



Hawthorne Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

We are a couple weeks into our second term. So far the school has avoided large scale staff absences due to illness and our daily rate of student absences is declining. That being said we will continue to monitor class attendance for spikes in the number of students away due to illness and will respond with the proper notifications to the school district and health authorities. To help with that we continue to ask parents to indicate a general reason for a child's absence (illness, appointment, holiday, etc.).

Thank you again to all the parents who are supporting the public health measures including the daily health checks, staying home when ill, and maintaining distance from other students and adults when dropping off and picking up in the morning or after school.

Sincerely,

J. Hope
Principal

COVID Update

Things have been changing quite quickly on the COVID front in terms of advice on what to do if someone in your family is sick, or someone has been exposed to someone ill. The information attached with this letter will help with some of the decisions parents have to make before sending their child to school. The K-12 Guidelines that form the basis of our safety guidelines is still in the process of being updated. Once we receive those updates, and our site Health and Safety Committee reviews them, we will advise families of any changes to our procedures and protocols that may take place. In the meantime, the document accompanying this will address some of the confusion about sending a child to school or how long they should stay home. It also includes some new symptoms in the Daily Health Check that more accurately reflect the current variant going around.

Change of Clothes

Please remember to send a complete change of clothes, labeled with your child's name, to be kept at school if possible. They are good to have available for when kids get wet, muddy or otherwise. This is advisable for all grades K-7.

PAC UPDATE

The Hawthorne PAC is creating its own mailing list to manage communications with the community. Through email, the PAC communicates Hot Lunch sign up and dates, fundraising events at the school, and school enhancements. To ensure that you stay informed, please visit <https://hawthornepac.ca/subscribe> and complete your email subscription. Thank you!

Student Learning Survey

Each year the Ministry of Education conducts the Student Learning Survey with students at transitional stages of their education. For elementary school, it is our Grade 4's as they transition from primary to intermediate and our Grade 7's as they transition from elementary to high school. It gives the students an opportunity to provide feedback about what they are learning in school and about their school experience in general. During the survey there is also the opportunity for students to click a button asking for assistance solving any problems they may be having. If they select that option, an email goes to the principal who will follow up with the child.

The Ministry is also interested in a parent's perspective on the education system as well. There are two options for parents to access the survey. Please use the second Direct Access option for the survey that only requires parents to login to with their district (37 –Delta) and school name. Here is the link:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm