



New Hazelton Elementary
'A Community of Readers'

JANUARY 21, 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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear New Hazelton Community;

January has started out as the month to set our goals for the week/month/year! Here at New Hazelton Elementary we are talking about the importance of having a direction with our students and staff, developing goals and checking them with teachers, parents, and each other so we can become a close community school. We strive to keep working and doing our best every day, and every day a student shares their goal during our morning P.A. message.

I want to take the opportunity to thank parents and teachers for the hard work put into our "Christmas Assembly" which was simple but sincere. There was a variety of presentations, from a piano solo to a mini-play, and lots of Christmas songs and music. I've had many adults come to

comment on how much they enjoyed the production this time, great job everyone!

Here at school, our showcase for the month of January is a display of some curriculum content learned by the students. Do come by the school to see it! We also have our very own art production of the "Stekyoden" mountain, donated to the school by the After School Sports and Arts Initiative or as commonly known as "The after School Program". During their last session last school year, they held the arts content and painted the mural now situated in our front hallway.

We do encourage parents to participate in school activities; let your child's teacher know in what capacity you would like to/and or able to contribute. For example, there is a fun night on the horizon being organized by the PAC parents which will need volunteers. Finally and as always, we

recognize our parents as partners and supporters: A big "Thank You" to you, who are advocating for the best education for students, positive attitudes and support for the school which go a long way towards this goal.

Sincerely,
Carol Pickering
Principal NHE



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Special points of interest:

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

*\$10. to the Secretary,
Thank you*

HAZELTON AFTERSCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

The Concert will be on Thursday January 22nd, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Hazelton Secondary Multipurpose Room.

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION & CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR KINDERGARTEN. (info pages 4 and 5)
Read all information carefully and please come in to register your child.**

GRADE 3/4 NEWS (Mrs. Barr)

The grade 3-4 class have been spending a lot of time **writing**. Using the story from the First Nations Library at Hazelton Secondary called A Team Like No Other by Georgia Graham, the boys and girls created one-word-notes in teams. They then used these notes to write paragraphs of information to summarize short sections of the book. Ask your child about **paragraphs**. What should they look like? What does indenting mean? How is an introductory paragraph different than the main body paragraphs? Why do we double space our work when writing rough copies?

Each student is now working on a **mapping project** in Social Studies. They have a list of criteria to include in their work as they create either a map of a room or a treasure map. Ask your child which type of map they are making. What features must they include on their map to meet the marking criteria (legend, title, scale, symbols, etc.)? Why is neatness important on this project?

In Mathematics, the students have been practicing their **multiplication skills** using games with dice and playing cards. Ask your child about the Spiral Multiplication game. I have sent home the instructions so that you can try it together.

Foundation Skills Assessment **exams** will begin on Monday, Jan. 26th for the grade 4 students. A schedule of times was sent home last week in their planners. All tests take place before recess each day, so please arrive promptly by at least 8:55 a.m. each day.

Weekly **homework sheets** have been sent home every Monday and they are due back, completed, by the following Monday. This week the sheet is printed on pink paper and asks the children to practice their multiplication skills using repeated addition sentences and arrays. Please, set aside some quiet time each night for your child to work on these homework sheets each night.

NHE P.A.C—next meeting is Wednesday Feb. 14, 2015 **All parents/guardians are welcome, babysitting provided**

The issue we are focused on now is addressing the concerns and thoughts of all parents about moving the grade 7 students to the high school and possibly the grade 6 students. Please come to the next meeting or write down your thoughts and send them to NHE PAC so we can share this information with the school board. At our last PAC meeting most parents who attended were not in favor of this plan.

We will be sending a note home for each family concerned to express their thoughts. Please do this and send it back to the school right away. Thank you! Feel free to call Annette at 250.842.6560 or email alpp@telus.net with your thoughts or ques-

tions.

PAC is honoring teachers and staff with a pizza, salad, dessert luncheon on Thursday to say thank you for all the hard work they do for our children. Feel free to send a note of thanks to your child's teacher as well.

FUN NIGHT date is Thursday April 23. We need many parents to help with this event so please let us know if YOU are available to help.

P.A.C. council:

- Cynthia Joseph, Vice Chairperson
- Gemma Mousley, Treasurer
- Secretary, J. Holbrook/K. Suhan
- Chairperson, Annette Peterson

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Chinese New Year—2015 year of the Goat

Chinese New Year 2015 will be the year of the goat. For people born in the year of the goat (1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003), 2015 is considered an auspicious year.

"Goats" are said to like to be in groups, they do not want to be the center of attention. They are honest, reserved, quiet, and can be easily moved by the misfortune of others.

Lucky Colors are brown, red and purple.

Lucky Numbers are 2 and 7

Lucky Flowers are carnation and primrose

Lucky direction is North.

Lucky months are August and November.

Thursday February 19th, 2015.



GRADE 6/7 NEWS (Mr. G. Barr)

Parents should be aware that a final Interim report will be out the first week in February with a final date for submissions before the second term formal report is issued. Please look for

this from your son or daughter during that week. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via my email or by phone here at the school using extension 3003. Soon we will be

moving into term 3 work and beginning new units so take the time to ask them what new work they will be starting in mid February. Mr. G. Barr

NEWS from GRADE 1/2 (Mrs. Hobenshield)

In writing we are working on our second guided comparative write. We compared police officers and fire persons. We will continue to work on comparative writing for the month of January.

In math both groups continue to practice building numbers using both addition and subtraction sentences. Our new concept is money: the students are practicing naming all the coins and making money amounts using the coins. This

skill uses counting by fives and tens.

We have Lily H and Amy G, in grade one, who have mastered the reading and writing of packs one and two. Sierra G, George M, Teagon J, Lily G, and Zechariah K, in grade two, who have mastered packs one and two as well. Good work!

In social studies we have completed our map of Canada. We will now be working on a map of British Columbia and then

moving on to what our responsibilities to the local environment might look like.

In health and careers we have classified jobs in several different ways. We will be looking at effective work habits.

Book orders are due **Jan 30**.

Jan 30 is jersey day. Students are invited to wear any type of sports jersey or t shirt that day.

NEWS from GRADE 2/3 (Mrs. O'Hara)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of January already! We have been pretty busy this year so far. In science we are finishing up a unit on solids, liquids and gasses. Ask your children to tell you what 'dissolve' means. Our writing lessons have been about comparative writing. Right now we are comparing cats and dogs but your children came up with lots of great ideas of things to compare for future paragraphs.

The school's theme for this month is 'Goal

Setting'. Everyone in the class (including me!) has set a goal and we are recording our progress. Ask your child what their goal is for this week. Jana, Jesse, and Makayla shared their goal on the announcements this week.

I sent home a letter that needs to be signed for our upcoming Health Unit (Joey Wants to Know). If you have not yet returned it can you please do so A.S.A.P.?

Many students do not have scissors. Ask your child if they have scissors and if not,

they need a new pair. So many of our activities depend on them! Also, many students are running out of pencils and erasers.

REMINDER: The Scholastic book order is due this Friday, January 23rd.

Thank you to those of you who have donated tissue boxes!

Have a great week!

Mrs. J. O'Hara



REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR KINDERGARTEN

In preparation for the 2015 - 2016 school year, the Board of Education is seeking the cooperation of parents in registering their child on the following dates. If you have not already done so, pre-registration is requested in order to provide the School District Administration the time to plan staffing to meet school needs.

SCHOOLS ARE OPEN TO TAKE REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM BETWEEN JANUARY 12, 2015 AND MARCH 6, 2015

The School District will make every effort to place students who have registered by March 6, 2015 in their catchment area school. Students registering after March 6, 2015 may not be granted a place in their catchment area school.

To be eligible for entry to school in September 2015 students must be **five years of age on or before December 31, 2015**. A birth certificate, proof of immunization and a BC Care Card will be required at the time of registration.

To register for Kindergarten classes, please register your child at your neighbourhood primary/elementary school.

TERRACE/THORNHILL

Cassie Hall Elementary	Principal, Ms. S. Thorhaug	Phone: 250-635-5646
Ecole Mountainview*	Principal, Ms. M. Champion	Phone: 250-635-3115
North Coast Distance Education	Principal, Ms. C. Sousa	Phone: 250-635-7944
Suwilaawks Community School	Principal, Ms. P. Kawinsky	Phone: 250-638-0306
Thornhill Primary	Principal, Ms. D. Bragg-Hounsell	Phone: 250-635-7066
Uplands Elementary	Principal, Ms. J. Nieckarz	Phone: 250-635-2721

KITIMAT

Kildala Elementary*	Principal, Ms. J. Hittel	Phone: 250-632-6194
Nechako Elementary	Principal, Mr. D. Mills	Phone: 250-632-2912

HAZELTON/KITWANGA

Majagaleehl Gali Aks Elementary*	Principal, Mr. M. Newbery	Phone: 250-842-5313
New Hazelton Elementary	Principal, Ms. C. Pickering	Phone: 250-842-5777
Kitwanga Elementary	Principal, Ms. J. Wells	Phone: 250-849-5484

STEWART

Bear Valley School	Acting Principal, Mr. A. Calhoun	Phone: 250-636-2238
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If you wish information on school boundaries, please contact any of the principals listed above.

FRENCH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE ONE

- A student does not have to be of French origin to enrol in French Immersion.
- Registration for French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade One takes place at schools indicated with an *.
- Registration for French Immersion Grade One is for students presently attending Kindergarten in English, who would like to begin in the French Immersion Program.



NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION & CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION

School District 82 Policy 1030 outlines student attendance/catchment area procedures in accordance with Ministry of Education policies on *Schools of Choice*. It is important that parents take note of specific deadlines defined within this policy and ensure the procedures listed below are followed:

- 1. Students must be registered at their catchment area school.**
- 2. Cross Boundary/Out-of-Catchment Applications:** After registering at your catchment area school, applications must be received at your school of choice by **February 16, 2015** for the 2015-2016 school year.
- 3. New In-Catchment Registrations:** Registrations will be received up to **March 6, 2015** for new students including Kindergarten. Applications received after this date will have to wait until school staffing is complete before receiving status of school enrolment. Wait-listed students who are in catchment area may be moved as soon as space is available.
- 4. Confirmation of Cross Boundary Applications:** By the first Friday following school opening, September 11, 2015, or as soon as possible following this date, pending staffing allocations and school configurations. Unsuccessful applicants may be held on a waiting list for the subsequent school year.
- 5. Notification of In-Catchment:** Wait-listed in-catchment area students will be notified of their status for the school year as soon as possible or by the first Friday following school opening.

Definitions:

- 1. Cross Boundary/Out-of-Catchment Students:** Those students who do not live within the defined attendance areas for the school they wish to attend.
- 2. In-Catchment Students:** Those students who live in the attendance areas defined for each school.

Inquiries regarding catchment areas should be directed to the principal of the school.



Today, I made sushi with Mrs. Olson! First, we had a sheet of seaweed. Then, we put some rice almost to the bottom. Next, we put fish on top of the rice. We rolled it up and cut it in pieces. We put soya sauce on it. Finally, I brought it to the classroom on a plate and shared it with my class.

By Roberta M.

News from Hazelton Area After-School Band Program

We are having a Christmas concert and it's only a month late! Yes, the band program is putting on their annual winter concert and it will be on Thursday, January 22, 7pm in the HSS multipurpose room. This is the first band concert of the school year and

because many of the players are beginners, this will be the first band concert ever for some students. Players in the band are from grade 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Orlando Wiebe
Band teacher



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.

NEWS from GRADE K/1 (Mrs. Bartsch)

I am hoping to take the children skating at our outdoor rink across from the school next week, weather permitting. We are outfitting the children with skates at the school if they do not have a pair. The local Thrift Store is an excellent place to purchase used skates if you wish to do so. Your child will require a permission slip to participate in the skating activity. I will send this home prior to the skating date. Parent vol-

unteers are welcome, provided you have a completed Police Information Check on file at the school.

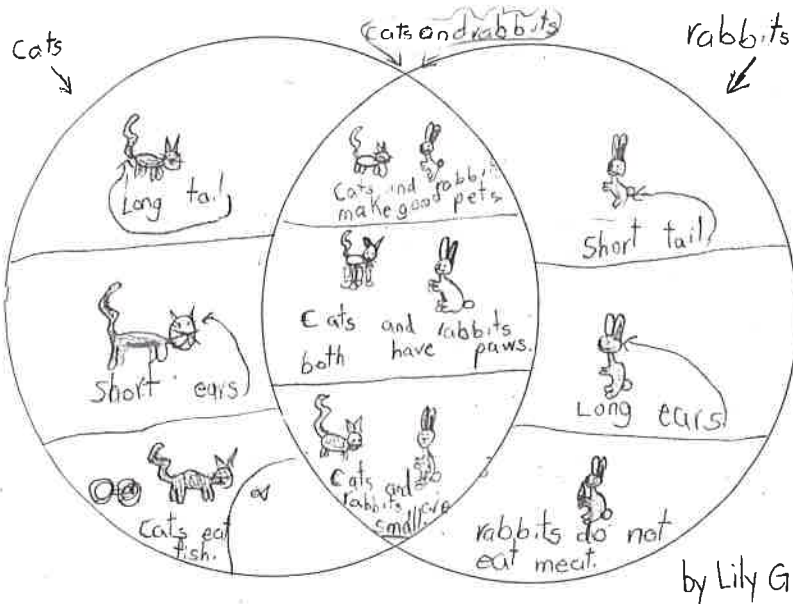
A BIG thank you to Mr. Barr's grade 7 students, Emma, Michelle, Toryn, Kaitlyn, Gijs and Marika who have been helping the grade ones learn their sight words. Please continue to practice these words at home with your child.

We have started to learn to play basic floor hockey in gym. The

children are certainly getting a good work out and learning the importance of teamwork.



Comparative Writing samples from Lily G & Shaneal



by Lily G

Cats And Rabbits
 Today I am writing about cats and rabbits. Cats and rabbits are both animals that can be pets. They both have 4 legs and paws. They both are small and have fur. Cats have short ears but rabbits have long ears. Cats have long tails but rabbits have short and fluffy tails. Also, cats eat meat but rabbits do not eat meat. I think cats and rabbits make good pets because they can be esy to take care of.

by Shaneal
gr. 2

HELLO FROM KINDERGARTEN

Hello from Room 12 (Kindergarten). It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through our school year. N.H.E.'s focus for this month has been goal setting. With that in mind, I have completed midterms for each student (which will be going home on Friday). At the midpoint in the year, it is a good time to look at each child's progress. Ideally, I would like all kindergartens to know all their letter names, most of their letter sounds and their number names to 20 by year end. As we are half way through the year, your child should know at least half (or 13) letter names and sounds by now. Please assist them if they don't. If you are in need of ideas or materials to assist your child, just call me.

In looking at our busy schedule, I am thinking that Wednesday afternoons may be the best time for our class to go skating. The school has extra skates and some helmets for children that do not have their own. Please complete the attached skating permission slip and, weather and ice condition permitting we will have our first skate Wednesday January 28th at the outdoor rink across from N.H.E.

Thank you

Mrs. C. Kern



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SPIRIT & LEADERSHIP

New Hazelton



For Your Information.....

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◇ Feb 6 is a NID (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ Feb 9 is Family Day (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ Feb 11 PAC MEETING @ 6:30
- ◇ Feb 19, Chinese New Year
- ◇ Feb 25, Wear Pink in Support of Anti-Bullying Day
- ◇ Mar 11 + 12 EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS
- ◇ Mar 11 PAC MEETING @ 6:30
- ◇ Mar 16-27 is SPRING BREAK
- ◇ Mar 30 BACK TO SCHOOL
- ◇ Apr 3 Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ Apr 6 Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)

BC FAMILY LITERACY WEEK IS JANUARY 24—31, 2015

for free family resources follow this link'

<http://decoda.ca/support-us/events/family-literacy-day/family-literacy-week-resources/>

****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!

⇒ **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.