



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;

And the cold is here!! We are encouraging students to dress for the weather that means layer and cover. And always mark items with names, so we don't feed the lost and found. I am well impressed with the good habits our students show; we've not had major issues in the playground, and for the most part litter finds its way into the garbage. It is important to remind the children to respect each other, supervisors, and safety leaders.

Our school growth plan continues to be our direction to achieve student learning and is now available for anyone who would like a copy. 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", this is

our guide in all our activities in education and social responsibility. We have begun with the "Breakfast for Learning" program, fruit and dairy is available three days a week from the cart. Another wonderful addition is our concrete ping pong table purchased by the After School Sports and Art Initiative, stay tuned for activities around this sport. Students are encouraged to bring their own equipment over the weekend and use the table.

Our monthly message from my desk for November is "Peace". We promote students to respect each other and keep the peace in school, one easy way for them to learn this is by pointing out that a peaceful environment promotes strong learning. We have also talked about the importance of peace in connection with our remembrance activities and are talking about our "veterans". If you have any veterans in your fami-

ly, please share these stories with your children. We had our celebratory "Remembrance Assembly" on Monday, November 10th. Everyone was outstanding in the sharing and celebrating to keep the memories of sacrifice alive.

I would like to thank our volunteers who visit and bring their joy to our site. As safety is our first priority, please follow the exit procedures at end of days, respect the 10 Km requirement in the parking lot, and drop off in our area off of Mcleod. If you are thinking about volunteering, the only pre-requisite is the police information check required once every 18 months. Don't hesitate to come in for any information; we are only a phone call away!

Sincerely,
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Special points of interest:

***Please remember our school is a 'scent free' zone**

***CONCERT FEES ARE DUE.....**

ONLY 17% (30/171) OF STUDENTS HAVE PAID THUS FAR!

Parent / Teacher Interview TIMES:

- ◆ **Mr. Barr, Ms. Plewak, Ms. McCreery**—Wed, 26th 2-5 pm drop in anytime and Thurs. 27th 2-3:30 pm drop in and **3:30 - 5pm is by pre-arranged appointment only**. If anyone needs to see me outside of these hours they can contact me to set up an alternate date and time. Glenn
- ◆ **Mrs. Bartsch, Mrs. Hobenshield**—Wed. 26th 2-5 pm drop in anytime and **Thurs. 27th 2-4 pm by pre-arranged appointment only**
- ◆ **Mrs. K. Barr**— Wed. 26th 2-5 pm Student Led conference and **Thurs. 27th by pre-arranged appointment only**
- ◆ **Mrs. C Kern and Mrs. J. O'Hara**—will be calling to set up a pre-arranged appointments for you to come in. Her interviews will be held during the following day/time. Wed. 26th 2-5 pm and Thur. 27th 2-4 pm

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING...

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday November 27th and Friday November 28th in the library.

Please note the change in format,

Thursday: afternoon 1:00—3:30 p.m. ONLY

Friday: morning 10:45—12:45 p.m. ONLY



GRADE 4/5 (Ms. McCreery)

Thumbs up to all the families who placed orders for Scholastic books! Wow! The next order will be placed Thursday November 12.

The first Math Unit Test is this week; please help your child study the practice test that came home Monday.

Book exchange is Wednes-

days—students are very sad when they're not allowed to check books out from the library, so make sure all books are back at school by that day.

Parent/Teacher interviews are Wednesday November 26th (drop-in 2:00 to 5:00) and Thursday November 27th (drop-in 2:00 to 3:30; pre-arranged appointments 3:30 to 5:00). If you are

not able to meet at these times, please contact me and I will gladly meet with you outside appointment hours.

I encourage you to phone or drop by with any concerns or questions throughout the year, though. Communicating early and often will benefit us all.

GRADE 2/3 (Mrs. O'Hara)

This week I have sent home fluency passages with many of the students. You should have found them in the front pocket of their agenda Monday after school. You can read this passage with them on Monday evening (jot down any words that are tricky for them and work on them during the week). Tuesday have them read it 3 times (they can give themselves a check or a happy face after every reading). Wednesday time them to see how many words they can read a minute (the goal is not to go very fast but to read smoothly). Thursday, ask them to re-

read and then retell the passage. Friday, time them again and celebrate their improvement! I will send a new passage home every Monday.

Our book exchange is on Mondays at 1:00.

On Wednesdays we go to the computer room and have been reading on a site called RAZ kids. Students read a story and then answer comprehension questions. When I make sure that every student is reading at the right level, I will send home login information so that you can access it at home. Some students still need headsets so they

can get the most out of the program. We have also started a listening center and students need headsets for that.

We have finished our Science unit on Animals and have begun a Social Studies unit in which students learn about their Rights and Responsibilities.

We are beginning a place value unit in math this week.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Mrs. J. O'Hara

GRADE 1/2 (Mrs. Hobenshield)

In math both grades are working on learning/memorizing the pairs for 5. These are: $0+1=5$, $1+4=5$, $2+3=5$, $3+2=5$, $4+1=5$, $5+0=0$

Also, both grades will be moving on to subtraction; simple subtraction facts with 10 and simple subtraction of 1. We will also be working with using the words: more, less and same in writing number sentences and solving number sentences.

In writing we are working on our last section on nonfiction description writing. We are writing about owls and will be using a new text feature, the caption, to accompany our writing. (writing sample on page)

In science we tested the items the students brought in for our float or sink experiments. Once the student items have been tested we will have finished up our unit on matter. We will be moving on to a social studies unit: the human and physical environment.

With this unit we will be looking at features of the environment (lakes, towns, mountains) and features of Canada.

Last, our class will be learning the carol "Feliz Navidad" for our Christmas celebration..

PHOTO RE-TAKES (Monday Nov. 17—1 p.m.)

Photo re-takes will be taken on Monday November 17 beginning at 1 p.m.

By retakes, I mean anyone who was absent on the original photo day or who is unsatisfied with their original photos. In order to have a photo retaken, students must return their original photo package or photo proofs to

the photographer on photo day. Please do not return your proofs or package to the school. Please hand them directly to the photographer.

Students wishing to purchase a package for the first time may simply return their prepaid order envelope, with payment enclosed, to the photographer on photo day.

Packages must be prepaid in order to arrive prior to Christmas

Lifetouch guarantees satisfaction or money refunded!

Order envelopes WILL BE SENT HOME ON FRIDAY WITH THE STUDENTS WHO WERE ABSENT ON FIRST PHOTO DAY—please ensure they are returned to school on Monday.

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 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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

DID YOU KNOW?

Children under the age of 19 can have a FREE eye exam.

Here is an address and phone number for 'Bulkeley Valley Eyecare' in Smithers

3767-Third Avenue
250-847-3611

**COMING SOON.....N.H.E.
Sunday November 30th
(10 am until 3 pm) food
and coffee, baking raffle,
crafts, jewelry etc.. Table
Rentals \$10. Call
Brenda 250-842-6608.**

All table and raffle proceeds for the children of N.H.E.

GRADE 3/4 (Mrs. K. Barr)

During the month of November, the grade 4 students will continue to study their weekly spelling words and will now also be given a weekly math assignment to complete for homework. Students in grade 3 are not required to complete the math homework; however it will be sent home with them for those who want an extra challenge. All homework assignments are due back to Mrs. Barr by the last day of each week (usually Fridays, sometimes Thursdays).

In Language Arts, the boys and girls have been learning to enhance their writing with figurative language. Last week, they used hyperbole (exaggerations). Using the guide "I am so ___ that I _____", they came up with phrases like, "I am so hungry that I could eat a horse" and "I am so thirsty that I could drink the whole ocean". In the coming weeks the students will also learn about simile, metaphor, alliteration, onomatopoeia and personification.

November's Scholastic book orders were sent to the company on Friday and they should arrive within the next 2 weeks. Please remember, that if you wish to keep the orders for a surprise gift, just write GIFT on the forms, along with your PHONE NUMBER and I will call you to pick up the items when they arrive instead of sending them home with your child.

A number of students are having difficulty with their shoe laces. If your child does not know how to tie laces yet, please make sure that their indoor shoes have Velcro fasteners instead. Check with your child to see if they have the "slippery" type of laces that continually come undone and maybe they can be replaced with a different pair of laces. The undone laces have become a real safety hazard for many children, especially during physical education classes.

HELLO FROM THE KINDERGARTEN ROOM

Today, marks out 29th day in Kindergarten. Time is flying by!

Thank you to all the families for sending in food for our Halloween party. We had fun decorating cookies with Ty's mom, Joni.

I recently sent a book order home. Just a reminder that orders are due this Friday, November 14th.

Every year, I like to be involved with a project called

"Operation Christmas Child". This project involves filling shoeboxes with a variety of toys, school supplies and/or hygiene items. These items are then mailed to Children in developing countries around the world. Please refer to the list I will attach to the Kindergarten newsletter if you are interested in donating anything, I will need to have the items in by November 21st.

Thank you, Mrs. C. Kern



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.
5. Grade 6/7 Basketball is Mondays 4:30—5:30. Must provide own trans-

portation to and from school. Coach is Ms. Plewak. Started Monday, November 1st.

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

flat faces



round head

eyes

beaks

Owls have round heads and flat faces. They have sharp beaks. All owls have big eyes.

Lily G.
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SPIRIT & LEADERSHIP

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 you 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:

- ◇ PAC mtg, Wed. Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm in the school library
- ◇ LIFETOUCH PHOTO RETAKES 1 P.M. Mon, Nov. 17
- ◇ Nov. 21, Fri—NO SCHOOL Non instructional Day
- ◇ REPORT CARDS home with students Mon, Nov. 24
- ◇ Nov. 26 + 27 —Early Dismissal Days (1 hour earlier)
- ◇ Christmas Assembly Wed, December 17th 1:30 + 6:30 (tickets needed for the evening assembly)



NORTHERN HEALTH

Last Flu Clinic AT Hazelton Health Unit:

⇒ November 13, 2014 1 pm—6:30 pm

⇒ FRIENDLY REMINDER:

As parents, you can appreciate how hectic it gets when organizing your own child to go places. Here we have 171 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.