



New Hazelton Elementary
A Community of Engaged Learners

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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

Hello! Welcome to a brand new school year. I am very excited to be here at NHE this year and have had a great time meeting our students, connecting with parents/guardians, and working with our amazing staff.

I hope, in spite of the rainy weather, you had an enjoyable and restful summer. Seeing the leaves fall and a bit of sunshine makes for a beautiful September, and we will have the children outside as much as we can right now.

School looks a bit different this year, with lots of handwashing, physical distancing, masks in some areas, and other safety measures. Please be sure to run through the health check at home each morning before sending your children to school.

Many of our traditional events will look different this year, as we currently will not have assemblies or other large gatherings. But stay tuned as we plan alternate ways to celebrate and honour important events.

Please contact me any time to chat, ask questions, share ideas, or talk about how school is going for your child! I can be reached at 250-842-5777 or jan.thorburn@cmsd.bc.ca.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ◆ Please read and sign all the documents sent home last week in the large manila envelope.
- ◆ Be sure all contact information and emergency contacts are up-to-date for us.
- ◆ Please review the parent/student handbook for important information, guidelines, and expectations.
- ◆ We are in need of new members for the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Meeting can be held via Zoom or in person. A meeting date will be announced soon, but please contact Ms. Thorburn if you are interested in joining!

CODE OF CONDUCT

We have four (4) basic expectations and values for all students, staff, parents, and guests. They are:

At NHE everyone is:

- ⇒ RESPECTFUL,
- ⇒ RESPONSIBLE,
- ⇒ KIND and CARING,
- ⇒ SAFE.

School starts at 8:55
and ends at 3pm.
Lunch is 12:05 to
12:55.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30:
Orange Shirt Day



October 12:
Thanksgiving Holiday

October 22:
Picture Retakes

October 23:
Provincial Pro-D Day

October 30:
Hallowe'en Activities

TBA: Terry Fox Run



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OUR WONDERFUL STAFF!

We are fortunate to have a fantastic staff of Teachers, Education Assistants, First Nations Support Workers, and other support staff here at NHE.

Familiar faces you probably already know are:

Mrs. Kern - Kindergarten

Mrs. A. Olson - Gitxsan Language and Cultural Awareness and Kindergarten

Ms. McCreery - Grade 1/2

Mrs. Barr - Grade 4

Ms. Plewak - Grade 5

Ms. McKay - Grade 6

Mr. Barr - Grade 7

Ms. Millar - Learner Support

Ms. Joseph - Teacher-Librarian and Grade 5

Mr. Gogag - TTOC

Mrs. H. Olson - First Nations Support Worker

Mrs. Henderson - Education Assistant

Mrs. Bolger - Education Assistant

Mrs. Spooner - Education Assistant and Noon Hour Supervisor

Ms. McRae - Education Assistant and Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Harris - Secretary and Noon Hour Supervisor

Mrs. Vipond - Noon Hour Supervisor

New to us, or in new roles, we are pleased to welcome:

Mr. deBoer - Prep coverage

Mrs. Morrison - Grade 3

Mrs. Ryan - Counsellor

Ms. Nikkel - Library Assistant

Ms. Marshall (Snider), who has been a First Nations Support Worker at NHE for many years, is moving to MGA! We wish her well and will miss her greatly!

Grade 1/2 - Ms. McCreery

Hello families,

I am SO glad to see the students again—our online learning was good, but it is much better to see the children in real life, in front of me!

I have taught several grades in the past, particularly Grade 4/5, and enjoyed all ages. However, the primary years have always been of great interest for me, and I am very glad to be teaching this age group. Inquiry/play-based learning and outdoor learning are goals that I am always working toward, but sometimes we have to do paper-and-pencil work too!

Planners

Please check the planner, especially on Monday, for important updates and a brief look at what we're learning each week.

Homework

The Grade 2 students have a homework calendar for the month of September.

It is quite easy to complete and will be part of the Career Education comments for the Grade 2s in Term 1. The calendars are very simple, active, and fun; please try to work on this with your child!

Standing Desks

I usually get questions about our desks--we have standing desks in our classroom, and it's so much better for the students' bodies. Children are not made to sit in a chair! Don't worry, though, your child is allowed to sit down if needed. We have cushions for the floor, or chairs for lunch.

If you have any concerns or questions, write a note in the planner, telephone (250.842.5777 ext. 3010) or email (Melissa.McCreery@cmsd.bc.ca).

I am very happy to be teaching your child, and look forward to our year together.

Sincerely,

Melissa

LIBRARY AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Our Librarian is Ms. Joseph and our Librarian Assistant is Ms. Nikkel. 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 their lunch bag, and to wash and dry their hands before reading.

If you would like your child to take their library book home, please return the permission slip that was in the package sent home.



Grade 4 - Mrs. Barr

Happy September, everyone! The grade 4 students have started the year by reviewing the regular **classroom rules and routines** and they have also been practicing the new safety protocols like hand washing, distancing and mask wearing.

One daily routine is the use of a **planner**. Every child has been given a planner and it is their job to deliver it between home and school every day so that important information can be shared. Please check your child's planner each evening for notes from me and I will do the same each morning at school.

Scholastic Book Clubs have changed their book order policies this year. I will still send paper flyers home each month, but all the separate clubs have been combined into one flyer. The biggest changes are that all the ordering is done on-line and all the items will be delivered directly to your home. There is a special Teachers' Code on the flyer that you will need to use in order to access the program if you are interested in ordering.

In addition to reading, or being read to, each night at home, grade 4 students are expected to complete weekly **homework assignments**. Some assignments will be worksheets related to topics covered in class while other assignments will be challenges, research tasks or interviews. All assignments are due back within a week's time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, **I can be contacted** at the school by phone (250-842-5777 ext. 3008), by writing a note in your child's planner or by email at

karina.barr@cmsd.bc.ca.

I am looking forward to a year full of learning.

Mrs. K. Barr

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES CAN BE FOUND AT:

⇒ <http://newhazelton.cmsd.bc.ca>

⇒ www.cmsd.bc.ca

⇒ *On Facebook at Friends of New Hazelton Elementary*



Gitanmaax Lunch Program

The Gitanmaax Band Lunch Program is starting. Kitty Mowatt is cooking for us again.

Go to your local band office or to the Gitanmaax Band office to register.

For more information or to sign up please contact Jennifer Robinson at the band office 250-842-5297.