



New Hazelton Elementary  
'A Community of Readers'

DECEMBER 10, 2014

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

**ROOM 8 NEWS (Mrs. K. Barr)**

During the month of December, the students in room 8 have been challenged to perform random acts of kindness in the classroom and in the community. Each child has created a RACK Tracker form to keep track of their actions during the week. On Tuesday, we ventured out in to the neighborhood to deliver cards and candy canes. Here are some writing samples that were created when we returned:

Caralise: I just went from school to McDonald's in a group to give away cards with candy canes in them. This made me feel very happy. I bet that they felt delighted.

Amy: Today, I went to Red Apple and did a random act of community kindness. We gave a card and a candy cane. It

made me feel happy because I did the right thing. I think the person I gave it to felt happy.

Harmony: Today I went to McDonald's to spread some holiday kindness. I gave a candy cane and a card to a worker at the store. After that, I saw her give away a free bag of chips. Finally, I'm pretty sure she felt awesome to spread the holiday spirit too. Happy Holidays!

Jayda: I just went into groups. I went with Mrs. Snider. We were giving away random acts of kindness. My group went to the Post Office, Red and White. Mrs. Barr's group went to Red Apple. Mrs. Klare went to the Chevron and All West Glass. I felt a

tinsy bit shy at the Red and White. I gave mine to a worker. He seems nice. When I gave it to the worker he had a big smile, so I smiled back. It was cool!  
BEST DAY EVER!

The boys and girls in room 8 would like to send out a huge thank you to Kaylee's mom and grandma (Joni and Shirley) for their random act of kindness on Friday. We were just settling in to Show and Tell and our Pay It Forward novel when there was a knock at the door. Dimitri opened the door to find these two generous ladies with apples for each of the children. Thank you, thank you! The apples were a delicious surprise and they hit the spot after a long week of hard work. What a nice treat. We'll be sure to pay your kindness forward to others this week.

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**Special points of interest:**

**\*CONCERT FEES**

**ARE DUE.....**

Parents are encouraged to bring their \$10. dollars when attending the Christmas Assembly, December 17th (1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.)

**THANK YOU**

New Hazelton Elementary would like to say Thank you to Mrs. Brenda Wiebe for a donation from the Craft Fair that was held in the school November 30, 2014. The donation will be used for much needed outside equipment that will benefit all of the students. Your volunteering and contribution to the staff and students are much appreciated, Thank you Mrs. Wiebe!

**NEWS from the LIBRARY**

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Scholastic Book fair!  
Our total sales were \$2000+

All the proceeds go right back into our NHE Library.

Thank you to all the people that assisted in setting up and hosting the Book fair!  
It is nice to have current titles and have the opportunity to replace some well read books.



## Principal's December Message

As I sit at my computer on this cold but beautiful Sunday morning, after coming to school to open the gym for the Craft Fair, I can sit and think about the wonderful year that has gone by. So many accomplishments to recognize....but I will try! Forgive me if I work backwards, it is easier to remember what is fresh in my mind.

- Practice for our Christmas Assembly on the 17th of December is ongoing. Don't forget to order your tickets for the evening performance when the order form comes from the Secretary's office. Our afternoon show is open to any and all parents/extended family who can come.
- Outstanding results from our first "Lock-down drill". In the words of Constable Baylin: "I am blown away, never expected this from an elementary school!" The objective is to lock all doors and hear no sounds, and we did this in under 20 seconds. We hope to never have to use this, but it is very important for all people in the school to know what to do and keep safe.
- Our theatre productions sponsored by the School District Office continue, it is always a huge success and a joy to see the appreciation of the children. The District Office needs us to help with the cost, and that is why we ask all students to bring in \$10 to help cover the costs. When you come to the school bring your fee with you so we can show our appreciation for this opportunity to promote the arts. We will have envelopes at the Christmas Assembly to help in the collection of this requested fee, thank you in advance for your support.
- Our Remembrance Assembly brought a thoughtful and respectful occasion to acknowledge our veterans. It always makes me so proud when I see the serious faces in the gym following along the singing of "Oh Canada" and keeping a minute of silence in remembrance of those who fought for our country.
- Thanksgiving brings us the importance of recognizing and thanking those who are in our lives, this was seen at the school at every corner, with every bulletin board, and classroom activities. This is my opportunity to thank all our staff here at New Hazelton Elementary, each and every one of you give so much every day! I find no thanks enough to distribute to all....
- I also want to thank all parents who support us every day, who trust us with the children's education, and who do an outstanding job through the PAC (Parent Advisory Council). This body has been formed to support the school and they have brought many big and smaller projects to completion. Some examples are the playgrounds you see on our grounds, helping teachers with teaching equipment, funding trips, providing fun occasions through the Halloween Dances and Fun Nights, there is no shortage of items on this list!!
- As a school we also want to thank the community for supporting us in our projects, plans, activities, assemblies, and most important of all: coming to the school to work with us in providing a public education. We have a strong presence of elders in our school through different programs and plan to increase this as much as possible.
- I would be remiss not to dedicate words to the outstanding work done by the ASSAI (After School Sports and Arts Initiative) crew. This is sponsored by the Ministry of Sports and Recreation through their DASH funds. We are in our fourth year, and each year brings more achievements to the table. Last year was the first time to include an art segment, the work produced was just mesmerizing. We will be having one of the art productions presented at our assembly, you will be impressed!
- Finally, I want to recognize that although our school year ended rather abruptly given the political situation, and started later we were able to navigate through this event without great consequences. This is a hard thing to do, and it is thanks to all our NHE family that we are now moving along in such a strong and positive way.

I take this opportunity to wish each and every one a safe and happy holiday, may 2015 bring peace, joy and success to all of you!

Carol E. B. Pickering, Principal



## **PAC NEWS—Wednesday December 10 Meeting is CANCELLED**

Next meeting is Wednesday January 14 at 6:30 pm in the school library and babysitting will be provided. Mark your calendars for the upcoming PAC meetings for 2015: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13 and June 10 (all Wednesdays).

Council:

PAC chairperson- Annette Peterson 250-842-6560 PAC vice chairperson - Cynthia Joseph  
Treasurer - Gemma Mousley  
Secretary- Judy Holbrook/Kelly Suhan

Have a fun and safe Christmas! See you in 2015!

New school trustee - Shar McCrory



## **GRADE 4/5 NEWS (Ms. McCreery)**

A big thank you to Tanis Nikkel, all the parents and to Mrs. Hobenshield for including us in the gingerbread houses. We were very lucky to be a part of this Christmas activity.

The Grade 4/5 class has been working on filling the "Mindfulness" jar since the start of school. Last week, they did it! On Monday we had pizza and games to celebrate. This class worked really hard for this reward and it was well-deserved.

In math, we are working on different ways to represent whole numbers and

are starting the section on estimation. All students will have at least one sheet of math homework each week.

Your child will usually bring home one math sheet and twenty spelling words to study each week unless the week is short or we have a test. Reading bags will be coming home this week, too. If you're not sure what homework has been assigned, you are always welcome to phone, send a note in the agenda or drop by. Students are responsible to ask for and complete missed assignments or tests; I will facilitate this, but I expect intermediate students to

take the initiative in catching up on classwork.

We are singing "The Reindeer Hula" for our Christmas assembly. Please remind your child to practice their song—all students have a copy of the lyrics that was sent home last week. If you would like to listen to the music I have a c.d. to lend or you could look the song up on YouTube.

Happy Holidays!

## **GRADE 6/7 (Mr. Barr)**

The kids are busy getting their work completed before the holiday break. I have encouraged any who have not got work completed to get it done over the break to avoid getting buried once they get back with more assignments. An Interim report will be released in the new year to allow you the opportunity to see what

still needs to be done for term 2 before it's conclusion. We hope to see many of you next week during our Christmas Assembly. Anyone who wanted to be a part of it was given the opportunity to do so in some form. If you need to contact me please give me a shout via phone or my email.

Thanks, Mr. G. Barr



## GRADE 1/2 (Mrs. Hobenshield)

In math both groups continue to work on subtraction from 10, grade twos- subtraction from 20. We have also practiced **pairs for 5**. Ask your child to say the six math sentences for this concept. The math words: largest/biggest, smallest, more and less will be introduced and with these words we will be making number sentences and picking out the largest and smallest number from a given set. We will also practice counting by tens, 10-100.

In writing **topic sentence** and **sound words** has been introduced. We are using these two in our writing.

We have 6 students in grade 2 who correctly spelled all of the pack one words. Congratulations! They have moved on to the spelling of the pack two words. One student in grade one has also correctly spelled all of the pack one words. Well done!

In social studies we are working on our Human Environment unit. We are practicing to correctly identify on a world map the 5 oceans and the 7 continents. We will be moving on to a map of Canada and identifying our country's capital as well as our province's capital.

In Health and Careers we are working on our Career Development unit. We are discussing careers/jobs that take place outside and those that take place inside. We will be moving on to looking at what specific careers sound like, dress, tools and place of work.

There are writing samples to view on page 6 of the newsletter.

## K/GRADE 1 (Mrs. D. Bartsch)

We are busy getting ready for our Christmas Assembly on Wednesday December 17th. Your child does not require any special costume for our presentation.

The children have been happily making some special gifts to share with their families this Christmas.

Over the holidays please

keep up a routine of reading to your child. Grade one students should also be practicing their sight words. Congratulations goes out to Trey Johnson for being the first grade one student to master the Pre-Primer words.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas with your friends and family.



## 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.

**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.



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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. Dec. 10th IS CANCELLED –see you JANUARY 14 @ 6:30 P.M.
- ◇ Friday, December 12—ticket request forms (evening performance only) for our CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY will be sent home with one child of your family
- ◇ Monday, December 15—completed ticket request forms are due back at the school office
- ◇ Tuesday, December 16— tickets will be ready for pickup at the office or they will be sent home with your child
- ◇ Christmas Assembly Wed, December 17th 1:30 + 6:30 (tickets needed for the evening assembly only)
- ◇ Last day of school is Friday Dec 19 (it is a full day of school)
- ◇ First day back after winter break is MONDAY JANUARY 5

◇ HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

### POLICE INFORMATION CHECKS

Remember....Police Information Checks are no longer required once a year, they are now good for 18 months and the school will notify you when it is time to have another.

### ⇒ **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:

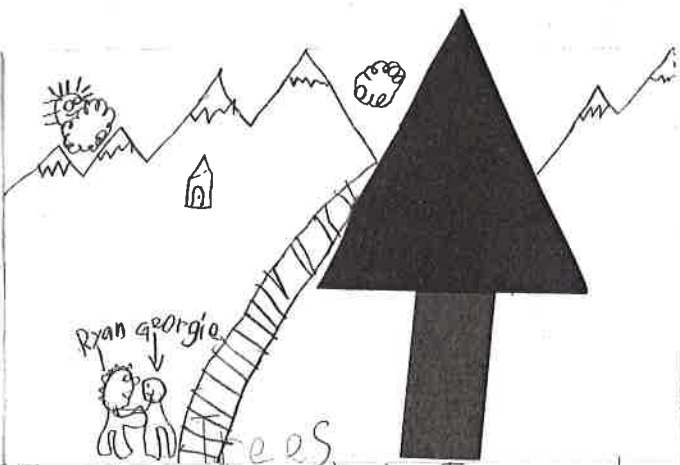
- 1) If picking up your child, please wait in the east entrance (by the medical room) for them. Walkers and those getting picked up come down the hall and leave by the side entrance.
- 2) If your child has a change to their routine (not taking bus, or taking the bus), please send a note with your child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



Did you know?  
 Did you know a crow  
 is the owl's enemy?  
 Did you know owls are  
 protected birds? Did you  
 know owls mostly  
 eat rodents?

Shaneal  
 gr. 2.



Trees are important. Trees clean  
 away air. We make paper out of  
 trees. We make lumber out of trees.  
 We build houses out of trees.

by George  
 gr. 2.

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Skating is fun. My skates are  
 black. I love twirling on the ice.  
 Bang! I hit my bum.

by Amy  
 gr. 1.

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ADVENTURES UPDATE

Funded by the

Ministry of Community Sport & Cultural Development – our 4<sup>th</sup> Year!  
The Ministry's PROGRAM GUIDELINES limit our Program's Children to 20 in each  
'age group' for the Upcoming Session (*begins JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015*)

### **SIGN-UP NIGHT AT THE NHE GYM**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON - JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**\* PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST REGISTER \***

**\* THEIR CHILDREN FOR THIS SESSION \***

**From: 2:45 PM to 5:15 PM**

*If we receive over 20 registrations in an 'age group'  
there are several criteria we apply (as given to us from the  
Ministry Of Community Sport & Cultural Development)*

This Session, The Nights Are:

*(EVERY NIGHT WITH TRANSPORTATION)*

#### TUESDAYS:

Grades K to 3's only from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

#### THURSDAYS:

Grades 4 to 7's only 3:00pm to 5:00pm

#### ALTERNATING WEDNESDAYS

Grades 5 to 7 ONLY - Starting Jan 21  
(3:00pm to 5:00pm)

??? QUESTIONS ???

**CONTACT M. HARRIS BY EMAIL : (marylee.harris@cmsd.bc.ca)**

**OR BY CELL PHONE AFTER 5 PM (250-842-3172)**

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## ROOM SEVEN (Mrs. O'Hara)

These past few weeks we have been learning about Place Value in Math. Most students understand it or are on the verge of understanding so make sure you go over the homework that goes home today. There are some great videos on YouTube that help explain Place Value. Check out Mr. R.'s songs for teaching.

For Social Studies we have been looking at different communities in BC and this week we will make a brochure on Hazelton.

Just a reminder that students need a permission slip signed by you to allow them to bring library books home. If you want a permission slip just write me a note in the agenda and I will send it home for you.

This week and next week we will be studying grammar instead of our regular spelling program. I hope you got the words to study for the test on Friday. I sent them home this past Monday.

The kids have chosen their own songs for the Christmas Concert and are pretty excited about performing them for you next week. I hope to see you all there!

Have a great week. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs. J. O'Hara

## HELLO from ROOM 12 (Kindergarten)

We are now half way to celebrating our 100th day of school. With this warm weather, there are lots of puddles and mud. If students fall down, we do not have spare clothing at the school for them to change into. Please be sure that your child has an extra pair of pants at the school just in case.

Our Christmas concert is Wednesday December 17th at 1:30

and 6:30 pm. The kindergartens will be doing the 'Welcome Song' so it is important that they be at the school by 6:15 pm at the very latest for the evening performance.

The boys will be wearing a black vest. It would be nice if they had a red, white or black shirt underneath. The girls will be wearing a red poncho which pretty much covers up their whole outfit.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



## BC NORTHERN WINTER GAME VISIT



## ROOM ONE NEWS (Ms. Plewak)

The students are studying the ancient culture of the Incas. They are learning about the environment where the Inca lived, how they earned a living, what they ate and how they built their homes and temples. They are making many comparisons with traditional Gitksan culture. The students learned that quinoa is an ancient grain grown by the Inca and is still cultivated today by the Peruvian people. They had a sample of quinoa salad and I think most of them liked it. Ask about how the Incas lived during

your next family meal.

In math, the students are studying algebra. It is coming easy for most, but can be challenging for others. Ask about math homework nightly. Again, if you would like me to send an email about homework please email me at [jplewak@cmsd.bc.ca](mailto:jplewak@cmsd.bc.ca)

Mrs. Barnes, Scott's mom, has purchased and donated a set of reindeer antlers for the whole class! She must have been feeling the Christmas Spirit early this year! I do appreciate her

generosity so if you see Pam, be sure to thank her. The students are practising every day and I look forward to the concert.

Many students have brought in the \$2.00 for the Gingerbread house. Mrs. Hobenshield has donated her left over candy from their craft, so the kids will not need to bring in candy, unless they want something special. They need to have the money in by this Friday so I can buy the supplies. We will be building the houses on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Have a great holiday and a

