



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.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and welcome to the year 2015. I hope you all experienced a restful, happy and fun holiday break.



With the New Year comes new skills and content. Each class will be learning new or expanded skills. It is ever so important this time of year for children to get sufficient sleep, nutrition and exercise. Please ensure that your child has a quiet place to study and work on homework. Your assistance may be required to support and monitor your child's homework.

SNOWHILLS & GEAR

Students are permitted to slide and climb on hills only when fully dressed in winter gear. Students should bring a change of clothes with them in the event they get wet or dirty.

KIDS' CLUB

At Mount Rocher Church, South Hazelton starts up again this Thursday, January 8 from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

WALKING/RUNNING CLUB

Starts up again next week.. Seeking parent help—please contact Ms. Campbell

*******Don't forget PAC meeting is Tuesday January 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Did you know? ... The New Year has not always begun on January 1, and it doesn't begin on that date everywhere today. It begins on that date only for cultures that use a 365-day solar calendar. January 1 became the beginning of the New Year in 46 B.C., when Julius Caesar developed a calendar that would more accurately reflect the seasons than previous calendars had.

Did you know? A cold front travels at a speed of about 30 miles per hour, faster than the fastest person can run. It may overtake any warm front ahead of it. The resulting mix of air is called an occluded front.

Did you know? ... The largest iceberg ever recorded worldwide was in the Arctic; it was 207 miles long and 62 miles wide.

JOKES & RIDDLES

Teacher: What's big and yellow and comes in the morning to brighten a mother's day?

Pupil: The school bus!

Child: I'm not going back to school ever again

Dad: Why ever not?

Child: The teacher doesn't know a thing.

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Special points of interest:

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

\$10. to the Secretary. Thank you

FLOOR HOCKEY

Mr. Barr is starting floor hockey in the gym with grades 5, 6 and 7 students (girls and boys). It will be a drop in event which will be held on Wednesday and Fridays from 12:15. to 12:45 starting on Wednesday January 14th.



NEW HAZELTON ALPINE FAMILY SPORT CLUB: New Hazelton Elementary School will be sponsoring an Alpine Sport Club for the 2015 winter season. All students and parents are encouraged to join this club. This club has a family focus. Students must be accompanied by a parent on these trips. **INFORMATION PACKAGES** will be sent home with students who indicate interest. Ms. Linford

Grade 1/2 News (Mrs. Hobenshield)

In writing we have moved on to nonfiction comparative writing. This writing has a set pattern: introduce **both**, things the **same**, things **different**, **end** and some vocabulary: **both**, **as well as similar**, **and**. Our first class write compared apples and oranges. It followed the plan we put together, the given pattern and used some of the specific vocabulary found in this type of writing.

In math both grades continue to read written sentences using the words **more** or **less** and then turn these into number sentences. (7, show 2 more. $7+2=9$). Both grades will be working on building numbers (7 is $2+5$, $3+4$, $1+6$, $10-3$) and counting and writing the tens numbers, 10-100, forwards and backwards.

Please continue to practice the sight word packs with your child- the reading and writing of. Congratulations to Amy G in grade 1, she has mastered the reading and spelling of both packs 1 and 2!

In social studies we have been working on our first map of Canada. We will be working on learning some facts about each province and territory and the names of our provincial capital city as well as Canada's capital city.

K/I NEWS



Welcome back to the start of the 2015 school year. The children will be reviewing the rules and routines of our classroom and school this week.

With winter conditions now upon us, please make sure your child is properly dressed with snowpants, mitts, hat, scarf, winter boots and jacket.

We are going to be learning about Canada over the next

few weeks in Social Studies focusing on our countries symbols.

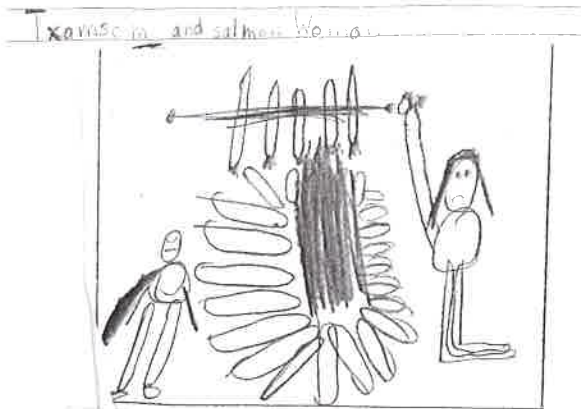
Please continue to help develop your child's sight word recognition and Kindergarten parents can help their child with the letter sounds of the alphabet.

Scholastic book orders are due on Friday January 9th if you are placing an order.

Mrs. Bartsch

CULTURE CLASS

The grade 1/2 class has been listening to stories about Txamsen, the trickster. These stories are illustrated by Stan Bevan and students in our class. Here is a sample.



My favorite part of the story is when Txamsen got a salmon woman.

Teagan gr. 2

Grade 3-4 NEWS

This month, the students in room 8 will be focusing on multiplication, mapping and making sure they complete all of their assignments. Grade 3 students need to memorize the multiplication facts up to 5 x 5. Grade 4 students need to memorize the multiplication facts up to 9 x 9 and they need to be able to show how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. Please make time at home for your child to practice memorizing their fact families. Both groups of students are learning to show multiplication facts in a variety of ways. They created flip books that showed equal groups, arrays, repeated addition, skip counting, number lines and line grids. Ask your child what he/she knows about the following things:

- the commutative property
- the identity property
- the terms factor and product
- what happens when numbers are multiplied by zero and 10
- the hand trick for the 3 family
- the family that doubles the factor and the family that doubles twice

In Social Studies classes, the students have been learning about mapping. They have been learning to use grids. They have each started to create a glossary of mapping terms by recording the meaning and a picture to define key words like globe, continent, ocean, symbols, grid and legend. To help at home, have your child find examples of maps at home or on the computer. Students can bring those maps to school to share with their classmates.

Grade 4 students have been reminded that a form called an I-letter will be sent home regularly this term with any child who does not complete all of their work during class time. The I-letter must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the school the next day. All incomplete work must be submitted by a specified date or a grade of F will be given for that assignment.

This week's homework assignment was sent home on Monday. The green sheet contains information about synonyms. All grade 4 students must complete it and return it to the school by Monday, Jan. 12th. Grade 3 students can complete the work as an extra challenge. Both grade 3 and grade 4 students also have Unit 10 spelling words to study for this Friday's test.

Scholastic book order forms for January were sent home on Monday and are due back by Friday, Jan. 16th.

GRADE 6/7 (Mr. G. Barr)

Students appear to be well rested and gung-ho for some new challenges. Before we begin though I thought it would be appropriate to let parents know how their son/daughter has been doing thus far in my classes so I have sent home an interim report to let you know if they are behind on any work. If you have not seen it, please ask for it before the school has to call looking for it. It needs to be signed and returned. I am available to the students if they need extra help or have ques-

tions on some days when I am not involved with extra curricular activities.

We are working with decimal numbers in Math and doing cursive handwriting in Skills classes. Reading classes have us working on non fiction book reports, while Socials has us investigating the activities of early man. In health classes we are doing a unit on drug prevention and continuing with our vocabulary lists in French. Please make it a habit to ask your son/daughter how they are doing in classes and engage

them in conversations about their class activities to foster positive school-home relations.

Mr. G. Barr Grade 6/7 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.

GR. 6/7 (Ms. Plewak)

Welcome to 2015! It's time to restock your child's pencil and eraser supply. It's amazing how quickly they get used up!

We are continuing with algebra in math, so ask your child if they have any unfinished work nightly. A progress report went home in December for students who were missing assignments. Another will go out in February. To avoid a pile of work,

remind your child to bring home unfinished work.

In Science we are starting a unit in Chemistry. There will be a lot of technical language, so review will be important. There will also be many experiments, so safety and responsible use of materials will also be important.

Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA tests), will be this month for grade 7. There will be 6 testing sessions for math, reading and writing. More info will be coming soon.

Ms. Plewak

Grade 1/2 (sample write from Aliyah)

Introduction to Comparative Writing. This was a class write.

Apples And Oranges
Today I am writing about
apples and oranges. They both
are a fruit. They both grow
on trees. They both have seeds.
Apples have different colored
skin but oranges have only
orange skin. Apples have white
flesh but oranges have orange
flesh. Oranges are soft and squishy
but apples are hard and crunchy.
by Aliyah gr.2.

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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 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:

- ◇ PAC meeting Wed Jan 14 @ 6:30
- ◇ Feb 6 is a NID (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ Feb 9 is Family Day (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ Feb 11 PAC MEETING @ 6:30
- ◇ 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)
- ◇ Apr 24 is NID (NO SCHOOL)

⇒ 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.