

# Hawthorne Elementary Newsletter

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## Important Dates to Remember:

Nov 10	11:00 am Minute of Silence – followed by virtual assemblies
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov 18	Photo retakes
Nov 30	Non-instructional Day (no school)
Dec 11	1 <sup>st</sup> term report card released

Dear Parents/Guardians -

It's hard to believe that it's now November and that Halloween is behind us. Last Friday's celebration of Halloween was so much fun, and we all really enjoyed seeing all of the "spooktacular" costumes that our students wore. Much fun was had. Thank you for supporting us around the additional safety precautions we had in place on this day regarding treats etc.

I also want to take a moment to thank our PAC for all of their hard work behind the scenes and for their continued support of the school and our students. It is unfortunate that the recent PAC AGM was cancelled, however we are confident that it will be rescheduled very soon (more information to follow on this).

Currently classes are busy practicing and filming their contributions to our upcoming virtual Remembrance Day Assembly. Next Tuesday, November 10th we will adjust our recess times slightly so that we can observe a minute of silence at 11:00 am on that day. After recess, students will watch the virtual assembly in their classrooms. This presentation will also be made available on our website for families to enjoy later on that day. Of course, the following day students do not attend school in observance of Remembrance Day. I hope that you take a few minutes to talk to your children about the importance of this particular day. Next up..... we will begin to work on our virtual Christmas concert!

As you can see, our school remains a busy and vibrant place....

Beyond the updates above, I do have some personal news to share. Recently I learned that I will need to take a medical leave from the school. It is unclear at this point when exactly I might be ready to return as I require a couple of surgeries to correct a significant issue I am having with my eyesight. My return will likely be some months down the road. In the meantime, Ms Bryan will be serving as the Acting Principal of Hawthorne and Ms Graham as the acting Vice-Principal. We are working hard to ensure that we have things in place to make this transition a smooth one. We have the full support of the school district around all of this, and I know they will continue to support our staff and school as needed.

I would like to thank all of you in advance for your support of our staff as they continue to work daily to make Hawthorne a wonderful place to be, and to learn.

I look forward to reconnecting with all of you upon my return.

Warmest regards, and best wishes,

*Mr. B. Thompson*  
Principal



## **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.

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## **Grade Six Immunizations**

We have received word from Fraser Health that for now, all grade 6 immunizations have been suspended. More information will be shared with families as it becomes available

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### **Lending a Helping Hand – The Downtown Eastside Lunch Project (December is “Kindness Month” at Hawthorne)**

What is the DTES Bagged Lunch Project?

The Downtown Eastside Bagged lunch project started is a way to give back to the community. We started out in 2015 with 2 sandwich makers and 1 cookie maker. All lunches were served in paper bags decorated by Hawthorne students.

Each year the project as grown in size, both number of lunches served and items available. Last year more than 500 lunches containing a sandwich, banana, pop and Halloween candy were served. Hand knit hats, scarves, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine hygiene products and pet food were also available. As of today, a total of over 2000 lunches have been provided - all in beautifully decorated bags by the students of Hawthorne!

This year, because of COVID-19, we are not able to continue the tradition of providing lunches. As such, we have decided to concentrate of items needed by the Union Gospel Mission’s outreach program - hats, scarves, socks, mittens and gloves.

We are hoping to be able to provide a large amount of these important warm winter items to as many people in need as possible. Please send new , adult-sized socks, mittens or gloves to your child’s class **before November 30th**. These items will be collected from the school by the organizers and delivered to the Union Gospel Mission later that week.

Thank you.