



Hawthorne Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I can't believe we are in June already. People often ask if we are 'winding down' now that June is here. On the contrary, my experience is that schools get 'wound up'. June is a month of transitions for many. It is a busy time of year for teachers as they begin to do final reports and start to make plans for next year in terms of preparing the classes for September. For parents, there is the joy at the prospect of having their kids home all summer with them for some quality time together, coupled with the realization that they have to have their kids home ALL summer with them! For students, there is excitement that summer holidays are coming and bringing with it the promise of warm weather and being with friends outside. There is also a lot of worry that can go with it; for some school is a place of predictability and comfort and being away from it can be worrisome. They may also start to wonder about the unknown; Who will my teacher be next year? Will friends be in my class? What am I going to do all day for the summer? Please take time over the last couple weeks of school to reassure kids that they have the skills necessary to transition from school to summer and back again. Review with your kids all the growth and learning they have done and find ways to remind them to reframe their thinking in a positive way. Remind them that they already adjusted very well to the new routines and expectations this year brought with it which will make next year seem that much easier.

Sincerely,

J. Hope
Principal

Kamloops Residential School Response

Many of you are aware of the tragic discovery at the site of the Kamloops Residential School over the last week. This is a reminder of the ongoing importance of the work schools do to help educate our population about the destructive history of residential schools and government policies such as the Indian Act, as well as the damage they have caused so many families. Our intention as a school is to continue to bring awareness to the impact of residential schools in general, as well as address this particular case in an age-appropriate and respectful manner. Our plan for a school-wide recognition will be for all staff and students to wear orange shirts on Wednesday, June 2. We are also creating a banner to bring awareness to the 215 children who are known to have lost their lives at the Kamloops site as well as the many thousands of other children throughout Canada who are not accounted for. It will be on display starting Wednesday.

COVID Update

There has been lots of good news on the COVID front as the province has unveiled a proposal for a gradual reopening of the province. Most of the changes will have more of an impact on next school year rather than the rest of this one. We will continue with the same practices to ensure safety and so we don't cause any setbacks that may delay our return to normal. Here's what we know at present:

- All K-12 schools remain in the current Stage 2 through to June 30th and into Summer programming. Our current safety plan remains in place until September (or further notice). Summer programs will be operated under the current safety plan.
- School Districts will receive detailed planning guidelines for school opening before June 30th. At present, **we are planning for a Stage 1 (regular) start in September** with no cohorts/learning groups.
- Guidelines for Graduation/year end Ceremonies are in place and will not be changed before the end of the year.
- All year end plans for any celebrations or events at school fall under the current health and safety guidelines for K-12.

For additional information about COVID in schools, you can visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>. The Fraser Health Authority also has a dedicated telephone line for the school COVID-related inquiries. The number to call for advice regarding COVID-19 symptoms is **604-587-4769**. This number supplements 8-1-1 for COVID-related advice.

Parent Workshop- Saleema Noon

An online workshop called **Growing Up Game Plan: Parents Edition** was offered back in February. It is being offered again to parents and space is limited. Please **register in advance** for the workshop beginning on Monday, May 31.

[REGISTER FOR FREE](#)

Saleema Noon presents to our school every other year with the support of the PAC. This workshop is different. It will walk you through your own game plan for supporting your preteen when it comes to:

- ✓ Managing social media: how it impacts their self-esteem, their friendships, and their relationship with you.
- ✓ Coping with changing bodies during puberty, and how this affects body image.
- ✓ The big one – bullying.

Traffic Safety

Thank you again to everyone for adjusting to the new traffic flow at the front of the school. We have noticed a reduction in the number of vehicles being counted by our student crosswalk guards with the reopening of the Hawthorne Park parking lot and pathways, as well as the access from Grove Avenue. One important reminder is to be very cautious when crossing from the parent/visitor parking to the school. We have had a couple of close calls where kids have bolted into traffic without looking. Please keep young kids close and try to use the crosswalk or central path across the traffic circle 'island'. This way it is more predictable for drivers as they come to the school. As always, we encourage as many people as possible to walk regardless of the weather, but the sunny days ahead will make it that much nicer to do.

Lost and Found

We will continue to put the lost and found items out the front of the school. Any unclaimed items will be donated before the last day of school. We tend to see an increase in the number of lost items as the weather gets better because kids wear hoodies and jackets out to play, get too hot, and dump them on the ground where they are forgotten. So, if you are missing anything, please check the lost and found.

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Summer Learning Opportunities

An innovative, enriching and free program for

English Language Elementary Students entering grades 1 to 7.

Sessions run **July 5-16** and **July 19-30**, 9:00am-1:00pm Monday to Friday.

For more information and to register go to: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-school-registration/>

DISTRICT VISION 2030

More than 10 years ago, our school district engaged all stakeholders in a process creating a Bold Vision that articulated district goals and values for the following decade. We are in the midst of gathering information from stakeholders to guide the next 10 years. If you would still like to add some input, here are some survey links to do so:

1. For Parents (deadline June 11) <https://wsurveys.com/DeltaVision2030Parent/>
2. For Students (deadline June 8) <https://wsurveys.com/DeltaVision2030Student/>
4. For Everyone - Post on the Kudoboard <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/XxehA2pf>
5. Everyone - Send us an email with your thoughts to ctucker@deltaschools.ca

Stretch Programs 2021-2022

As part of the programming to provide additional enrichment for students who show a strong aptitude in some areas, the District offers Stretch Programs. These programs will be delivered in an online format for the 2021-2022 school year, much as they were this year. These programs require parents and students to fill in an application form together and then request the teacher to fill in a nomination form as well. This information can be found at <https://deltalearns.ca/stretch/>. Spaces are limited, so not all students will be accepted. Please prepare your child for the possibility they may not have a space in the program but let them know it is an honor to be considered. Students who have already been part of the program for 2 years may not be accepted to make room for new applicants. The types of programming and eligible age group are as follows:

ArtStretch Grades 6 and 7 (Grade 5 applications will be considered but only in exceptional circumstances)

WriteStretch Grades 5, 6, 7 and higher

STEMStretch Grades 5, 6 and 7

Public Library Programming

Summer Reading Club Begins Soon!
Crack the Case! Be a super sleuth this summer when you join FVRL’s 2021 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone- preschoolers, kids, teens, and adults- and it is all FREE!

Visit www.fvrl.ca to register for the Summer Reading Club.

Update from the PAC Executive

The Hawthorne PAC Executive is thrilled to welcome Heather Morris as our treasurer-in-training. We are also excited to have Tanya Foley on board as our Delta District PAC representative. The call for nominations still stands for other PAC executive positions for next year; we are in urgent need of Chair, co-chair and secretary.

Thank you to all families for participating in our Neufeld Farms and Dairy Queen fundraisers. They were very successful. For any further information that is PAC related, please go to our PAC website www.hawthornepac.ca

Last Day Dismissal Times

In a normal school year, students are dismissed early on the last day of school, usually around recess. This year the last day is on Tuesday, June 29. However, with the staggered start times, we must still maintain a staggered end time. Group A, that starts at 8:55, will be dismissed at 10:25 and the later Group B, that starts at 9:10 will finish at 10:40. Please note this is a slight variation from the last newsletter.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday, June 8	Kindergarten Drive-Thru Meet the teachers 1:00-2:00
Friday, June 18	Gr 7 band rental instrument pick-up at the school
Thursday, June 24	SPIRIT DAY- Hawthorne Colours and logo gear
Thursday, June 24	Grade 7, Division 1, Year-end Recognition
Friday, June 25	Grade 7, Division 2, Year-end Recognition
Monday, June 28	Grade 7 Year end picnic and games- pm only
Tuesday, June 29	Last Day for Students- DISMISSALS at 10:25 (A) and 10:40 (B)
Tuesday, June 29	Term 3 Report Cards online on Parent Connect

