



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'S MESSAGE

Dear New Hazelton Community:

As the buds start opening and bushes, trees, and plants begin to look green and leafy so does our rhythm here at school show how well our students have been learning as we get close to the end of the school year. Only a few weeks left, and we'll be on to newer things. This year has been particularly strong in several aspects: children have been well fed and entertained thanks to the Breakfast for Learning, the Gitanmaax lunch Program, outside equipment supplied by the PAC, and the ASSAI (After School Sports and Art Initiative). Healthy and busy children make for a wonderful school environment!

The weather is warming up so, do remember to mark clothing items with names, so we don't feed the lost and found. I am well impressed with how well the playground

behavior has been this year, and for the most part litter finds its way into the garbage. For the month of May we are honoring books, and students are invited to come to share their book experiences on the P.A. messages in the mornings. "Reading gives you wings" is one of my favorite sayings!

Our school growth plan continues to be our direction to achieve student learning and is available for anyone who would like a copy. 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", this is our guide in all our activities in education and social responsibility.

I would like to thank our volunteers who visit and bring their joy to our site. As safety is our first priority, please follow the exit procedures at end of days, respect

the 10 Km requirement in the parking lot and drop off/pick up in our area off of McCloud. If you are thinking about volunteering, the only prerequisite is the police information check required once every 18 months. Don't hesitate to come in for any information; we are only a phone call away!

Sincerely,  
Carol Pickering, Principal

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Special points of interest:

**BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY AND BOOK TALKS ON FRIDAY MAY 15TH**

#### READY, SET LEARN.....

**Parents / Guardians please come to our "Drop In" event on Friday May 22nd, 2015 at the New Hazelton Meeting Center from 12:30—2:30 p.m. This event is for 3 and 4 year old children.**

**The After School Adventures** would like to invite parents to a year-end music concert for all grades. Date: Wednesday May 27, 2015 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at New Hazelton Elementary Gym. Refreshments, prizes & great entertainment. Rehearsal for all grades K-7 Tuesday May 26 from 3—5:30 p.m. Any questions contact: M. Harris 842-6613 or 842-3172

## GRADE 3 / 4 MRS. K. BARR

The grade 3-4 class is preparing for a Feast on May 27th! Letters were sent home on Monday with information about dates and times, along with a checklist of items that each child's family is responsible for bringing to the Feast. If you did not receive this letter, please contact Mrs. Lattie at the school. The children are eager to show what they have learned about song, dance and traditions during Cultural Awareness classes.

Scholastic book orders for May are due by 3 p.m. this Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please use the blue BC column for prices. You may pay with cash or a cheque payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd. .

In Math classes, the students have finished their division unit and have now moved on to fractions. Ask your child about proper, improper and mixed fractions. Have them explain the definition of a numerator and a denominator. Can they tell you what happens to the size of the fraction when the denominator increases?

May is Book Month at school. To celebrate, there will be a Book Character Dress up Day and Book Talks on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Each child will be expected to bring in a book and talk about it to their classmates. For added fun, everyone is also encouraged to dress up as a character from their book. Join in the fun on May 15<sup>th</sup>!

In Writing classes, the students are learning about dialogue and contractions. They have been learning to use quotation marks, commas and periods to record dialogue, remembering to indent and start a new line each time a different character starts talking. Our bulletin board in the hall is full of contraction work. The students made contraction caterpillars with a story written on a leaf that uses contractions. They made contraction ladybugs and contraction kites. Stop in and have a look at what they have learned.

## PAC (Parents Advisory Council) for parents & guardians of NHE students—NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 20 6:30

### Next meeting: NEW DATE

\*\*\*\*Wednesday May 20 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](mailto:alpp@telus.net) your email address and phone number to connect you to the meeting\*\*\*\*

### Important dates:

May 20 - PAC meeting \*\*\*\*New Date\*\*\*\*\*

June 10 - PAC meeting - Elect PAC Chairperson

Fun Night Thank you to all the volunteers, NHE Parents & Students and HSS students for all your help making Fun Night such a great event!

NHE PAC would also like to thank these businesses and volunteers for their donations to our Fun Night Fundraiser: BV Credit Union; McDonald's Store; Gitanmaax Market; Geraco; The Hospital Axillary; Anne Karey; Antonio Hernandez; Speedy Printers; BV Wholesale; Safeway; Paul's Bakery. Your donations made our event even more successful!!!

Huge thank you to Mrs. Pickering for donating the propane for Fun Night!!!

Fun Night winners - Basketball Shoot - 1st prize  
Two movie passes - Cam Nikkel: 2nd Prize -  
Bradley Walker - one movie pass: 3rd Prize -  
One movie pass - Kaidence Jackson Brown.

Candy Jar Guess- Ashton Burns

The class that brought in the most cakes was Mrs. Barr's class - they win a pizza party!

### PAC Council:

Vice Chairperson - Cynthia Joseph

Treasurer - Gemma Mousley

Secretary - Kelly Suhan

Chairperson - Annette Peterson

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## GRADE 6/7 NEWS

(Mr. G. Barr)

Hello everyone. Interim reports went home with students this week. Please read and sign. All work needs to be completed by the 19th of May and if students need any help they can come see me for that. Now that the nicer

weather has arrived we are doing more gym classes outside. Please ensure that students have proper footwear each day and are dressed with appropriate jackets for the weather. Students did a good job with their oral reports.

Thank you to all parents who helped with this task and gave a helping hand to them so that they could be successful.



~~ **\*\*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



**PUPPET SHOWS IN CULTURE CLASS**



The grade 6/7 class wrote a cartoon on the trickster. Next, they

retell their cartoon story using puppets.

**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 TWO THREE NEWS (Mrs. J. O'Hara)

Now that it is Spring, we have started a science unit on Air, Water, Soil and Plants. The students came up with a lot of great questions that we plan to answer over the next couple of weeks.

I have been impressed with how well students have learned to subtract with regrouping. We will be moving onto times tables next. Grade 3s will need to know up to 5x5. Grade 2s will work on addition and subtraction

strategies.

We have just finished up with writing 'How-to's. This week we will begin persuasive writing. This week students will try to persuade the class to choose between the Carnival or the Book Fair. It should be interesting to see what they come up with!

You can talk to your children about

their favorite books. On Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>, students can dress as a character from a book that they enjoyed. They need to be prepared to talk to the class about why it is their favorite book/character.

Enjoy your week!

## NEWS FROM ROOM 4 (Ms. McCreery)

We are enjoying the gymnastics equipment that was set up in the gym—there are a few future gymnasts in our class, I think. Everyone seems to be having fun using different skills.

In Science we are learning about simple and compound machines. The class was able to think of many simple machines they have seen used in their daily life (and in movies!). It is surprising how many devices we use every day are a simple machine (ramp, lever,

pulley, etc...).

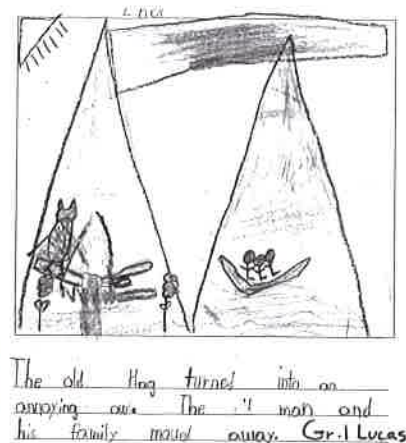
In French we have been practicing school vocabulary. Ask your child to name some commonly used items—they know quite a few. We are also working on present tense verb conjugations (etre and avoir) so that we can use more complex sentences.

Division (both "reverse multiplication" and long) are the topic for Math. I would like multiplication and division to really be cemented before we

spend time on fractions and decimals. Please continue to practice the times tables at home—the 6, 7, 8, and 12 times tables are still challenging for most students.

Thank you to the families who ensure assigned homework is completed and handed in. In the higher grades it is expected that students complete and return much more homework, and it is part of the "Work Habits" mark on each student's report card.

**The grade 1,2,3 classes are focusing on First Nations stories. The students rewrite the story with a sentence, beginning, middle and end. They then draw a picture to match their sentence...samples below**



## GRADE 6/7 (Ms. L. Plewak)



Seven teams took bridges to the Popsicle Stick building competition in Kitimat on Saturday. Although none of the bridges won for the strongest or best design, we did take home some fun door prizes.

The biggest and best prize went to Angelle Sterritt, who won a

return trip for 2 to Vancouver from HawkAir! We are so happy for her and her family!

We will be back next year with stronger bridges and perhaps win a cash prize. The strongest bridge was made by a grade 7 team from Kitimat. It held over 200 pounds!

Thanks to the following parents for driving: Rochelle Sterritt, Janet Wright, Darlene Hockman, Adrienne Holland and Bob & Pam Barnes. It was a fun day.

Please check each week for weekly progress reports. Read and keep the top half and sign and return bottom half. Help your child find a quiet place to get their homework done. Thanks.

Ms. Plewak

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BOOK MONTH

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:

- ◇ May 15 DRESS UP—as your favorite book character
- ◇ May 18 Victoria Day (No School)
- ◇ MAY 20 PAC MEETING AT 6:30
- ◇ May 20 Scholastic Book Fair in the Library (8—4 p.m.)
- ◇ May 29 is NID (No School)
- ◇ June 4—RODEO DRESS UP day
- ◇ June 10—PAC MEETING 6:30 PM
- ◇ June 19—Aboriginal day

### ⇒ 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.



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### GRADE 1/2 NEWS (Mrs. Hobenshield)

We are working on a new form of writing; PERSUADE. It too follows a set form: state opinion  
reason #1  
reason #2  
reason #3  
restate opinion

Some samples have been included.

In math we are working with 2 D figures and using the terms sides and vertices. Students must also be able to identify and name: square, rectangle, oval, circle, diamond, parallelogram, octagon, pentagon, hexagon, heart, crescent and star. We will be exploring lines of symmetry next.

In science we are looking at similarities in animals and have covered the terms: adapt, hibernate, migrate, marsupial and oviparous. We have several more terms to cover and will then be looking at the life cycles of the frog and bear.

In socials we have discussed contributing to our community. We named several groups that contribute as volunteers, meaning they are not paid for their contribution. We will be working on how we can contribute to our community.

In gym we are working with the gymnastics equipment. Students have been encouraged to bring shorts to change into.

Book orders are due today, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the last book order for our school year.

Book talk/character day is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to bring in a book that they really enjoy

AND they must talk about the book. (This is my favorite book because . . . . It is called . . . .

This book is about . . .

#### Summer

I believe summer is the best season. I love summer. I get to wear shorts and shirts and flipflops. I like flipflops. Also, in the summer I get to go swimming and go on a picnic. Finally, you get 2 months holiday. Yahooo! Summer is the best season and you should have a great time.

Aliyah gr.2

#### Winter

Winter is the best season ever. In the winter I go sledding and make a nice snowman. Also, in the winter I celebrate Christmas and I get presents to open. Finally, I wear my new toque and scarf. Winter is the best season ever and you should enjoy sledding. I like winter.

Kierra gr.2

# Join in the fun this May!

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Book Character Dress up Day and Book Talks**

- Dress up as your favorite book character
- Bring your book to school and tell your classmates all about it

**Who will you be???**

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**a Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the  
Library**

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

**a real, live author will visit the school and talk  
to the students about being a writer**