

New Hazelton Elementary
'A Community of Engaged Learners'

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NEW HAZELTON ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello NHE Families!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. It is such a pleasure to welcome back so many students this year. We are taking time to get students settled in, make sure they are feeling safe and comfortable, and back into the routines of school. Our focus for the year includes literacy, numeracy, student engagement, and incorporating culture into all areas of school life.

Health and safety plans to prevent the spread of COVID and other communicable diseases are still in effect. Doors remain locked and visitors are asked to call ahead for appointments. Daily health checks need to be done by parents for all students, by visitors, and by staff. Anyone feeling ill is asked to stay home. Masks are mandatory for all staff, students Grade 4-7, and visitors. Hand hygiene is very important throughout the day too.

I look forward to connecting with all of you this year. Please call me with any questions, concerns, or just to chat about your child's progress.

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.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENTS (FSA's)
Grade 4 and Grade 7
OCTOBER 2021
More info to come soon...

School starts at 8:55am

Lunch:
12:05—
12:50pm



Dismissal Bell: 2:51pm

GITANMAAX LUNCH PROGRAM
starts Sept. 20th.
Please submit forms to your band office or to Gitanmaax Band to register.
Welcome back, Ms. Kitty!

ALLERGY ALERT—no peanut products please!



IMPORTANT DATES

- September 24**
District In-Service Day—no school!
- September 30**
Day to Honour Truth and Reconciliation—no school!
- October 1**
Wear **Orange** Shirts!
- October 7**
Terry Fox Run
- October 11**
Thanksgiving—no school!
- October 21**
Earthquake and Fire Drills (tentative)
- October 22**
Provincial Pro-D Day—no school!
- October 29**
Hallowe'en Activities

Important Info from the Office

- Office staff also do lunch supervision, so if you need to call between 12noon and 1pm, please leave a message, as no one is in the office at that time.
- Please carefully read and sign all material in the school info packages sent home last week. Keep the "for your info" only pages, and return everything else that needs signatures. Thank you for your attention to these important documents.
- Please label your child's clothes, backpacks, shoes, etc. It makes tracking down items much easier if something gets lost or left behind.
- The weather is changing quickly. Please be sure children have appropriate outdoor wear for the wet, chilly days.
- Please read the parent-student handbook that was sent home. It has lots of important information and reminders.
- Please call the school prior to 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.

Picture day has been postponed.

The photography company we work with has been unable to hire photographers to work in the area this fall. They hope to have staff hired by January, and will schedule school photos in the new year if everything goes according to plan. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 (Room 12)

Mrs. Kern (M-Tu-Th-F)

Ms. Joseph (W)

Hello Families,

September sure is flying by! We are keeping track of the days and are looking forward to our 100th day celebration. It seems like a long way off, but I'm sure the time will go fast.

I am pleased with how well the students are adjusting to the routines of school. This week, I am inserting a copy of our schedule in the planners to give you an idea of what your child will be doing each day.

The schedule is flexible so, if it's a nice day, we might be in the garden or out for a walk instead. In

addition to the schedule, I have also included an overview which details learning outcomes for each subject. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, overview or anything else, feel free to contact me.

We have begun a unit in Socials entitled "All About Me" and our focus in Math has been on patterns.

We continue to welcome new students into our class, and now have 13 students enrolled in K/1.

A reminder that Thursday, September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We will be honoring residential school survivors and their families on this day.

Mrs. Kern

A note from Ms. Plewak (Grade 4/5 Room 4)

Welcome Back! I sent yellow letters home last week, but realized that I sent the wrong email. My school email is: lori-anne.plewak@cmsd.bc.ca

The students did a great job with Student Vote last Friday. This week is apple week. We will be participating in Truth and Reconciliation Week next week and Orange Shirt Day.

A reminder to send reusable water bottles to school and ear buds or head phones for computer classes.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROTOCOL REMINDERS

- ⇒ If you are stopping by the school to drop something off, please come to the **front door** and knock or call the office.
- ⇒ Please ensure your children stay home if sick; do the daily health check and follow protocols if showing symptoms of illness.
- ⇒ Please make an appointment if you need to speak to a staff member. If you are coming in for an appointment, please come to the front door and knock or call the office. When you come in, please sanitize your hands, wear your mask, and sign in and out.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND PATIENCE DURING THIS TIME, AND FOR HELPING KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE.

Ms. Howard hosts Homework Club every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:25 in Room 7, starting next week. Students can come catch up on work or get extra help if needed!



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

- ⇒ <http://newhazelton.cmsd.bc.ca>
- ⇒ www.cmsd.bc.ca
- ⇒ *On Facebook at Friends of New Hazelton Elementary*



Grade 3 and 4 (Room 8)

Mrs. Barr

The students in room 8 have been busy working with their teacher, Mrs. Barr and our 2 Education Assistants, Mrs. van den Heuvel and Mrs. Henderson.

They have been introduced to 4 reading strategies so far:

Eagle Eye: look at the pictures for clues to decode the words

Lips the Fish: get your lips ready to sound out the first letter of challenging words

Stretchy the Snake: say all of the sounds in a word slowly and then blend them together

Chunky Monkey: look for smaller words in big words or chunks of words like prefixes and suffixes to help decode

In Math, they have learned about **number sense** and **place value** words like **numeral**, **digit** and **value**. They have used math tools like hundreds charts, less/more lift-the-flap tools and place value pocket charts. The grade 3 students' goal to work with numbers up to 10,000 and the grade 4s need to use numbers up to 100,000. Students have also been learning how to collect data using **tally marks** and how to transfer that information into **bar graphs**. They have even spent time demonstrating their understanding of **addition and subtraction equations**.

Each child was given a **planner** for home-school communication. A typed note will be in the planner on the first day of each week and then updates will be made as the week progresses. Spelling lists will also be included in the planner. Please help your child remember to bring their planner to school each day and show it to you each evening.

Please send a **water bottle** to school each day with your child. In addition to eating food at lunch, students also have time for a morning snack and an afternoon snack.

Please update the **package of papers** in the large manila envelope from the office and return it in your child's planner at your earliest convenience.

GRADE 5 and 6 (Room 1)

Mrs. Morrison

Hello and Welcome Back! I am super excited to be working with different grade levels this year. I have taught all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and just enjoy being in the classroom. I have sent home a classroom notice already, if you did not receive it please let me know. My email is: Pamela.Morrison@cmsd.bc.ca

Important reminder about **devices**! Students are not permitted to use personal electronic devices during school hours. I do follow the NHE personal electronic devices protocol and expectation (see parent handbook). If a device is confiscated during class time, the first offence will result in the device being placed in the teacher's desk for the remainder of the day; second offence will result in the device being placed in the office with the principal; third offence, the device will remain in the office until it is picked up by an adult. Thank you for your assistance with this issue.



From Mrs. Olson, FN Support Worker:

I would like to welcome back our students for another year, and a special welcome to our many new students! I am one of our First Nations Support Workers, and work closely with students, parents, and teachers to support student success at school. Please feel free to contact me any time if you have any concerns. I am looking forward to meeting parents personally over coffee or tea this year. Please call and set up a time to visit and chat at your convenience.

Mrs. Hilda Olson