



Hawthorne Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are into December already. The next couple weeks will be dedicated to wrapping up learning activities for the term and preparing for our Winter Concert. The first formal written report cards will be issued on December 12. As in previous years, they will not be printed on paper, but will be viewable on Parent Connect. If you have trouble viewing them, please contact the school office for assistance. The reports will look different from previous years as there has been a district switch to a new reporting platform. One of the goals is to have more concise report cards that outline what was taught in addition to how well a student performed. When we come back from the break, teachers will send home an overview of what they intend to teach for the second term.

With the fall season, we have experienced increased student absences in our school and generally across the province. There is a variety of germs and viruses floating around to make students and staff ill. Please remember to keep any children at home who are showing signs of illness.

Although we try our best to communicate with our school community through our website, emails, newsletters, phone calls and classroom correspondence, there are times when parents still need more information about school related items or their child's education. In this day and age of social media, one of the first places people go is to their online networks. Although these networks have value, we ask people to contact the school directly to clarify any questions about their child's progress, school events, or school processes and issues. The teachers and office staff are happy to assist. When posting online there is a possibility of getting wrong information, spreading inaccuracies, and even inadvertently oversharing personal information about one's own family or children. Open dialogue between home and school will help increase student success.

J. Hope
Principal

WINTER CONCERT

Our Winter Concert will be in-person this year. The theme is Winter Celebrations Around the World. The students will rehearse with their classes and will be able to watch each other's performances during the school day. On the afternoon of December 15, at 1:15pm, we will have a Dress Rehearsal open to families who can attend. For that show we ask families to limit attendance to **4 guests per family** as seating is limited.

There will be a 6:30pm show in the evening as well. Students will be asked to return to the school at 6:00pm to go to their classrooms where they will wait until it is their time to perform. The gym doors will open at that time for guests to enter the gym. For this show, we must limit attendance to **2 guests per family**. The evening show is always busiest since more people are off work at that time. We will not issue formal tickets but we do thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding as we provide space for all families to attend.

For etiquette and to minimize disruption to our young performers we require **ALL GUESTS to stay until the end** of the entire concert. For the evening show, parents can pick up their kids from the classrooms when the last group is done.

FOOD DRIVE

Division 1, Ms. Minci's class, will be leading the Hawthorne Food Drive this year. It kicks off on Friday, December 2, with a Staff vs. Grade 7 volleyball game, where student spectators may watch by bringing a food donation for the Food Drive. Our goal will be to collect 500 food items before the end of the drive on December 9. If we reach our goal as a school, students can earn some extra recess time to celebrate the accomplishment.

DISTRICT VISION

In the fall of 2021, the Delta School District unveiled it's Vision, Mission and Values for the next decade following several months of dialogue with staff, students, families, education partners and local First Nations Peoples. Learn more here: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/district/our-vision>

BETTER TOGETHER

Hello Hawthorne Families!

Allow us to introduce Better Together, a local organization created for the betterment of our community. In all communities, there are families and individuals who can use a helping hand, and that is exactly what Better Together provides. Our goal is to supplement existing programs; to fill in the gaps and ensure there is always support for those who need it.

Better Together works with the Child & Youth Care Workers at our school to ensure privacy is upheld. Our goal is to alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with raising children and allow families to focus on other demands. As of now, all funds raised through Better Together will be directed to Hawthorne Elementary. Our hope is that one day soon we can offer this to other schools as well.

We would like to encourage those who can to donate via our website (or by cheque if you prefer) to Better Together. We are hoping to raise enough in the coming weeks to ensure the holiday season is a special one for all. Together we can make great things happen!

For more information, please visit our website www.bettertogethersd.org or follow us on Instagram @bettertogether.southdelta or contact Sonia at bettertogether.southdelta@gmail.com

GRADE 6 SKI TRIP

Our Grade 6 students will once again be offered an opportunity to learn to ski or snowboard. They will have 4 sessions on Mount Seymour on Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 2, and Mar 9. Detailed permission forms have been sent home.

PARKING AT HAWTHORNE

We continue to encourage people to walk or ride to school as much as possible to reduce vehicle traffic. If driving is necessary, please follow all posted traffic signs and traffic laws. A reminder that the parking lot by the gym is for staff only and the traffic circle is for quick drop off and pick up; drivers are not to exit their vehicles.

PAC SPONSORED EVENTS

By qualifying for a Gaming Grant, our PAC has been able to financially support two performance groups at the school. We had one presentation from Green Thumb Theatre called “Derwent is Different” and we have another titled “Oopsie!” scheduled for December 6. Thank you to our PAC Executive for their support.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, Dec 9	SPIRIT DAY – Holiday Shirts, Sweaters or Colours
Monday, Dec 12	TERM 1 Report Cards on Parent Connect
Wednesday, Dec 14	Walk to School Day
Thursday, Dec 15	Christmas Concert (Dress Rehearsal in the Afternoon)
Friday, Dec 16	SPIRIT DAY – Holiday Pajama Day
Friday, Dec 16	Hot Lunch
Friday, Dec 16	Last Day of School Before Winter Break
Tuesday, Jan 3	Schools Reopen after Winter Break