



New Hazelton Elementary Newsletter Winter 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello NHE Families!

Happy New Year!

Please see inside for information about new report card formats (coming next year), the Student/Family Affordability fund, exciting school activities, and other important topics.

A reminder to be sure students are dressed for the snowy/wet weather. It makes playing outdoors even more fun.

Ms. J. Thorburn
Principal

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 8:50am

Lunch: 12:00—12:50pm

Dismissal Bell:
2:51pm



IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

- 3 Back to School
- 27 Pro-D Day (no school)

FEBRUARY

- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Family Day (No school)

MARCH

- 13 Report Cards
- 15-16 Early Dismissal (1:51pm)
Parent-Teacher Interviews TBA

20-31 Spring Break

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

for **SEPTEMBER 2023** is on now!

For children born in 2018, it is time to register for school. Early registration helps us get proper staffing in place for next year. Please see the CMSD website or call any local school for registration forms, starting Jan. 16!

SCHOOL ZONE



Please respect the speed limits around the school and stop at the crosswalks when students are trying to enter or leave the school grounds! 30km/hr on town streets and 10km/hr in the parking lot.



**FROM Ms. McCreery's GRADE 1/2 CLASS,
Room 10**

Hello families,

I hope everyone is well! I am so glad to have our class back again.

Art Show: We would like to thank Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Hobenshield for inviting us to participate in the art show. The kids did so well and were so proud to attend a real art opening featuring their fabulous work! We were even featured in the local newspaper—how exciting. Next month we are hoping to work on some new art projects with Misty River's Art Gallery: stay tuned.

Interim Report: The kids are working hard on reading, writing, and math. An interim report will be coming home soon; please let me know if you have any questions.

SPACES: I would like to try to do more with the SPACES website in the next few months. Are you signed up? If not, Miss Marshall, our Indigenous Support Worker, is happy to help you. I am happy to help too; please call us or send a note in the planner and we will help you get logged in. It's quite easy, and then you can see photos or videos of your child's learning in Grade 1 and 2.

Attendance: I am hoping the worst of the cold and flu season is behind us, as our attendance has been very low. When nearly half the class is absent, it is largely impossible for us to participate in concerts, outings, or field trips. If your child is not sick, please help them attend school so our whole class can learn and play together.

Thank you again to the parents who always check the planner, send notes, or respond to emails. Your involvement in your child's education makes *all* the difference!

Once again, 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).

Sincerely,
Melissa McCreery



FROM MRS. BARR'S GRADE 2/3 CLASS, Room 8

Happy New Year and welcome back to another term of learning!

The students have already been working hard to perfect their **subtraction skills in Math** class. They have learned to show the operation with and without regrouping using standard form and with base 10 blocks. They have also been learning to start with the smaller number and count up to the bigger number by adding amounts that result in friends of 10 as an easy way to find the difference. A test will be given this month so students can show what they know.

In **Social Studies**, they are learning to identify the **regions of Canada**. First, are the provinces and territories. After that, will come the areas known as Western Cordillera, Interior Plains, Canadian Shield, Hudson Bay Lowlands, Arctic Lowlands, Appalachian Mountains and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Lowlands.

In **Language Arts**, the students have been looking for **literary devices and elements** in the books that they are reading and the stories that they are writing.

| Elements | Devices |
|------------|--|
| Characters | Descriptive, poetic and figurative language: Imagery Rhythm Rhyme Simile Alliteration Personification Onomatopoeia Hyperbole |
| Setting | |
| Plot | |
| Conflict | |
| Resolution | |
| Theme | |
| Dialogue | |

The students would like to **thank Gitanmaax Band** lunch program for their donation towards the lovely gift of water bottles with the outline of our school mural on them. They will be used at the school for the rest of the year and then sent home at the end of June.

The students would also like to **thank the friends and family members** who stopped by the Misty River Art Gallery to view their artwork display during the months of November and December. We are all looking forward to a pottery project with the gallery in the month of February!

~::~~EXCITING EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ~::~~

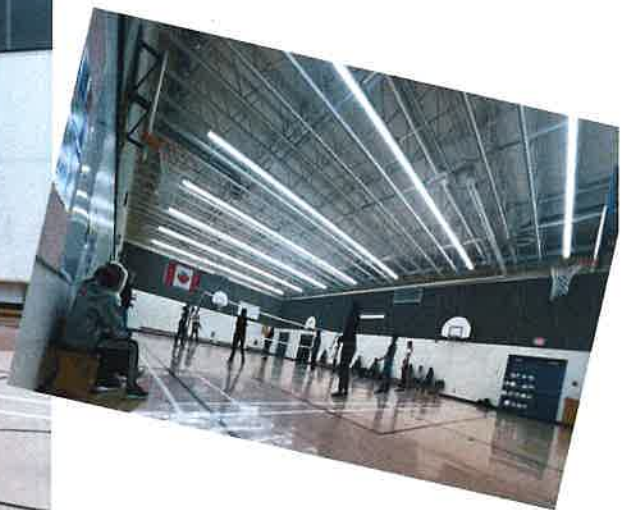
ASSAI (After School Sports and Art Initiative)

We are excited to be starting up the after-school program again this year! It will start for the intermediate students on Thursday January 12th, and will run for 8 weeks until Thursday March 2nd. It will be held every Thursday after school until 5:30; the bus will pick the students up and bring them home. The primary session will begin after spring break.

The after-school program consists of students being able to participate and enjoy snacks, games, crafts and a field trip at the end of the program! ASSAI is organized by Ms. Marshall, with the assistance of Ms. McKee, Alexander Howard, and Cody McKee.

Grade 6/7 Volleyball (fall)

We ran volleyball for several weeks and held practices during lunchtime. The students learned basic skills such as serving, bumping, and setting the ball. They also learned the benefits of commitment and communication as a team. We were able to go play games against other elementary schools and able to host schools. We had roughly 15 committed players, many of whom have already signed up for basketball which is starting January 5th. We ended the volleyball seasoning by having a student vs. staff game which was lighthearted and fun. It was a great year. Thanks to Ms. Marshall, Ms. McKee, and Ms. McRae for organizing and supporting this.



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Grade 6/7 Basketball (winter)

We are excited to start the basketball season this year; practices will be held at lunchtime. We are hoping to play other schools in the community and run another successful season. They will be learning basic skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and practicing good sportsmanship. Our goal is to help prepare players for high-school sports and opportunities.

Basketball Intramurals

We will also do intramurals in our school during lunchtime! Students will be put on a mixed team ranging from Grade 3 to 7. This gives the younger kids an opportunity to try out sports and gives the older kids leadership opportunities. It is meant to be fun for all. We are hoping that increased sport opportunities will increase athletic confidence and enjoyment for our future athletes. At the end of the basketball intramural season, we are hoping to have shirts for the winning team.

Art Club

Ms. Marshall runs a lunch time program where your child can choose to participate in various artistic crafts. There is an intermediate group and a primary group one day each week. It's been a great turn out with 20+ students coming in each group! They have been able to make a variety of different crafts such as clay modeling, making cloud dough, painting, coloring, rice bag penguins, ornament decorating, and a huge favourite, Perler beading. A bunch of new crafts are planned for the new year and hopefully many more awesome projects continue to be made!



STAY UP TO DATE! Check the following places for important school and district information:

⇒ <http://newhazelton.cmsd.bc.ca>

⇒ www.cmsd.bc.ca

⇒ *On Facebook at Friends of New Hazelton Elementary*

⇒ *@CoastMtnSD on Twitter*



Link to Parent Brochure for New Report Cards coming next year:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/student_reporting_brochure_for_families.pdf

Link to Student and Family Affordability Fund (for food, clothes, school supplies, and other school related expenses):

<http://cmsd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/CMSD82-Student-Family-Affordability-Fund-2022-fillable.pdf>

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- ◆ Reminder that the office is closed at lunch time, so if you need to call between 12noon and 1pm, please leave a message.
- ◆ If you have updated phone numbers or emergency contacts, please let the office know.
- ◆ Please label your child's clothes, backpacks, shoes, etc. It makes tracking down items much easier if something gets lost or left behind.
- ◆ Please be sure children have appropriate outdoor wear for the cold weather. We have lots of beautiful donations of winter clothes, if anyone needs extras.
- ◆ Please call the school by 9am if your child is going to be absent.
- ◆ If your child has a change to their routine (e.g., not taking bus, or taking the bus, or going home with a friend), please send a note with your child that morning or call the school before 2:15 p.m.

Those pesky bugs...

Lice is very common this time of year, and we often have cases of it around the school. They love clean hair and there are many easy home remedies to use to get rid of them. Even a quick comb-through with conditioner after bath-time helps. Please check your child's hair regularly; ask the pharmacy or health stations for products to use as well.



COAST MOUNTAINS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 82

School District 82 (Coast Mountains)

Student & Family Affordability Fund

School Name:

Student Name:

Requested By:

Request Date:

Original Activity/Fee Amount \$:

Required Assistance Amount \$:

Assistance For:

- School Supplies / Course Fees
- Field Trips
- School-Based Extra-curricular / Co-curricular
- Athletic / Cultural
- Clothing
- Miscellaneous

To submit this form, you can:

- ☛ Email / Scan form to your school principal or preferred staff member.
- ☛ Return this form in-person to your school principal or preferred staff member.
- ☛ Call school principal, preferred staff member or Band Education Coordinator for assistance to complete this form.
- ☛ Provide proof of purchase (receipt), where applicable.

Submitted To:

SCHOOL USE ONLY

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Date: _____