



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 MESSAGE

Dear New Hazelton Community:

Spring is around the corner! I just love to see the snow slowly receding, and those sunny days getting more frequent. Yesterday we had a special visitor, the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia who came to our school for a visit. It was a good learning opportunity on government protocol for the intermediate students, and we also got some books for the library. Also, some of our students finally saw the launching of the CD they have put together over the past two years!

Our school growth plan continues to be our direction to achieve stu-

dent 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. Starting in March, we begin to review the plan for next year with teachers and parents. If you would like to find out more and/or participate, come by to see me.

Social Responsibility is a strong area of attention for us; teachers are putting lessons into practice in the classroom to continue to promote the theme for this month on positivity. We encourage students to be positive and

supportive of one another, and enjoy some positive affirmations by students during our morning P.A. messages. I'd like to thank staff, parents, and community members for supporting us and making our school year so fantastic.

With field trips ramping up, 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 pre-requisite is the police information check required every 18 months. Don't hesitate to come in for any information, and remember you are welcome to visit anytime!

Cheers,
Carol Pickering,
Principal

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Special points of interest:
March 6th is the deadline for incoming kindergarten students.
There is only 7 days left.

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A BIG thank you goes to Ms. Zhou for her generous donation of candy and rice cakes to every class in the school so we could all celebrate the Chinese New Year. This year it is the Year of the Goat and Kellin did a good job of explaining some facts about the celebrations in China and explaining some of the cultural traditions of the Chinese. The snacks were enjoyed and appreciated by all. Thank you once again for your generosity from all of the students and staff. Mr. Barr

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION & CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR KINDERGARTEN. (info pages 7 and 8)
Read all information carefully and please come in to register your child.**

Grade 6/7 (Mr. Barr)

As the new term begins so do the new units of work. Students are busy learning about fractions in Math and we are examining a variety of short stories in Language Arts which are both fiction and non fiction. In Skills classes we are learning how to properly use quotation marks and we are preparing another write in our writing classes to practice the lessons we have been learning. Science has us examining different phenomena which modify the earth like volcanoes, earth quakes and glaciers.

We are designing dioramas in Art and being careful to take into consideration, background, middle ground and foreground. In French classes we just finished a report on the French culture in Quebec and New Brunswick and now we are back to learning some new words and practicing writing our dialogues. In Phys Ed. we are doing a unit on small games with emphasis on cooperation and fair play.

Second term reports are just around the corner and that means that interviews will be not too far behind. My schedule will be as follows: **Wednesday, March 11th 2-5pm (drop ins) and Thursday, March 12th (2-3 pm drop ins and afterwards by appointment only).** I look forward to seeing you on one of these dates. If you cannot make one of these dates or times then contact me to arrange an alternate time that will work for you.

Grade 6/7 Mr. Barr

KINDERGARTEN

These days I am feeling very thankful for supportive parents and grandparents. On February 11th, students were given very short notice to possibly bring something in for a "stone soup" that we would be making the next day. The result was amazing. We had so much produce come in! We were able to make a tasty vegetable soup that had 7 different veggies in it. Even more amazing was the number of 5 year olds that ate it up! We had enough vegetables to make the soup again last Thursday. Thank you for making our "Stone Soup" a hit.

On February 13th we had our first skating trip to the rink. I was so happy to see all of the families there! In total I think there were 18 adults that were either parents or grandparents of the students from our room. Thank you to all that drove, and/or helped out at the rink. For many of the students, it was their first time skating and to

have all the support there was great. We returned from the rink to have a few Valentine goodies. Thank you to the families that sent in food for us to enjoy.

February 19th was Chinese New Year's. The students made art work for the event. We paraded around the school with our dragon masks and had a few treats - Asian apple pears and fortune cookies. Gung hay fat choy!

On Monday, February 23rd, we had our second trip to the rink. This time we took the bus, but once again, many parents and a set of grandparents showed up to help out. (I think this time there were 13 people). We had a lot of fun and I can see an improvement already in the kid's skills. I am grateful that so many family members could be with us

We have one more celebration coming up. On Monday, March 9th it will be our 100th day of Kindergarten. There are two projects that the students can be involved in in honour of this day. The first is "100 for Charity". For this project, I am asking students if they

would like to bring in one or two non-perishable food items for the food bank. In total, we are hoping to have 100 items to donate. The second project is a 100 day display. Students can make their display out of 100 objects. They can be 100 of the same thing or 100 different things. An example might be the numeral 100 made out of 100 Cheerios. The students might also have a collection of 100 things that they want to show their classmates. Students can bring in donations or displays any time between now and March 9th.

This week we are celebrating two birthdays: Maxamus' on the 24th, and Kieran's on the 26th. Happy Birthday boys!

I have sent out the March book orders. If you are interested in purchasing anything, please send your order in by March 3rd.

Thank You from
Mrs. Kern

NEWS

GRADE FOUR / FIVE

Congratulations to the Grade 4/5 basketball team—they won their game against M.G.A. 26-12. It was such an exciting game! Everyone played hard and passed to their teammates, and even though their teacher knows literally nothing about basketball, they won. I was super proud of my students and I hope they were proud of themselves (as they should be)!

Please keep the homework coming back. I am entering marks this week for

report cards and I don't want to enter "zero" for any assignments. This week is the last week to turn in late or missing assignments. The students are aware of any missing assignments for math, so ask your child if you aren't sure.

Homework charts are made available to all students—those who want to enter our homework draw need to have recorded their assignments or at-home practice on a chart. This record (when submitted) is one part of my assessment for the "Work Hab-

its" section of the report card. Our homework draw prizes are good ones!

I hope each student is practicing times tables at home. I am assessing multiplication fact knowledge this week and we have some gaps to fill in! If students practice at home, they have a much better chance of learning their times tables. Those of you who are practicing, keep up the good work.

Ms. McCreery

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW TIMES: (Mar 11 + 12)

- **Ms. McCreery and Mr. Barr and Ms. Plewak**—Wednesday, March 11th 2-5pm (drop ins) and Thursday, March 12th (2-3 pm drop ins and afterwards by appointment only). I look forward to seeing you on one of these dates. If you cannot make one of these dates or times then contact me to arrange an alternate time that will work for you
- **Mrs. Barr**- The classroom will be open on Wednesday, March 11th between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for families to drop in with their children and look at what we worked on in second term. Thursday, March 12th will be reserved for parents who wish to set up pre-arranged meetings with the teacher. I am available between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on this day. If you wish to meet with me privately on this date, please write a note in your child's planner or call me at the school (extension 3008) to book an appointment.
- **Mrs. Bartsch**— For report card interviews, I will be having drop-in from 2–5 p.m. on Wednesday March 11th and by appointment only on Thursday, March 12th from 2–3 p.m.

Grade 1/2 (Mrs. Hobenshield)

Thank you to Ms. Nikkel and Ms. Gunanoot for the help at our Valentine celebration; all the students made a lovely heart craft and learned to finger knit compliments of these two ladies.

In writing we have started a new writing form. Ask your child about it.

In math we continue to practice our: addition/subtraction with one, ten and zero, as well as, making sets of money using the coins nickels and dimes. The grade twos also continue to practice

time to the hour and half hour. Our new unit will be on statistics and probability, making and reading tallies, bar graphs and pie graphs.

We have finished our "good work habits" posters and these are on display at the bakery. In socials we are working on posters about being environmentally friendly; two sample are included.

In socials we continue to practice facts about Canada and we are working on our map of British Columbia and recognizing

some of the important features and places of our province.

New book orders will be sent home next week, March.



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.

Grade 3-4 Newsletter

MATH:

Math is such an important part
Of everything we do.
We use it to spend our allowance
Or to see how much we grew.
We use it to cook in the kitchen
Or to plan a special day.
Even racing our little brother
Uses math in a special way!

The grade 3-4 class began a unit about division last week. The students have been introduced to terms like dividend, divisor, quotient, set, group, shared by, goes into and groups of. They are learning a number of strategies like relating it to repeated subtraction, using fact families from multiplication, using a multiplication table in a new way and skip counting. Thank you to Ms. Nikkel for helping us act out two story books about division. And the Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins and Bean Thirteen by Matthew McElligott both helped us learn about sharing, division, equal groups and remainders. Please ensure that your child has a quiet place at home to practice this new skill and to complete their weekly math homework sheets.

ART:

The boys and girls participated in an art appreciation exercise. A number of prints of famous artwork were set up around the room, gallery style. The students took a gallery walk with a partner to talk about features like color, line and texture. They also discussed why artists create art and what type of materials artists can use to create their work. They will now connect this subject to Language Arts by writing about their observations in paragraph form.

BOOK ORDERS:

Scholastic book order forms for March will be sent home soon and they are due back with payment on the last day of class before Spring Break.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES AND PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 12th are early dismissal days. Students will be sent home one hour early on each day. Please mark these dates on your calendars at home. The classroom will be open on Wednesday, March 11th between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for families to drop in with their children and look at what we worked on in second term. Thursday, March 12th will be reserved for parents who wish to set up pre-arranged meetings with the teacher. I am available between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on this day. If you wish to meet with me privately on this date, please write a note in your child's planner or call me at the school (extension 3008) to book an appointment.

K / GR. 1 (Mrs. Bartsch)

Well, we had another successful day of skating on Monday. It has been great watching the children gain their confidence on the ice. With any luck, we may get to go to the arena one more time before Spring Break.

On Monday March 7th, 2015 we will be celebrating the 100th day of school. I hope to have several fun activities organized for the children to do that day.

If you are ordering from Scholastic, the orders are due on **Friday, February 27th 2015.**

For report card interviews, I will be having drop-in from 2—5 p.m. on Wednesday March 11th and by appointment only on Thursday, March 12th from 2—3 p.m.

PAC

(Parents Advisory Council)

Next meeting: Wednesday March 11 at 6:30 pm -

All parents and guardians welcome! Babysitting is provided!

****We will attempt to have live video conferencing. Please email Annette your email address and phone number to connect you to the meeting****

Important dates:

April 8 - PAC meeting

April 23 - Fun Night

May 13 - PAC meeting

June 10 - PAC meeting

Re: Reconfiguration

The school board has ended the current discussion to move the grade 7's to the high school. The new motion is as follows:

"the Board mandates that the Hazelton/Kitwanga Grade Reconfiguration Committee be absolved. Coast Mountains School District 82 strives for improved graduation rates for all learners, including those in the Hazelton/Kitwanga region. In an attempt to address the graduation rates in the Hazelton/Kitwanga area, public community consultation will be explored for possible interventions.

These will be important meetings for you to attend and share your ideas and opinions. PAC will attempt to keep you posted as to what is happening.

Fun Night - 6 - 8 pm Thursday April 23

We need lots of parent volunteers for this event to be successful. Please contact Jodi or Annette.

Email Annette at alpp@telus.net or 250-842-6560.

Jobs to do:

- help with a game
- BBQ hotdogs/hamburgers
- work in the concession
- sell tickets
- and more....

PAC Council:

Vice Chairperson - Cynthia Joseph

Treasurer - Gemma Mousley

Secretary - Judy Holbrook/Kelly Suhan

Chairperson - Annette Peterson

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BE POSITIVE

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:

- ◇ REPORT CARDS HOME Mar. 9th
- ◇ PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS TIMES—SEE PAGE 3
- ◇ NEXT newsletter will be Mar. 11
- ◇ **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 8 PAC MEETING
- ◇ Apr 23 FUN NIGHT
- ◇ Apr 24 is NIC (No School)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO MARCH 6, 2015.

ONLY SEVEN (7) DAYS LEFT ... *don't be disappointed, come in to register*

⇒ 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.



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.



Coast Mountains Board of Education

School District 82

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

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| 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

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

HAZELTON/KITWANGA

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| 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

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| 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.

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