



New Hazelton Elementary  
 'A Community of Engaged Learners'

New Hazelton Elementary School seeks to provide students with positive learning and social experiences which will enable them to participate successfully in our society.

# LUV2GROOVE WEEK

Welcome back, Christine! Students and staff will be dancing to a different beat this week taking part in dance classes each day and then performing what they learned on Friday at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Many thanks to Wilps Nikate'en and Wilps Niisto for their generous donation of \$2000 to put towards technology and the purchase of a 3D printer for the school. They were so proud of Alexander Howard and Amy Snider's presentation to the Parent Advisory Council demonstrating their learning with new technology and coding that they matched PACs donation towards technology for the school. We are so grateful!  
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## The Great Kindness Challenge

Acts of kindness are underway at New Hazelton Elementary. Students volunteering for things, kind notes being written, compliments stated... Way to go, everybody!

Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1
Kick off assembly 2:20 pm School of kindness (school colours red/black)	Spirit day: dream of kindness (pajama day)	Spirit day: team kindness (sports attire)	Spirit day: tied together by kindness (wear a tie)	Spirit day: peace, love and kindness (hippie day)

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**  
 8:00 AM  
**MORNING FUN & FIT**  
 8:10 AM  
**OUTSIDE SUPERVISION**  
 8:35 AM

**PEANUT FREE SCHOOL ZONE**

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### PAC

(Parents Advisory Committee)

All Parents and Guardians are welcome!!

#### Council:

**Chair** – Annette Peterson

**Vice-Chairperson** – Sarah McGill

**Treasurer** – Giselle Simms

**Secretary** – Jodi Marshall

PAC has decided to help pay for the supplies needed for a 3D printer (which is being paid for by a generous donation!). PAC was encouraged by a presentation by Amy Snider and Alexander Howard where they demonstrated what they have been learning with the new technology that has been provided to the school through grants.

FUN NIGHT – April 11, 6-8pm – PAC needs parent volunteers! – Contact Annette or Jodi if you can help or have any questions.

**Next meeting** – Wednesday February 6 at 6:30 pm in the school multi-purpose room. Babysitting provided in the gym.

Future meetings: March 6<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Annette Peterson at 250-842-6560.

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## Kindergarten - Mrs. Kern

Today marks our 80th day in school. We are looking forward to February 26th, when we will be celebrating our 100th day.

Last week, we went skating for the first time at our outdoor rink across from the street. It was quite a successful time and we were thankful to have Mr. Kern and another paramedic, Marek, on hand to help lace up the skates. The Kindergartens are keen to go again and we are hoping to get on the ice again this Thursday with the Grade 1 class. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you're available to assist.

This week, we welcomed a new student, Mariesha Shanoss, to our classroom. We now have 12 students (4 girls and 8 boys).

As the temperature starts to fall, it is important that students are dressed warmly. Snow pants and mittens are a must especially on skating days. Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Mrs. Kern

## **GRADE 3 - Mrs. Barr**

The boys and girls are learning many ways to show multiplication. Ask your child to show you any of the following methods:

Skip counting

Arrays

Equal groups or sets

Stick trick or intersection model

Repeated addition

Equation with factors and a product

Block trains

In Science, we are learning about food chains and webs. Ask your child about terms like producer, consumer, decomposer, omnivore, carnivore and herbivore. We've been reading and watching videos to learn more about energy pyramids and the interconnectedness of all living and nonliving things on the planet.

Scholastic book orders for February will be sent home soon and are due back to Mr. or Mrs. Barr by 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **GRADE 4 - Mrs. Lattie**

The students in Grade 4 have returned to school eager to work and excited about learning. We began the week talking about responsibilities, team work and goal setting.

In math we are starting our division unit. Students will be learning how to divide using 2 numbers. Most students are caught up with their work, if not I will be sending them home to complete.

In Science our class is learning about the salmon Watersheds, Salmon Life cycle, Salmon Habitat and Salmon and Climate Change. The grade fours are responsible for looking after the fish tank. Every morning two students go and check the temperature making sure it stays at 7-8 degrees.

In Language Arts we are still working on reading comprehension strategies, and reviewing conventions. We do 5 minute writing challenge once a week. These weekly Writes will encourage development of composition skills, creative thinking, and supporting opinions in writing.

In art we are getting ready for Chinese New Year. We are making lanterns and a Large Dragon to be displayed in our room.

Some students need to top up their supplies, more duotangs are needed, and some need pencils. Please check with your child.

Thank You

Mrs. Lattie



## Grade 5 - Mr. Schwab

Dear Parents/ Guardians ,

We are now 1 month into 2019! Our class has begun a new unit in math: multiplication and division. Every students should be reviewing their basic facts from 0 to 144. If they can answer the multiplication questions, switch and review division, soon students will be working on multi digit questions and a solid knowledge of basic facts would really be beneficial. After Spring Break students will need a calculator as we will be doing equations and activities that will require using those devices.

In Language Arts, we are working on the art of persuasive writing. Students have learned and are practicing the following format: what is your opinion ? why ? why? Why? And what was that again? So far, they have wrote 4 persuasive assignments. Please encourage them at home when listening to the news or discussing community events, to state what they believe, and give 3 reasons, and then give a summary of what they are defending. Next Unit will be Narrative Writing!

In Social Studies, we have begun a mini unit on origins of people in Canada. This will soon lead into a unit on immigration. Please share with your child your cultural background. Help them be able to demonstrate or explain where they come from? And share some traditions or cultural experiences with them. We will examine values and how friends and family influence those values. Next Unit will be Government.

In Science we are studying muscles, bones, skin , and nervous system. Next Unit will be resources how they are used, managed, and marketed.

In technology we are using coding, designing, and our imaginations to create origin stories. Students are taking life experiences, family backgrounds, and scientific thought and will be working on projects that share visually their understanding of how life came to be .

Please also check with your child if they need to replace or top up their school supplies. it is time to refill their pencils, erasers, check that they have a ruler, pencil crayons, glue, and scissors. Looking forward to the month of February. Students should be completing weekly spelling activities. Most students either have a science, socials, or a math assignment that they are finishing. You can always check with me to make sure they have completed assignments.

Working together ,

Mr. Schwab

## Grade 1 - Mrs. McCreery

Hello families,

The Grade 1 class has had better attendance since coming back from the break—thank you to families who are making sure children go to school regularly!

We are hoping to skate most Thursdays with the Kindergarten class. Checking that your child has winter clothing on those days will make this much easier.

Our Science unit (Properties of Matter) has gone very well. I have been really impressed with the students' ability to observe their environment and to find examples of solids, liquids, and gases. Ask your child for examples; some that the students found are pretty funny!

Once again, if you have any concerns or questions, write a note in the agenda, telephone (250.842.5777 ext. 3010) or email ([Melissa.McCreery@cmsd.bc.ca](mailto:Melissa.McCreery@cmsd.bc.ca)).

Sincerely,

Melissa McCreery



## Birthdays

Alexander Howard	Feb	3
Markiesha Muldoe	Feb	8
Isaiah Skulch	Feb	11
Abigail Russell	Feb	12
Gideon Starr	Feb	13
Nate Robinson	Feb	19
Lauralynn Russell	Feb	19
Cody McKee	Feb	24
Maxamus Sampson	Feb	24
Kieran Frezell-Hayden	Feb	26
Amy Good	Feb	26

## First Nations Support Workers

Mrs. Olson works with the Grade 4, 5/6, 6, and 7 classes this year and she can be reached at 250-842-5777 ext. 3002.

Mrs. Snider works with the Grade K, 1, 2/3, and 3/4 classes this year and she can be reached at 250-842-5777 ext. 3013.

## LIBRARY AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Our Librarian is Ms. Hart and our Librarian Assistant is Mrs. Spooner. They can be reached at 250-842-5777 ext. 3005.



Every week students are entitled to take books out of the library as long as they return them on a weekly basis. We'd like to remind students and family members to keep books in a book bag separate from lunch bag, and to wash and dry their hands before reading.

If you would like your child to take their library book home please request a permission slip from the library staff.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. The speed limit is maximum 10 mph in the back parking lot when used.
2. Please remember that the transportation of medications are not permitted through the school with your children.
3. The only drinks students are allowed to have in the school during their day are 'fruit juices' and 'water'. All other drinks like 'powerades', 'slushies', 'pop' vitamin drinks, ice tea, etc. will be confiscated and disposed of.

1. Please remember that IF you come to the school to pick up your child for an impromptu appointment, report to the office and either Mrs. Olson, Ms. Campbell, or Mrs. Harris will send for your child.

**Thank you Parents for assisting us to keep your children safe and healthy.**

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Mrs. Snider runs a homework club for our students. Students can go there independently or be referred by their classroom teacher. If you have concerns about your child's homework, or would like your child to go to homework club, please talk with your child's teacher and Mrs. Snider.

Runs from 12:30 pm to 12:55 pm, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR BASKETBALL

Grade 6 and 7—Tuesdays

Grade 4 and 5—Thursdays



Ways to keep informed and in touch!



### New Hazelton

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28 -February 1	Great Kindness Challenge
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February 15	CID (No School)
February 18	Family Day (No School)
February 27	Anti-Bullying Day
March 11	Reports go home
March 13-14	Early Dismissal Days

### Gitanmaax Band Lunch Program

For more information or to sign up for the Gitanmaax Band Lunch Program please contact Jennifer Robinson at the band office 250-842-5297 or fax form to 250-842-6364.

**Completed forms must be returned to the band office.**

## For Your Information.....

### Office Hours

Mrs. Harris will be in the office from 8:40 am to 2:30 pm. Her break and lunch is from 11:00 am to 12:00pm. If you are calling to leave a message for your child, like alternative plans for getting home, please call no later than 2:15 pm, otherwise we can't guarantee your child getting the message.

⇒ As parents, you can appreciate how hectic it gets when organizing your own child to go places. Here we have 161 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 outside the boot room doors. All children will be exiting the school from the boot room. Please use the back parking lot for pick up.
- 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 2:30 p.m.

Your presence at the school and your understanding with regards to our routines is appreciated. Thank you.

### 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 you 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.

If you are interested in volunteering at the school please let Ms. Campbell know. A group of parents would like to support the school and come in to do head checks on a regular basis.

If we notice that your child has lice, we will calling home so that families can immediately tend to their child.





Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair,

**BARBARA REID**

Invites families to Take 20 minutes to make learning together part of your everyday. Have a look at the great illustrations Barbara created to Take 20! Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.



**1 I wonder why?**

Go online as a family and learn something new. Ever wonder why the ocean and sky are blue?



**5 Travel the world:**

Your library card is your passport to travel the world and to take a learning journey.



**2 Read ANYTHING!**

A book, blog, magazine or letter from grandma. Read together and get in your 20 minutes each day.



**6 Jot that down:**

Write an e-mail, letter, blog post or text your family and friends. Which is the most fun?



**3 Be a Rockstar:**

Sing along with the radio or do Karaoke – maybe a duet?



**7 Scientist in the House:**

Do a kitchen experiment or mix up a batch of playdough.



**4 Make something yummy:**

Follow a family recipe or create a new one together.



**8 It goes something like this:**

Tell your favourite story and give it a new ending, or take turns making up a new story.

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Ian Chrysler Photographer



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### 9 Crafty Crafter:

Paper, glue, yarn, paint – so many things to create! Do a craft together.



### 15 Riddle me This:

Tell jokes and riddles while doing chores around the house – can you stump your parents?



### 10 Stepper challenge:

Go for a walk and count your steps. How many steps to school, the park, your friend's house?



### 16 Know your hood:

Draw a map of your neighbourhood, adding in important places like school, library, doctor and pet store!



### 11 Deal me in:

Play cards and keeping score is a fun way to practice counting.



### 17 Game-ON!

Play a board game and plan a family game night – invite your neighbours.



### 12 Tell it to me:

Tell someone about your day at dinnertime or pick-up the phone for a chat. What was the best part?



### 18 Story Dynamo:

Make-up a story and draw a picture to go with it. First, show the picture to your friend and see if they can tell you what your story is about.



### 13 Shopper Time:

Make a grocery list together with kids finding what's on the list and checking off the items (and maybe adding one special treat!)



### 19 Building Buddies:

Build something together with modeling clay or building blocks. Check out what Family Literacy Day Honourary Chair Barbara Reid can do with modeling clay!



### 14 I'm on Staycation:

A vacation at home can be lots of fun. Plan a trip in your neighbourhood.



### 20 Did you Know?

Teach someone you know something new. Did you learn why the ocean and sky are blue yet?

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