



HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Families:

I certainly hope everyone had a restful spring break; it is always great to see the kids again and hear the stories of how they passed the time. I know the opportunities for travelling and seeing friends and family were limited but I noticed lots of kids out in the community riding bikes and doing other fun outdoor activities.

Over the break there were some folks hard at work here at the school. More of our primary swings have now been outfitted with rubber matting to prevent holes being formed under them which then fill with water. The large mud pit at the back of the school has been filled in and new grass seed is planted. Hopefully that will reduce the number of muddy children next fall and winter! The first thing I noticed coming back was the clean-up of the mural garden in front of the school. I understand that it was done by some amazing parent volunteers. I would like to thank Jasmeen and Greg Dick, Jodie Jackman, and Leticia Ornelas and their families for putting the time in to spruce up the garden. Additional thank you's go out to Reg Savage for lending his trailer and to Ocean Concrete for donating rocks used. It is wonderful how the community pitches in to help at the school.

There is a lot of new and emerging information in the media around COVID and schools. Surrey has had extremely high numbers of cases relative to the rest of the province over the pandemic and steps have been announced recently to assist the schools there to manage the pandemic. The Health Authorities are responsible for the changes in practice as they get new information and see new trends. Delta and the rest of the province have now received their additional instructions and I will outline those in the next section. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the school, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Hope
Principal

INFO & REMINDERS

Changes to COVID Protocols

The last year has brought about many changes in how schools cope with the pandemic. As more information is learned about COVID-19 and the new variants, it is necessary to continually revisit the safety protocols in place to make them as effective as possible. The latest change has the most impact on elementary schools.

Effective immediately, all adults in schools and all **Grade 4 to 12 students should wear a non-medical mask or face covering at all times while indoors** at school, subject to the exceptions noted below.

- To a person who is unable to wear a mask because they do not tolerate it (for health or behavioural reasons)
- To a person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. actively playing a wind instrument, high-intensity physical activity, etc.)
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are encouraged to wear a mask at school and on buses, but should not be required to do so. Schools continue to be encouraged to support student mask use through positive and inclusive approaches, and not punitive or enforcement activities that exclude students from fully participating in school or that could result in stigma. No student should be prevented from attending or fully participating in school if they are not wearing a mask.

I ask for our community's ongoing support to continue. Please complete a daily health check with your children daily as the best method of prevention is to keep illnesses out of the school by staying home if unwell. The school

is well equipped with hand sanitizer, soap, and paper towel. If you choose to send kids with their own sanitizer, please do your best to make sure it is not scented. Please ensure your child comes prepared with a mask that fits them well and perhaps keep an extra one in their backpack just in case. We do have a limited number of single-use masks available should a student need them. Students will be able to take their masks off when playing outside at recess and lunch but must make efforts to maintain social distance as much as possible.

As the weather improves there is a tendency for families to want to stay on the school grounds during pick-up and drop-off to try and have some social time outdoors. I ask again for everyone to **vacate the school property immediately** after your child has entered the school or has been picked up. Please keep social visits with your small bubble at private residences or other locations where large crowds are not gathered. This will help ensure we do not unwittingly spread a virus to other families in our school community.

Virtual Book Fair

Hawthorne usually hosts a Scholastic Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences. It is a good way for us to do some fundraising for the library and to earn some additional resources. Since this isn't possible this year, Ms. Mack has scheduled a virtual book fair. The Virtual Book Fair will take place from April 19 - 25. Below you will find a link for parents, staff, or anyone else interested in purchasing books to use during this time:

Shopping Link:<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5158832>

As an incentive there is free shipping offered for any size order on Wednesday, April 24 from 6-8pm.

Parent Teacher Conferences- April 21 and April 22

It is a requirement that schools officially report on a child’s progress five times per year. Three are written report cards and two take the form of some kind of conference. In a typical year, we would be hosting Student-Led Conferences where kids get to showcase their learning to their families. With restrictions in place, we will be proceeding with another set of Parent/Teacher conferences much in the same way as the fall. Families will be able to book an appointment time online using [Schoolappointments.com](https://www.schoolappointments.com). This will be open for bookings starting at the end of the day on Wednesday, April 14.

The conferences will be conducted via Zoom with no in-person interviews occurring. If you are not comfortable with the technology or may have difficulty accessing it, please reach out to the teacher to request a phone call and provide a contact number. There will be 15 minutes set aside for each appointment to allow for any technical issues to be resolved and a conversation to happen. Students are encouraged to be present for the discussion as well. Some teachers may be sending home documents or samples of work that will be referenced during the interview.

When booking appointments for multiple children, please don’t book them back to back in case one class is running behind. Our staggered start and end time for the day will require a slight adjustment to things. On both days of the conferences there will be an early dismissal based on the start time in the morning. Please see the schedule below.

For Divisions 5,6,7,8,9,11,13,14,16,20 (Group A)

	Dismissal Time	First Conference Time	Last Conference Time
Wednesday, APRIL 21	1:50	2:00	4:45
Thursday, APRIL 22	1:50	2:00	5:45

For Divisions 1,2,3,4,10,12,15,17,18,19 (Group B)

	Dismissal Time	First Conference Time	Last Conference Time
Wednesday, APRIL 21	2:05	2:15	5:00
Thursday, APRIL 22	2:05	2:15	6:00

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 if outside.

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!

PAC Information

Our PAC is looking for some keen parents who could help draft some plans for an outdoor mud kitchen based on some preliminary drawings and measurements. It is a primary playground initiative to provide a creative and imaginative space outside for kids. If you are interested or have some skills in this area, please reach out to Jasmeen at gdjd@telus.net.

Our next PAC meetings are scheduled for April 20 and May 20 at 7:00. Please see the Zoom information below:

April 20:

Topic: Hawthorne Elementary PAC Meeting
Time: Apr 20, 2021 07:00

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/66129006162?pwd=b2VFUGpQNnBMaEN3aWlqM2tieEwrQT09>

Meeting ID: 661 2900 6162
Passcode: =3U\$Qk.^

May 20:

Topic: Hawthorne Elementary PAC Meeting
Time: May 20, 2021 07:00 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/62612773009?pwd=N2tZUU5aMDZYa282SFVGNldEa2dZQT09>

Meeting ID: 626 1277 3009
Passcode: e0&=DUbY

Important Dates



CALENDAR REMINDERS

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
Tuesday, April 20	PAC Meeting on Zoom 7:00
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