



HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Families:

No matter how you celebrated the long weekend, we hope everyone enjoyed some family time together. As the spring goes on, we continue to reinstate activities and programs that slowly return us to what more closely resembles a typical school year. For some of our younger students and their families, the whole school experience so far has been impacted by COVID protocols so their normal is not what everyone else's is. These students may notice the changes more as we transition to what school should be. If there are questions that come up about events or processes at the school anyone is unsure of, please reach out to the teachers or office staff for assistance.

In the coming weeks we will begin the planning for the next school year. If any families will not be attending Hawthorne next year, please let the school office know. In addition, if you know of any Kindergarten-age children in the neighbourhood who have not yet registered for school, please encourage them to do so. We have more students leaving grade 7 this year than we have students entering Kindergarten in the fall which will impact the overall school numbers. The more precise our numbers are, the more accurately the school district can allocate classes and staffing to our school thus making the transition into next year smoother. More information about planning for next year will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Mr. J. Hope
Principal

SCHOOL INFO & REMINDERS

COVID UPDATE

There have been some more updates to the COVID-19/Communicable Disease Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12. The limits on numbers for gatherings have been removed and instead of a Daily Health Check there is an expectation of Health Awareness which means no one should come to school/work with symptoms of any illness. Masks continue to be a personal choice in the school for staff, students and visitors and hand hygiene is still supported and encouraged. We also continue to encourage students not to share items, particularly those that come in contact with the mouth such as food/drink, water bottles, unwashed utensils, etc.

We will continue to track absences at the school. We have seen an increase in the total number of absences and absences due to illness so it serves as a good reminder for individuals to continue to take steps to keep themselves and others as healthy as possible.

Track and Field

Our Grade 4-7 students have the opportunity to participate in the Ladner Regional Track Meet on May 10. They were exposed to the various running, jumping, and throwing events in their PE classes and those students interested in continuing practices to be able to compete for the school are to attend morning practices at 8:00am Wednesdays and Fridays. Staff coaches will place students into events in the next week or two so they can represent Hawthorne at the Meet. We will do our best to get students into events they are interested in and will be successful at. We will ensure the kids who attend practice get into at least one event. For those who qualify at the Ladner Track Meet, there will be a Delta District Track Meet on May 19. All of the track meets for Hawthorne will take place at South Delta Secondary School in Tsawwassen.

Student-Led Conferences

We are excited to offer in-person student-led conferences for the first time in a couple years. For those unfamiliar with the format, it is an opportunity for a student to show their parents evidence of their learning in the classroom. Sometimes it is a portfolio of work, students demonstrating skills, or a combination of things. The teacher will be present in the room, but the focus is on the student outlining what they have learned and how they feel they are doing. Because the student is the focus, we ask that families make every attempt to have childcare arrangements for siblings so the 'presenter' has the full attention on their learning.

There are two dates for the conferences, Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28. On both days there will be a **2:00pm early dismissal**. There will be **15-minute appointments** available to book online through Schoolappointments.com. You can use the same login generated from the fall parent-teacher conferences or create a new one. The system will be turned on for bookings at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20. There will be three appointments per time slot so there will be up to three students in the classroom at the same time. There is no need to sign in at the office for these appointments upon arrival.

Because the Grade 7 students will be at camp on those days, students in Divisions 1 and 2 will sign up for a telephone call from the classroom teachers who can make the calls from camp. Those will be 10-minute time slots for those who wish to have a conversation. The grade 6 students in division 3 will have student-led conferences but the grade 7s can opt for a phone call from Mrs. McLaren or wait until Mr. Tang's return in early May.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is a great opportunity to purchase some new reading material for your children and to raise funds to purchase new resources for our school library. Our school librarians, Ms. Mack and Ms. Ratzlaff, bring it in twice a year. Our second Book Fair of the year will be held in the library on April 27 and April 28. Students will get the opportunity to visit the fair during school time with their classes and with their parents during the student-led conferences. They can make purchases at that time. It will not be open to students before or after school or during recess and lunch. Thank you in advance for your support!

Kindergarten Registration

If you have Kindergarten-aged children, or know someone who does, please register them at the school. Even if they have siblings already in school, they are not automatically registered for school. Once students are initially registered in Kindergarten, they do not need to re-register every year for the next grade; that part is done automatically.

Update from PAC

**Just in time for BBQ season, Hawthorne PAC is launching a Neufeld Farms Fundraiser!
Order Deadline: May 1, 2022 @ 11:59 pm**

- 1) Go to <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2022-hawthorne-elementary-pac/ref/em>
- 2) Select your delicious items and proceed to check out.
- 3) If someone else is picking up your order, add their name in the "Seller's name" section.
- 4) Pay by credit card or e-transfer to hawthornepacfundraising@gmail.com.
- 5) For payment with e-transfer, please include your name and the order number in the message.
- 6) Complete your order!

PICK UP DATE: Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

PICK UP LOCATION: Hawthorne Elementary Parking Lot, 5160 Central Ave, Delta

REMINDERS

Please remember there is an ongoing fundraiser at the Return-It-Depot. Hawthorne PAC has a year round fundraiser with the Return-It-Depot. Just use 604-946-7601 to print a label and attach it to the bag and your return will be credited to our account.

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. If you have any questions or feedback on our hot lunch selections, please email us at pac.hawthorne@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

May Days

The May Days Fair is a 126 year-old tradition in Ladner. They are returning to an in-person fair this year. As part of the celebrations, each school draws the name of an interested Grade 6 boy or girl to serve in the Royal Court for May Days and be in the parade. If your child is in grade 6 and would like to put their name forward, please have them put their name and division on a piece of paper and submit it to the office by the end of the school day Friday, April 22. We will announce our Royal representative next week.

Tennis Lessons for Students

We would like to thank our PAC for sponsoring the Tennis XL program at Hawthorne this year. It will be a chance for all our students to learn about the game of tennis which is a great outdoor sport for the spring and summer. We are fortunate to have tennis courts right in our neighbourhood so the kids will have the opportunity to practice what they learn. Lessons will take place during regular PE classes with a tennis instructor leading and our teachers supervising. Lessons will occur from May 2 to May 13. Thanks to Ms. Mack for coordinating the program for us.

Cops For Cancer

Several of our classrooms have been leading an initiative to support the Cops for Cancer campaign. They have done morning announcements and posters to bring attention to the cause. They will also be selling daffodil pins

outside the school at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21 to raise money for the cause. As an added bonus, there will be an after-school display of student art in the gym on Thursday, April 21 for families to go in and view. Admission to the 'gallery' will be by donation.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Thursday, April 21	Spirit Day- Wear Yellow for Cancer awareness
Friday, April 22	Spirit Day- Superhero Day
Tuesday, April 26	PAC Meeting-7:00
Wednesday, April 27 Thursday, April 28	2:00 Early Dismissal Days - Student-Led Conferences
Wednesday, April 27-Friday, April 29	Grade 7 Camp - Conferences will be rescheduled for Grade 7s
Friday, April 29	PAC Hot Lunch- (Grade 7's away for this one)
Tuesday, May 10	Ladner Track Meet @SDSS
Wednesday, May 18	Large Earthquake Release Drill @2:00
Thursday, May 19	District Track Meet @ SDSS
Friday, May 20	Pro D Day- No school
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day- No school