



Hawthorne Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

We have reached the end of term one and will ease into the next term as we approach the winter break. The first term report cards were posted in Parent Connect this week. Please take some time to review them with your children and celebrate their successes and help create some learning goals for next term. The students should be proud of their accomplishments and I thank our parent community for their ongoing support of the teachers' efforts. It takes a lot of communication, cooperation, and compassion from many different people to provide an effective educational program.

Many of you may be aware that there was some sad news in the Ladner community with the sudden passing of a student at Delta Secondary. Our condolences go out to her family and friends. Because Ladner is a very close-knit community, it is likely that some of our Hawthorne families will be impacted by this tragedy. If anyone feels they need support through this difficult time, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the school.

As this will be the final newsletter update of the 2021 calendar year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and happy winter break. However you choose to celebrate at this time of year, whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any other wonderful celebrations and traditions, the staff and I wish you much joy and happiness with your loved ones as we prepare to say goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022!

J. Hope
Principal

COVID Update

There are some updates regarding Covid to pass on. Children as young as 5 years are now able to receive a Covid vaccine. For information about this process, please click [here](#). At the school level, we will continue to follow the current guidelines such as mandatory masks, hand hygiene, continued restricted access to visitors, surface cleaning and [Daily Health Checks](#), but please keep in mind that Medical Health Officers are able to place additional health and safety measures, at their discretion, onto specific communities, groups of schools, individual schools, or school districts if needed. Please continue to send your child to school with a mask and a spare in case the first one gets dirty. With the winter break coming, please note the section of the Daily Health Check that states that students who are NOT fully vaccinated, and have travelled outside of Canada, can not return to school for 14 days after arrival back to the country.

TAKING CARE OF OTHERS - CHARITABLE WORK AT HAWTHORNE

Ms. Cherry's and Ms. Froh's classes worked with a community organization to collect adult-sized socks to be donated to residents of the Downtown East Side. With winter approaching, it is a small gesture for our community to help take care of others. They collected over 950 pairs of socks for the cause. The organizer was particularly grateful because one of their other donors fell through and the Hawthorne donations filled the void.

Ms. Graham's, Ms. Cadez's and Mr. Tang's grade 7 students have been working together on a Food Drive to support our local food bank. Thank you to the many families who have donated to the drive so far this year. The donations will be picked up next week and will go a long way to supporting people in our community.

Ms. Lloyd's class will be working in conjunction with our PAC to put on an after school hot chocolate and candy cane give away as a holiday treat for the community. This will take place on December 17, the last day of school. One difference from previous years is that we will be asking for donations when picking up a treat. All proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross in support of flood relief efforts in British Columbia. Please make arrangements to have some cash or coins with you and your children that day so that we can make a difference for our neighbours up the Fraser Valley.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our staff and students have been hard at work preparing songs and dances for our concert on December 15. For this year, we will again be pre-recording the event and publishing it on a limited YouTube Channel that can only be accessed with the link the school sends out to families. Look for the link to be emailed out around 3:30 on the 15th. Thank you to all the staff and students who have put their time into rehearsals.

There are many decorations throughout the school giving it a festive vibe for the holidays. We have some staff "s-elf-ies" for the kids to see and many of the classrooms have decorated their classroom doors. Here are some of the examples:



MORNING CROSSING GUARD

Hawthorne is looking for an adult crossing guard in the mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are asking our own community first before putting out a posting to the general public. If this is something of interest to you or someone you know, please contact the vice-principal, Mrs. Bryan, at bbryan@deltaschools.ca.

STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder that it is very helpful if families that know their child(ren) will be away on any given day, to give the absentee line a call and leave a message for the office staff. The absentee line is 604-946-3055. A note in the planner is also helpful as it gives the teacher a heads up as well.

GRADE 6 AND 7 IMMUNIZATIONS

Because Covid forced the cancellation of regular vaccine programs in schools last year, the health authorities are catching up this year and will be administering regularly scheduled vaccinations to current grade 6 and grade 7 students. This vaccine is for HPV and any other missed vaccines, such as tetanus, to be made up if the records indicate such. Consent forms have gone out and have been returned. The date for Hawthorne students is Monday, December 13. This vaccine is not a Covid related vaccine. That is still booked through separate channels. Please note there is information on the Canada Government website stating that it is recommended to have two weeks between a regular vaccination, such as a flu shot, and a covid vaccination. This is a precaution to monitor for possible side effects and which vaccine to attribute it to. For further information and clarification please consult 8-1-1 or your health care professional.

DISTRICT VISION 2030

The Delta School District has launched its new Vision for the next 10 years. It is designed to build on the progress of the original Vision 2020 help guide over the last 10 years. It can be viewed on the Delta School District [website](#) and here is a picture of it:



As a school, we are seeking some feedback from parents about the new Vision. Specifically, what aspects do you relate to the most, what are the areas that Hawthorne, as a school, can focus on, what are your thoughts on the Mission and Vision Statements? We are interested in any feedback. Please feel free to send an email to our vice-principal, Mrs. Bryan, at bbryan@deltaschools.ca with any thoughts.

PAC INFORMATION

Our PAC held a meeting this week. Remember, all Hawthorne parents are automatically a member of the PAC and can attend meetings. It is a chance to meet other parents in the community and hear from the principal about the happenings in the school. Many initiatives are underway this year already including hot lunch, fruit and veggie program delivery, the sponsored photo fundraiser, bottle depot fundraiser and more. The PAC is currently sponsoring a DQ Cake sale fundraiser and information was sent out on their behalf this week.

The PAC is in the process of generating their own email contact list to more efficiently distribute information about their efforts and initiatives including the hot lunch program. Currently, about half of Hawthorne families have subscribed. Please visit the PAC website at hawthornepac.ca and click 'Subscribe' under the 'More' tab to register your email or use this QR code:



The next PAC meeting is Tuesday, February 15, followed by April 26 and May 24.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE

Wednesday, Dec 8	Term 1 report cards available on Parent Connect
Friday, Dec 10	Spirit Day- Winter Holiday Festive Wear Day!
Monday, Dec 13	Grade 6/7 Immunizations
Wednesday, Dec 15	Concert Link to be shared out
Friday, Dec 17	Hot Lunch Day- Subway
Friday, Dec 17	Spirit Day- Pajama Day!
Friday, Dec 17	PAC/Div. 5 - Hot Chocolate treat after school by donation to Red Cross
Friday, Dec 17	LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER BREAK
Tuesday, Jan 4	SCHOOLS RE-OPEN