



Hawthorne Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Families:

We certainly enjoyed a nice stretch of weather last week. It is a good reminder that kids will be spending more time outdoors so it's not a bad idea to put some sunscreen on them before coming to school, especially the younger students. With the nice weather and efforts to spend as much time outside as possible due to COVID this is one more step we can take to keep the kids safe.

As we head into May, our schools begin their staffing processes for next year. If your family intends to move away or attend a different school, please notify Ms. Hunt and Ms. Richardson in the office as it helps us get our numbers accurate for next year which really helps our class planning. I have to submit our school calendar for next year to the district by the first week of May. Our plan for now is to have a 'normal' calendar and day schedule, but please be prepared for an altered schedule should it be deemed necessary by our health authorities.

COVID vaccines are slowly rolling out in our community. Although this provides a glimmer of hope, I ask everyone to continue with the hard work and dedication it takes to adhere to our school COVID plan. The cooperation from kids and parents with social distancing, masks, hand sanitization, and most importantly completing the daily health check are the most effective tools we have to keep everyone healthy as we enter the home stretch of this school year.

Mr. J. Hope
Principal

COVID-19

The best defense we continue to have against COVID, and other germs and viruses, entering the school is the daily health check. As a reminder, here it is:



DAILY HEALTH CHECK	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and get a health assessment. Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea and vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	If yes: All students and staff who have travelled outside of Canada are required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival under both provincial and federal orders. This includes students who are attending school from abroad. Students from outside of Canada should plan to arrive in Canada at least two weeks before they are scheduled to attend school to adhere to the self-quarantine orders. Additional information is available here
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	If yes: Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health. You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.

Check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#). If you have any questions, or the symptoms get worse, contact your healthcare provider, or call 8-1-1. For more information on COVID-19, please go to www.bccdc.ca. If you develop severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our parent teacher conferences took place via Zoom or telephone on the 21st and 22nd. Thank you to those families who were able to participate. As a school we are required to have 5 official reporting sessions; 3 report cards and two conferences. As always, if you have any questions about your child's progress, feel free to contact the teacher at any time via email or a call to the school.

Earth Day Activities

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Fleury's grade 5/6 class for organizing a walk and wheel to school campaign, a poster initiative, and an Earth Day poetry contest in recognition of Earth day on April 22.



KINDERGARTEN Orientation

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time for kids and their families. With COVID restrictions in place we are unable to offer our usual in-person activities that allow children to get a sense for what school will be like, including meeting some of the teachers. Our Kindergarten staff have met to come up with a plan that will allow us to welcome our new Kindergarten students to the school.

We will be hosting a drive thru meet the teacher opportunity for families on Tuesday, June 8 from 1:00 to 2:00. At that time, we would ask families to drive thru the school roundabout to meet some of the teachers and administration and get a goody bag of materials that are great for kids entering school. More details of this will be sent out to incoming K families. If anyone has yet to register for Kindergarten, please see the website:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/kindergarten/>

Emergency Release Drill Practice- May 13

As part of our ongoing efforts to revisit and improve our emergency preparedness practices, we will be hosting a full student release drill on Thursday, May 13 at 2:15. Students will do a 'duck and cover' drill followed by an evacuation to the school field. We will have it set up like we would for an evacuation event. A separate letter will be coming home with the details of how the whole process works. A key part of it will be asking available parents to come to the school at that time to help us test our release system, and take their kids home with them early. If a student's family is not able to participate, we would just dismiss them at their usual end time. In preparation for this drill, the school sent home forms for parents to update their emergency contacts. For a child to be picked up by someone other than a parent, that person's name must be on the list or a child cannot be released to them.

We recognize that with COVID many people will not be comfortable coming to the school. For those that do, we ask protocols such as masking and physical distancing be followed to ensure everyone's well-being.

Parent Presentation- Gang Prevention

HOW YOUTH ARE EFFORTLESSLY LURED INTO THE GANG LIFESTYLE

Gangs are recruiting youth at a younger age in ways that our communities have never seen before. Parents will leave this COMPLIMENTARY presentation with a greater understanding of what they can do to prevent their child from getting involved in gangs and other harmful activities.

KEY SPEAKERS:

JORDAN BUNA

Jordan Buna has presented both provincially and nationally on the topic of youth gangs. He works with Safer Schools Together, delivering training sessions with Gang Reduction through Informed Practice (GRIP). Jordan's presentation focuses both on his journey into gangs as a young person as well as his successful exit as an adult.

DR. KEIRON MCCONNELL

Dr. Keiron McConnell has worked within the criminal justice system for the last 30 years in a front line capacity. Specifically, in this work, he has worked exclusively in gang prevention, intervention and suppression for the last 15 years with a variety of police gang units.

Parent Session

Thursday, May 13 (Online Event)

6:30 - 8:00 pm

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1Mk7VzPQ2D>

District Vision 2030- Looking for Input

It is important for an organization such as a school district to have a clearly defined set of goals and values. For the Delta School District, these are contained in Our Bold Vision created 10 years ago, with the intent to revisit it in 2020. Here we are 10 years later getting set to plan for our Vision 2030. To craft the original document, input was taken from all stakeholders in the district from teachers, support staff, students, parents, administrators, and facilities people to name a few. Incorporating all those perspectives was valuable to establishing what our district held as important.

We are looking to update that vision to incorporate what we have learned, and we need to have the same diverse input. COVID is preventing us from hosting large scale gatherings but Hawthorne has been offered 10 spots for parents to join an online Zoom session to offer their input. This will take place on Wednesday, May 12 from 7-9:30. If you are interested in participating, please email your name and contact information to our Vice Principal, Ms. Bryan at bbryan@deltasd.bc.ca.

Building Classes for the Next School Year

One of the many processes schools must complete by the end of the instructional year is to build tentative versions of classes for the next school year. We do this after receiving the total number of divisions allocated to our school by the district and organizing the grades based on class size and composition limits. Once that is done, the current teachers will reassign their current students to next year's classes based on a number of factors including, but not limited to: friendships, learning styles, personality style, independence, work habits, academic success and many more. This process is not an exact science as there are many nuances to consider when grouping kids together as they grow and change so much. Our teachers know the kids very well in the school context and do their absolute best to get a best-fit. Still, it is important to ask for any additional information that may be helpful in selecting the best placement possible. If a parent has any new or emerging information they would like the school to consider when we begin creating classes for next year, **please utilize the form provided on our website and submit it to the principal by May 26, 2021**. Please click [here](#) to view the form.

PAC News and Reminders

Our PAC would like to remind everyone of two fundraisers that are currently on the go to support Hawthorne kids. One is the account at the Return-It Depot where you can print off a label to go on your empties for them to be donated to the school. The account can be accessed using the school phone number 604-946-7601.

Another tasty fundraiser on the go is the Neufeld Farms order. It will close Friday, May 7 and the pick up date will be Monday, May 17 at 6pm. Just in time for the May long weekend! It is a great way to stock your freezer for quick and easy meals. Payments can be made via email interact transfer to hawthornepacfundraising@gmail.com or as always, other methods are available to you. For further information about this fundraiser and to get order forms, please visit <https://hawthornepac.ca/fundraisingneufeld-farm>.

One last note is the PAC Annual General Meeting is coming up via Zoom on May 20, at 7:00. Regular PAC business will be discussed but it is also the time to elect members of the executive. We would love to see as many people join the meeting as possible.

Calendar Reminders



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Friday, April 30	Spirit Day- SUPERHERO Day!
Thursday, May 13	Full Release Drill
Friday, May 14	Spirit Day- Backwards Day!
Thursday, May 20	PAC Meeting and AGM
Friday, May 21	Pro D Day- School not in session
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day holiday- No School
Friday, May 28	Spirit Day- Crazy Hat Day!
Tuesday, June 8	New Kindergarten Drive Thru 'Meet the Teachers'
Thursday, June 24	Spirit Day- Hawthorne Gear or Hawthorne Colour Day!
Tuesday, June 29	Last day for Students- Term 3 Report Cards issued