



New Hazelton Elementary
'A Community of Readers'

MARCH 11, 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.

VICE-PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

POSITIVITY

The focus for the month of February and into March is to be positive. Conversations have taken place around positivity and some of the students added to the morning announcements by sharing their ideas and ways to be positive.



TERM 2 REPORTS

By now you will have received a copy of your child's report card. Please take the opportunity to come in to school to view your child's work and discuss their progress with the teacher. Interviews and student-led conferences are being held today from 2 pm to 6 pm. Tomorrow students will be dismissed an hour early just like today to give parents an-

other opportunity to talk with the teacher - these are by appointment only, so if you can't make it in today, call the school 250-842-5777 and arrange for an appointment.

Come and view the famous artists' gallery that is now on display in the school hallway. Mrs. Campbell's Gr. 6/7 art class has been learning about famous artists and they had the opportunity to recreate some of their well-known masterpieces. We have many "budding artists" in our mist.

UPCOMING EVENTS



This Friday before we go on holiday, we are going to celebrate "St. Patrick's Day" early by wearing green. Please encourage your child to wear green and join in the collective spirit of the day.

On the Thursday after we get

back from holidays, we will be celebrating Easter with the traditional Hat & Bonnet Parade and Easter Hunt. This will take place on April 2nd. Everyone needs to be encouraged to create their own hat and decorate it up making it festive and "spring" like.

After Easter we will be organizing a Gr. 7 grad committee to help plan the festivities - stay tuned!



Earth Day is in the middle of April. We are reminded annually to be good stewards of the planet. The annual "Pitch-In" day will be taking place during the week of April 20th - 24th giving us an opportunity to help out in the school neighbourhood. Everyone will be welcome to come out and help. Take this opportunity with your family to give back to the earth by doing some earth friendly activities.



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Special points of interest:

Wear GREEN

On Friday

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICKS DAY..



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS: Parents/Guardians please remember to go through the lost and found on both early dismissal days (Wed. & Thurs) to pick up your child's missing clothing, boots, gloves, socks, mittens etc. ALL items left will be taken to the thrift shop during spring break. You will find all lost and found items displayed on the boxes in the boot room.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS: please remember to sign the **brown report card envelope** and return it to school with your child by no later than Friday. Thank you

100 day celebration for Kindergarten



FUN IN THE CULTURE ROOM



GRADE 3/4-Mrs. Barr

Report cards for term two were sent home on Monday. Please keep the papers, but sign and return the envelope to the school. Early dismissal days are Wednesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 12th. Students will be dismissed one hour early.

For Mrs. Barr's class, student-led conferences will take place between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11th in room 8. Please join your child as they share all of their work from term two and help them to set goals for term three. The Cultural Awareness room will be open too and students are eager to show off their paintings, weavings and territory maps. If

you wish to speak privately with Mrs. Barr, please write a note in your child's planner or call the school (ext. 3008) to set up an appointment between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. for Thursday, March 12th.

Please check with your child to see if they need any supplies for third term. Some indoor shoes are getting too small or need new laces. Pencils, glue sticks and erasers are the supplies that some students are currently in need of.

In Mathematics, students are learning to divide with remainders. Please take time to practice this skill at home as we will be starting

long division after the spring break.

Join in the April fun! There are 3 exciting events being held in April. On April 2nd there will be a Hat Parade and Egg Hunt. Get creative! Make your best Easter bonnet or hat and wear it to school for the parade. On April 22nd students will participate in Earth Day by cleaning up the community.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW TIMES: (Mar 11 + 12)

Dear Parents and Guardians: Please see the scheduled times for meeting with your child/children's teachers:

Wednesday 11th starting at 2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten/Mrs. Kern: Scheduled appointments

Kinder & Grade 1/Mrs. Bartsch: Drop in for parents from 2:00 p.m. till 5:00 pm

Grade 1 & Grade 2/Mrs. Hobenshield: Student led conferences from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Grade 2 & Grade 3/Mrs. O'Hara: Student led conferences from 2:00 to 3:30 pm and appointments from 3:30 to 6:00 pm

Grade 3 & Grade 4/Mrs. Barr: Drop in for families and their children from 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Grade 4 & Grade 5/Mrs. McCreery: Drop in from 2:00 to 5 p.m.

Grade 6 & Grade 7/Mr. Barr: Drop in from 2:00 to 5 p.m.

Grade 6 & Grade 7/Ms. Plewak: Drop in from 2:00 to 5 p.m.

Thursday: All meetings by appointments.

Don't forget: Both Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th school finishes one hour earlier, so buses will be one hour earlier at their stops for drop-off.

If you would like to schedule an appointment please call the school at 250-842-5777

K / GR 1 (Mrs. Bartsch)

We have started our "Food Explorers" unit. The children will be cooking and sampling two foods from each of the four main food groups. So far we made fruit / yogurt parfaits and spaghetti squash with cheese. The children are being encouraged to try new foods. I am also tracking their choices of healthy snacks. Each day they will receive a sticker if they choose a fruit or vege-

table for a snack. I will do the tracking until the end of April.

Have a relaxing Spring Break.
Please read to your child daily.



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.

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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:

- ◇ Mar 11 + 12 EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS(TODAY AND TOMORROW)
- ◇ Mar 11 PAC MEETING @ 6:30
- ◇ Mar 16-27 is SPRING BREAK
- ◇ Mar 30 BACK TO SCHOOL
- ◇ Apr 2 Hat Parade and Egg Hunt
- ◇ Apr 3 Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ Apr 6 Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
- ◇ APR 8 PAC MEETING
- ◇ Apr 22 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY
- ◇ Apr 22 Earth Day (cleaning up the community)
- ◇ Apr 23 FUN NIGHT
- ◇ Apr 24 is NID (No School)

March 13 (Friday)

Wear green

⇒ FRIENDLY REMINDER:

As parents, you can appreciate how hectic it gets when organizing your own child to go places. Here we have 168 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.

PAC

(Parents Advisory Council)

For parents and guardians of NHE students.

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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GRADE 1/2 (Mrs. Hobenshield)

In writing we continue to practice our new form: **Instruct**. Our first practice together was titled: **How To Get Ready In Room 9**.

Our second practice was titled: **How To Make Fruit Salad**. This one will be available to view at the student led conference. Our next write will be titled: **How To Make Mom Happy**. Samples will be in the next newsletter.

Our guided reading groups are focusing on "what's the big idea" of this piece of text? Of course, we continue to focus on the sight words as well as developing fluency.

In socials we are moving on governance and identity; fancy names for our rights and responsibilities as citizens, and our community and how we change and our needs are

met.

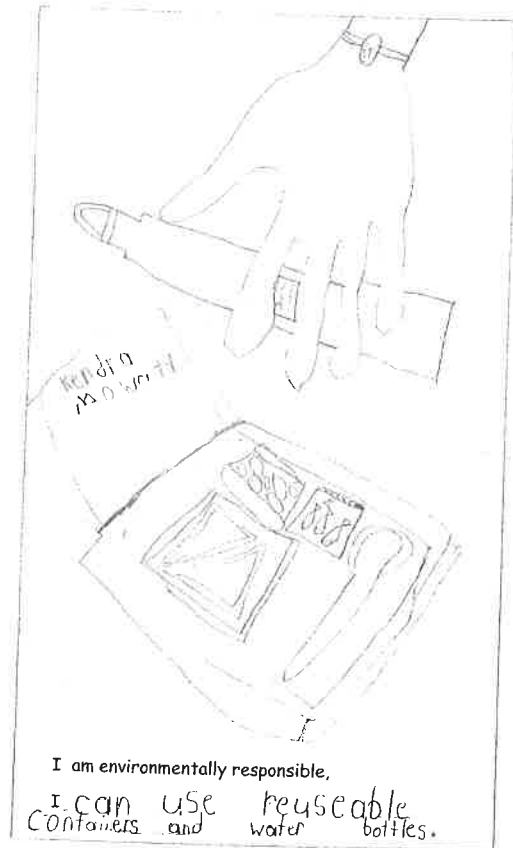
In math we are working on completing a tally and turning this information into a bar graph. We also work on addition of multiples of ten and five, addition of doubles to ten, and pairs for 10.

Book orders are due Friday.

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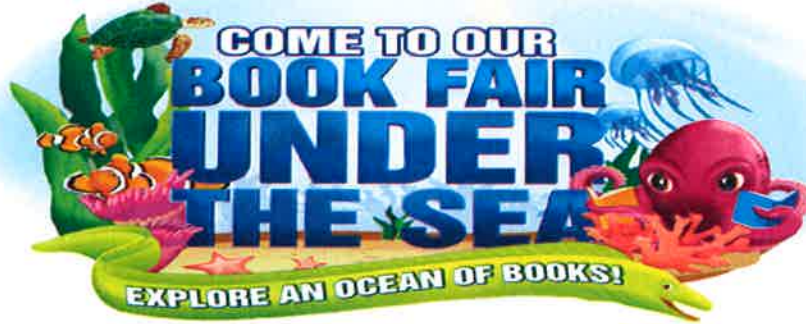
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Great News from the NHE Library

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair for 1 DAY!



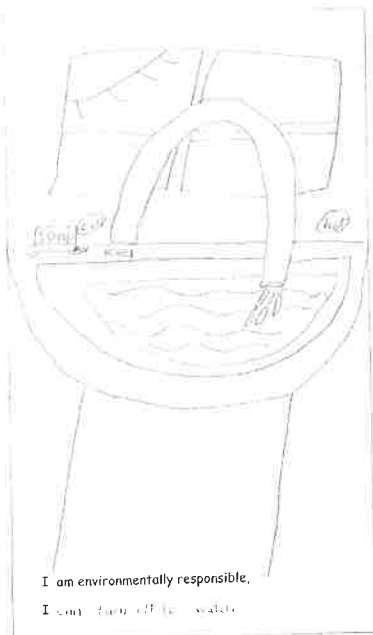
DATE: Wednesday April 22, 2015 - TIME: 8am to 4pm

Come Out & Support Our Library!!!

From: M. Harris

GRADE 1/2

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE POSTERS BY:



I am environmentally responsible,
I can turn off the water.

Amy



I am environmentally responsible,
I can recycle bottles, cans and cardboard.

Zech



I am environmentally responsible,
I can use paper and other
and books to learn in school.

Desmond

GRADE 2/3 (Mrs. O'Hara)

I am looking forward to seeing you today and tomorrow at the parent teacher interviews. Your children have a lot of work that they are looking forward to showing you. Drop in visits can be extended to 5:00 pm on Thursday as I do not have any appointments booked for that day.

Students are learning how exact they have to be when writing 'How-to's. Our first one was How to brush your teeth.

Your children did a fantastic recreation of a scene from Charlotte's Web. We started reading this book at the beginning of the year. I would read during snack time and we just finished last week. What a great book about friendship!

Our theme continues to be positive thinking and all students have an improved attitude toward their work and others.

All students are pretty interested in

the Solar System. You might want to think about this next time you are at the library.

For math we are doing double-digit addition with carrying, this would be a great thing to practice over the break. Counting dimes and pennies (if you still have any) will help with this concept.

Enjoy your break!

INTERMEDIATE EGG DROP 2015 (Thurs. April 2)

- Students in Ms. McCreedy's, Ms. Plewak and Mr. Barr's classes can participate in the Egg Drop.
- One raw egg in the shell must be packaged in a container that is no larger than 10 cm.
- Any kind of packaging is permissible (styrofoam, jello, cloth, bubble wrap).
- Label your package with your name and grade level.

You are only limited by your imagination!

May the best packaged eggs survive!

GRADE 6/7 (Ms. Plewak)

looking ahead to the next term:

Popsicle stick bridge building contest in Kitimat in April. Forms and info will go out after spring break.

Track and Field in June - start spring training (running, ball throw, high jump and ball throw).

Preparing and planting the garden - May

Fun night - April

Aboriginal Day Talent Show. End of June. Will need volunteers to help.

Grade 7 Grad - Toni Denny has volunteered to help order the hoodies. Parents, start thinking about preparing for your grade 7 student. Any one else wishing to help, please contact me.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

This was a most exciting time for all those involved in the After School Club. Besides gaining and growing our fundamental movement skills, we played some pretty neat games, learned more about friendship, working as a team, caring & sharing with each other and those not in our group.

The Grades 4 - 7 were so excited when the Zorb Balls arrived - we learned how to use them and then went on a field trip to another school to teach them and play a few games of Zorb Soccer!

The K – 4s went to a Ranch where we were introduced to a whole bunch of farm animals, rode some ponies, lead around some Llamas, had a weinie & marshmallow roast, and a lot of fun on the bus.

We ended this season with a field trip to Smithers Climbing Wall at the BV Pool & Rec Centre and the Smithers Bowling Alley – with lunch.

Many Thanks to the 'Smithers Bowling Alley' and to 'A & W Smithers' for supporting our children on this field trip with a discount!

