

**New Hazelton Elementary
'A Community of Readers'**

APRIL 22, 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.

MRS. BARR (3/4)

The grade 3-4 class have been learning to include dialogue in their writing. Ask your child to point out where quotation marks and commas are placed in the books that they are reading at home. We have been practicing changing the speech bubbles in cartoons, like Calvin and Hobbes and Elephant and Piggie, into indented dialogue that starts on a new line for each new speaker and that uses quotation marks and commas. We've also been enjoying the Pigeon books by Mo Willems. These funny little stories have served as our guide when creating informative "how to" writes. Mo Willems has a "How to Draw Pigeon" page on his website that was our model.

Ask your child what character or object they have tried to teach people how to draw.

In Science class, we have been continuing our unit about Weather. The Water Cycle and the names of clouds have been two main topics in this unit. Ask your child about these water cycle terms:

- Collection
- Evaporation
- Condensation
- Precipitation
- Transpiration

Ask your child to identify these types of clouds in the sky:

- Cirrus (high in the sky and wispy like a horse's tail)
- Cumulonimbus (big and tall, brings storms)

- Cumulus (puffy on top, flat on bottom, change shapes)
- Stratus (low in the sky, like a grey blanket)

Scholastic book order for the month of May will be sent home on Monday, April 27th and are due back to the school by Friday, May 8th.

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Special points of interest:

**APRIL IS:
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BUS REGISTRATION FORMS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR,

were sent home with your child on Monday April 13th. Final notice forms will be sent home with students Wednesday with expectations they be brought to the main office on Thursday April 23. IF forms are not signed and returned your child would lose the opportunity to ride

Next meeting: Wednesday May 13 at 6:30 pm –

All parents and guardians welcome! Babysitting is provided!

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

Important dates:

April 23 – Fun Night

May 13 – PAC meeting

June 10 – PAC meeting

Fun Night – 6 – 8 pm Thursday April 23

Remember:

-**Cakes** – every student who brings a cake will get their name in a draw for \$5 in Fun Night tickets.

-**Pizza Party** – The class that brings in the most cakes by 12:00 noon will get a pizza party.

-**Set up** Wednesday evening at 6pm – 8 pm.

-We need 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 much more....

PAC Council: Cynthia Joseph—Vice Chairperson, Gemma Mousley-Treasurer, Kelly Suhan-Secretary, Annette Peterson-Chairperson
Find us on Facebook@Friends of New Hazelton Elementary

GRADE 6/7 (Mr. Barr)

We have been getting our noses to the grind in class here on lots of new units of work. In Socials we have begun a new unit on ancient Egypt and we are examining all 3 kingdoms and comparing how the cultures changed over thousands of years. In Math we are working on a unit of graphing and learning how to properly design a line, bar and circle graph. We will move into Algebra next week and learn how to solve one and two step equations. Gym has us moving outside with the warmer weather where we plan to do soccer, hoccer (a form of Australian rugby), California kick ball, track related sports and softball over

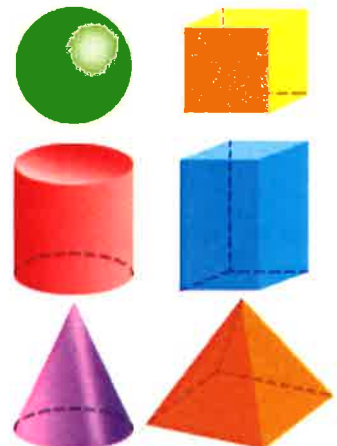
On Tuesday we celebrated the completion of our Food Explorers Unit. We invited our grade 7 Sight Word Buddies to join us for "Taco Tuesday". Last week we sampled "Fish Nuggets" with yummy salmon provided by Irving Johnson and Ricarda Bright. Book prizes will be given to Mitchell, Blair, Laina and Bri-

anna for eating a fruit or vegetable snack everyday for one month. In math we will be learning the attributes of 3-D solids and comparing them to 2-D solids. Please continue to help your child learn sight words at home. I will be sending Scholastic Book Orders out next week.

ters they create in an interplanetary adventure in which I will infuse twists and unexpected turns for them to get the students to think creatively while writing.

The final interim report for term 3 will be issued sometime in May with a final deadline on it. It would not be a bad idea to check with your son/daughter now to see if they are behind on any work before these are issued, or for parents who contact me regularly on email to drop me a line so I can let you know how they are doing.

K / 1 NEWS (Mrs. Bartsch)



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~~ **UPDATED NEWS from NHE Library** ~~

Please take note of the *NEW DATE* for the Scholastic Book Fair @ NHE
Wednesday May 20th, 2015 from 8am to 4pm ~1 DAY ONLY~

"Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything". -Tomie dePaola



GRADE 2/3 (Mrs. O'Hara)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well and enjoying spring so far.

No spelling words were sent home this week as we will be focusing on grammar for the next two weeks. Ask your children to tell you what 'verbs' are.

In writing we are finishing up 'How-to's' this week. We have written how to make a tuna sandwich and how to get ready for school so far. Students must use

transition words such as, first, next, then and finally to begin their sentences. I have been comparing their work this year to similar work they did last year and there have been some big improvements!

We just finished up the unit on the Solar System. All of the students liked learning about the planets and everyone did well on the final assessment. Our next science unit will be on Air, Water and Soil.

Last week we started on subtraction with regrouping in math. This concept will take a lot of review and practice so make sure you work on the math homework that goes home on Wednesday.

I would like to plan a field trip or two for May and June. I will be looking for drivers, so you could leave a note in the agenda if you think you might be available.

Enjoy the rest of your week,
Mrs. J. O'Hara

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.

This week is EARTH WEEK (Ms. Campbell)

This week is EARTH WEEK. We at N.H.E. will be doing our part by participating in our annual pitch-in day on April 22nd to clean up our neighbourhood. The District of New Hazelton supplies items for the clean-up. Family participation in this event is welcomed and appreciated. All community members are invited to set aside this day. We can make our community better by cleaning yards, planting

flowers and trees, recycling and helping each other.



A special thank you goes out to the grade 6/7 (Ms. Plewak) for sharing a presentation about recycling with all of our classes last week. They taught us about all the different types of

items that we could take to the Bottle Depot. They are now taking cans and many kinds of plastic containers. We would like to encourage each family to stop into the Bottle Depot and check it out. Let's all do our part to make our world a better place and sustainable for the future generations to come.



GRADE 6/7 (Ms. Plewak)

The grade 6/7's have started building their popsicle stick bridges. We had a visit from Eric and Mary who are geological engineers. They gave us a presentation about bridges and gave us tips on how to build a strong bridge. We also learned a little bit about what a geological engineer does. The bridges will be done by April 30 for the competition on May 2 in Kitimat.

If you signed a permission slip and have volunteered to drive a team to the competition in Kitimat, please note that the gas voucher may not be available. The voucher is given to the first 40 teams from out of town, and we

are in 56th place on the registration list. However, if not all the teams come, you may get the voucher. Drivers are eligible if they drive in all the members of the team. The date again is May 2nd in Kitimat at 10 AM. Another info note will be sent home soon.

The students have started a unit on rocks and minerals in Science. They will be learning to identify minerals, study how rocks are formed and land formations. The students are encouraged to bring in their rock collections to identify the minerals in the rocks.

Progress reports will be sent home each week. A check mark beside an item means it needs to be completed and turned in. Please check for these, sign the report and ask your child to complete assigned work.

Thank you, Ms. Plewak



GRADE 4/5 (Ms. McCreery)

Hello families:

It is so good to see the sun again. We have been taking advantage of the warm weather by having P.E. and D.P.A. (daily physical activity) outside whenever we can. The curriculum calls for 30 minutes of daily physical activity in addition to P.E. class, so you will often see us outside on the playground for the last 20 minutes of the day. In class, we have been doing short sets of planks, push-ups, and squats beside our desks between classes. This is a good

chance for me to increase my fitness level, too!

We are starting a unit on running for P.E. In the gym, we are running 12 laps as well as two or four sets of lines and short sprints; outside, we are running the perimeter of the school grounds and playing running games. Luke Letendre, Ashton Meek, Jack Thibeault, Cheyanne Blyth, Kytana Simms, and David Wiebe are to be commended for their serious approach to running and their continued effort to improve.

In math, the double-digit multiplication for

the Grade 5s has been challenging. We will continue to work on this as a class. Many students are doing well with this and we have made good progress in the last few days. We will continue to complete multiplication drills at the beginning of most math classes until the end of the year—if the students can memorize their times tables they will have a huge jump start for next year. Division is next for both grades!

We are continuing the collaborative spelling tests. The class and I agree on a theme, and we create a thematic spelling list together.

er; the resultant lists have a range of spelling words, some easy, some difficult. I try to have the spelling tests marked by Friday afternoon so your child can bring his or her score home.

An integrated unit on "Bullying" was started last week; I was really impressed with the class discussion and writing completed by the students. This is obviously a topic that many students feel strongly about. We will be working with the Canucks' program on internet knowledge and safety as an extension to this unit.

I thank all of you for your continued involvement in your children's education.

Melissa McCreery



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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:

- ◇ Apr 22 Earth Day (cleaning up the community)
- ◇ Apr 23 FUN NIGHT
- ◇ Apr 24 is NID (No School)
- ◇ May 18 Victoria Day (No School)
- ◇ May 20 Scholastic Book Fair in the Library (8—4 p.m.)
- ◇ May 29 is NID (No School)

BUS REGISTRATION ARE DUE!!

⇒ 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.