

Hawthorne Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 23- Dec 4	Scholastic Virtual Book Fair
Nov 30	Professional Day- No school
Dec 11	CSL Report Cards Issued on Parent Connect
Dec 18	Last Day of School before Winter Vacation
Dec 21- Jan 1	Winter Vacation Period

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As our Superintendent Doug Sheppard stated in his letter to parents: Our schools have been back in session for almost two months, and our students have adapted extremely well to the new health and safety protocols. Throughout the school day, our staff take great care to ensure students are kept within their learning groups/cohorts, including ensuring that students are not socializing with students from outside their cohort during recess and lunch break or, if they are, ensuring they maintain two metres distance from them. This is done to limit students' interactions with others to help reduce their potential exposure to COVID-19.

Fraser Health Contact Tracing

- As shared in the district letter to parents and guardians last week, Fraser Health will reach out directly to families if they think their child has come into close

We know that school drop-off and pick-up are very busy at schools and it can be challenging for students and their families to maintain two metres distance from others. We also recognize that school drop-off and pick-up provide an opportunity for parents to connect with each other. Following this weekend's public health order, we would like to ask for your support in ensuring that you do not interact with others outside of your household, or allow your child to play with others from outside of their cohort. To help avoid these social interactions, we encourage you to leave the school grounds promptly after dropping off or picking up your child from school.

Mrs. B. Bryan
Acting Principal

Mrs. M. Graham
Acting Vice Principal



Focusing on the Positive

- As you may have seen on the [district's website](#) and social media

<p>contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, and will ask them to take specific action, such as go for a COVID test or self-isolate. In case of COVID exposures at our school, <u>we encourage you to answer phone calls, even if they are from an unknown number, as this will greatly assist Fraser Health with its contact tracing process.</u></p>	<p>channels already, over the coming weeks we will be sharing some brief suggestions, tips and activities to help promote feelings of warmth, joy and gratitude.</p> <p>Did you know that kindness is about the only thing in the world that doubles when you share it? I encourage you to take two minutes to watch this interesting video from the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation on the science of kindness.</p>
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Daily Health Check Form



Thanks to everyone in the community for taking the time to acknowledge your responsibility to complete the daily health check with your child every day before sending or dropping them off at school. The BC Centre for Disease Control has simplified the Daily Health Check Form for parents to use as a guide in performing daily health checks with their children. As with many of the guidelines we are following, they may be updated regularly. Please do not use the old health check form any longer. The new form can be found [here](#). We have also included a copy of the form below. Please remember that if you answer 'yes' to any of the questions, keeping your child home and if appropriate, following up with a health care provider is absolutely necessary in order to keep our school environment healthy and safe for everyone.

New Hawks Staff:

We have new staff (or re-joining) the “Hawks” team and want to welcome them. Please join me in extending a welcome to the following new staff members:

- Ashley Anderson is helping us out with our PE Preps for teachers

Traffic Procedures

We are experiencing extreme difficulties at pick up time after school, especially on rainy days. There is limited space for vehicles entering our school grounds, which causes a traffic jam that stretches all the way out to the through road of Central Avenue.

- Parents/guardians who need to wait outside the classroom door for their child are asked to please park off grounds and then walk in to the school.
- Drivers who wait for child to meet them at the vehicle ***must*** stay inside their vehicle and then exit as soon as possible from the drop off/pick up area to make space for others.
- Students may not cross in front of, or behind, a vehicle that is stationary beside the curb.
- If your vehicle cannot pass completely through the crosswalk, please do not enter that space. Crossing guards are instructed not to allow pedestrians to cross unless the crosswalk is completely clear.

These procedures are necessary to ensure that your children remain safe. No one wants an injury to be the reason practices finally change.