

Hawthorne Elementary Newsletter

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Issue #: 4

Date: October 22, 2020

Important Dates to Remember:

Oct 26	6:30 pm PAC Meeting (by RSVP)
Oct 27	10:30 am Fire drill
Nov 10	Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov 18	Photo retakes

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Well, it certainly has been an interesting two weeks....

I am very pleased to welcome Ms Williamson (Division 10), and Mr Hagen (Division 16) to our school. They will be teaching with us for the remainder of the year.

As you know, we ran Parent-Teacher Conferences remotely this week. The vast majority of these conferences seemed to go very well and we have been hearing positive feedback from both our teachers and parents. Thank you for making yourselves available for these important conversations.

As you know, we have also had to work through our first exposure to COVID 19 at the school.

As you are aware, Fraser Health sent out a letter to our community this week regarding this exposure. Thank you for your calm and measured response to this news. It is always concerning to hear that someone close to us may have been exposed to the virus. Our children look to us for their response and seeing their parents handle this news in a calm manner really made a difference to our students. I also want to thank you all for your diligence around keeping our school safe by wearing masks, washing your hands, keeping your child at home if they are unwell and limiting contact with those who are not in your bubble. As Dr. Henry says, now more than ever we need to be diligent and not let our guard down.

Thank you all for your support and for making the Hawthorne community such a great place to live and learn.

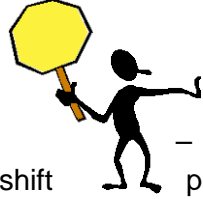
Enjoy your weekends and take care.

Mr. B. Thompson
Principal

Ms. B. Bryan
Vice Principal



Looking for Parent Volunteers



We are looking for 10 to 12 adult volunteers to assist with our student **Crossing Guards** at the entrance to the property. There are two shifts per day – **8:40 – 9:10 am** and **3:00-3:30 pm**. We would like volunteers to commit to one shift per week for the rest of the year. Please contact Mr. Thompson if you are interested at bthompson@deltasd.bc.ca or call the school at 604-946-7601

Traffic Safety

As the weather gets wetter, and the days darker, we encourage parents to drive with extra caution in and around school property. Please follow all laws and directions given related to car, bike, and pedestrian traffic. We encourage you and your children to walk onto the property whenever possible and to use the traffic circle at the school as a last resort. Please also help reinforce the need for students to “walk their wheels” when on school property. Your help in this regard is very much appreciated, and will help ensure that all of our students come and go safely.

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is a wonderful time of celebration for our community and families. We enjoy it when students dress up for Halloween, but we do ask for your cooperation to help keep Halloween safe and fun for everyone. Please consider the following tips:

- Students in costume at school should be easily recognizable and/or identify themselves to any school district staff members when asked. This means that full face masks may not be permitted.
- When choosing a costume, make sure that it is easy to move about in and doesn't restrict mobility.
- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are not allowed.
- We encourage costumes that are in good taste.
- School codes of conduct must always be followed, even when in costume. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property. Vandalism is never acceptable.
- Due to COVIC 19 please do not allow your child to bring any treats or food to share with others. Students may bring a small amount of treats for their own consumption.
- We would also encourage you to take a look at the BC Centre for Disease Control's tips on how to celebrate as safely as possible: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/social-interactions/halloween>

Thank you for talking with your child(ren) and helping to ensure that Halloween is a fun and safe celebration for our entire community.