music from India, hip-hop, reggae, Tuvina throat singing, West African percussion and the list goes on!
- *LUV2Groove Dance* - Julia Gutsik is a high energy performer that strongly believes in unifying the body and mind of all her students by celebrating the fact that everyBODY can dance! Julia offers a day long workshop that blends her passion for education and dance.
- *Green Thumb Theatre's "Showdown"* - deals with the challenges and rewards of competition and cooperation in a touching story that will teach our elementary students about acceptance and friendship.
- *Green Thumb Theatre's "Tagged"* - is about the responsibility that we have for the words that we type. Tagged dissects the dangerous potential for harm that exist in social media. This show will help our teens to better understand the consequences of their cyber actions.

Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact your School Principal for assistance.

Yours truly,

Katherine McIntosh
Superintendent of Schools

The After School Sports&Arts Adventures is being hosted at NHE again this 2014-2015 School Year.

We have planned a lot of 'adventures' & we encourage everyone - get Your 'Permission Slip' in as early as possible - some programs are limited in number this year!

This year, 3 Programs will be offered: 2 Sports & 1 Arts. Tuesday is Kindergarten to Grade 4 & Thursday is Grades 4 -7. Yes!!! Grade 4's get to come 2 nights - neat eh?

Every 2nd Wednesday, a program for a limited number of children (Grades 5-7) will be offered – more details will follow, so stay tuned...

Although we plan transportation for after the program (New Hazelton to South Town, Hagwilget, Gitanmaax, Glen Vowell & Kispiox), there may be times when the bus is not available and parents will be asked to assist - we have had the program run smoothly in the past with the parent's assistance – many thanks for the support!

Planned Dates:

Tuesday, Oct 21 to Thursday Dec 11, 2014: Session I – Sports

Jan 13 to Mar 12, 2015: Session II – Sports **Apr 7 to Jun 11, 2015:** Session III - Arts

We have had 'Amazing Times' with this program in developing Fundamental Movement Skills, Social Skills, Hand-Eye Coordination, Games for Memory Development & Improvement, & More... We also offer a Nutritious Snack during the program to energize & keep them going.

I contact each parent upon receiving the 'Permission Slip' to arrange bussing &/or discuss any other issues that may need to be addressed. Details follow with each session.

Let the FUN & ADVENTURES begin!

Any questions &/or concerns **contact: Mrs. M. Harris**

250 842 0588 Home – 250 842 3172 Cell – 250 842 5777 Ext 3005 Work

See NHE website/Newsletters or JOIN us on Facebook @ NHE Sports&Arts Adventures

Please put this on the fridge for future reference

~NHE Sports&Arts Adventures~

Student Name(s): _____ Grade(s) _____

Home Phone & Cell Contact #s: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Dates attending: (Please Circle): Tues only / Wed only / Thurs only / Tues & Thurs / Tues, Wed & Thurs

Medical or Food Concerns: _____

Date: _____ Parents Email: _____



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October 1, 2014

Welcome to a new year of reading. Many adventures and journeys can be taken within the pages of a book. Each child at New Hazelton Elementary is encouraged to read daily. Families are encouraged to make reading part of their family routine. Children and adults of all ages love to be read to. Allow your family to go to exotic places and learn about a variety of interesting facts.

Using our library, like that of the public library, requires all who handle books to be socially responsible with the books. The books should be handled with care, meaning kept away from food and dirty hands; they should be stored out of harm's way and returned in a timely fashion so others can use them.

If you would like your child to bring home books they sign out of the library, please sign the sheet below and return it to the school. Your signature and the returned slip implies your willingness to help your child to be responsible for their books, and for the replacement of damaged or lost books, should that happen (a bill will be sent home).

Children will not be able to take home books unless this form is returned signed by their parent/guardian. If and when the time comes and your child has an overdue book, they will not be able to sign out another until that book is returned or paid for.

Let's all do our part modeling socially responsible book handling and borrowing skills.

Happy Reading!

Library Take-Home Program

Student's Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____

Teacher's Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____

Any costs to replace lost or damaged books will be covered by:

Name: _____

Date: _____