

HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Families:

Term two is often a short, but busy term. I would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding as we navigate our way through the pandemic and the constantly changing rules and regulations that are designed to keep us as safe as possible. I understand that the stress of social distancing and wearing masks is getting to people but it is important to persevere. I ask for your ongoing cooperation in keeping the playgrounds clear before and after school, wearing masks on school property, maintaining social distance, and vacating the premises immediately once your child is dropped off or picked up.

A revised daily health check was sent out by the school district. It is one of the best ways to keep everyone in the school community safe and healthy as it prevents germs and viruses from coming in in the first place. With the new variants of COVID, we will see changes to some protocols. For example, if one member of a household tests positive, Fraser Health may ask all household members to self-isolate which is different than before. Please remember that all communications and instructions for families around COVID-19 are directed by the health authorities and the school and district take our direction from them.

On a happier note, we had great participation in Pink Shirt day this year. It is always a good reminder to be kind, caring and also empathetic towards other people as we often don't know their full story. We had a 'Crazy Sock' Spirit Day and this week we end with a 'Look-Alike' Spirit Day and I am looking forward to seeing what the kids do with that. It is great for school morale to have these fun days since there are many activities we would normally be doing at this time of year but can not.

While the kids look forward to some down time during the upcoming break it is important to find as many opportunities as possible to practise the many skills they have learned over the term. This may include reading books, magazines, comics, or anything else of interest. As you enjoy your 'staycations', look for opportunities to work math skills into your conversations with your children. This might be as simple as counting the red cars passed on the road or more complex like calculating the tax or tip on a restaurant bill. If time permits, spend some time with your child thinking about, and setting, some personal and academic goals for what they would like to achieve in Term Three. Above all, take some time to get outside and have some fun connecting with your kids and enjoying time together.

I know this break will not be a typical one with the health restrictions in place, but on behalf of everyone here at Hawthorne Elementary, I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable Spring Break. See you again on Monday, March 29!

Mr. J. Hope
Principal

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

Registration for 2021-2022



Our school's Kindergarten registration for September 2021 opened in February for catchment students. Please encourage neighbors who have not yet signed up to go online as soon as possible to register. For new students in **Grades K-7 who do not reside in the Hawthorne Elementary catchment area, March 5 was the application deadline.** Late applications will still be accepted, but not considered until other applications have been reviewed.

Term Two Report Cards

Report Cards were issued on **Monday March 8.** We no longer issue paper copies of reports. Report Cards can be viewed on Parent Connect under the Folder tab. If your child has an Individual Education Plan, this can also be viewed in Parent Connect under Profile> Education Plan and then click on the green button that says IEP Central. If you are having difficulties accessing Parent Connect, please contact the school office.



Take some time to read the report card together with your child. Celebrate your child's successes! Ask what he/she thinks is his/her best achievement this term, what he/she is most proud of, or what he/she enjoyed the most. Every child not only learns academic concepts, but also learns, practices, and reviews life skills every day. Ask your child which area he/she would like to make an improvement in and together develop a plan to reach that goal. Encourage them to have a growth mindset. Have discussions around mistakes being opportunities to grow their thinking and understanding and that it is not necessary to be correct all the time. Always encourage your child to strive to achieve his/her personal best!

Update from PAC- yearbook

For this year, our PAC has decided to not produce a yearbook for sale and distribution to the community. The school will still create a grade 7- specific version for those students to have as a memento of their time in elementary school.

Traffic at the School

I would like to thank the community for your efforts in improving the vehicle traffic flow at the school. Our student crossing guards take a vehicle tally each day and on many days we are over 120 vehicles that leave and exit our traffic circle in a short period of time in the morning and again at the end of the day. Drivers following the drop off only signs at the curb are extremely helpful in keeping the flow going. As the weather gets nicer, we hope to reduce the vehicle traffic and get more families walking to the school. This will be easier when the work in Hawthorne Park is done and the pathways are fully reopened.

Class Photos

One keepsake families like to get from the school each year is a class photo. We have booked **April 15** with the photographers. Because those photos are done class by class, it doesn't mix learning cohorts. This allows us to do class photos with extra precautions in place. Our goal is to have them taken outside but in the event of poor weather we will move them into the gym. In either case the photographers will maintain their social distance, students will all be facing one direction, and students may certainly choose to wear a mask or not.

Wheels on the Playground

The school can use your assistance in reminding kids to walk their wheels such as bikes, scooters, and skateboards when on school grounds. It is a safety hazard to the riders and the pedestrians around them. If your child is planning on in-line skating to school, please have them head straight to their line up area and change into regular shoes. As always, please remind kids to wear their helmets!

Spring Break 2021

Our Spring Break will take place March 15-26. The first day back at school for students will be Monday, March 29.



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday, March 29	School Re-opens from Spring Break
Friday, April 2	Good Friday- No School
Monday, April 5	Easter Monday- No School
Friday, April 9	Spirit Day- Whacky Hair Day
Thursday, April 15	Class Photo Day
Wednesday, April 21	Early Dismissal Days- Parent Teacher Conferences via zoom or phone- more details to come
Thursday, April 22	
Friday, April 30	Spirit Day- Superhero Day
Thursday, May 6	Full Release Emergency Drill
Friday, May 14	Spirit Day- Backwards clothes day
Friday, May 21	Professional Day- Students do not attend classes
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day- no school

