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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

Term 2 is well underway. A few weeks back, we had just over 30 parents join us for the Saleema Noon parent orientation to learn about the important health program. The student workshops were successful and from my observations we have several keen scientists with lots of great questions! Thanks to the PAC for sponsoring the event for the students.

Previews of what the teachers aim to teach this term went home at the start of the term. These are intended to give parents an idea of where kids are going with their learning and help them along the way. As always, reach out to the teachers with any questions you may have.

J. Hope
Principal

Bell Reminder

In the morning, students are to be lined up at their designated entrance for the first bell at 8:52am. That is when the doors open to give them 5 minutes to hang up coats, change shoes, and empty bags in time to be seated for attendance at 8:57am, when school starts. After 8:57am, students are to report to the office to check in as "late".

Library Hours Before School

Mrs. Mack has been kind enough to open the library to students before school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to give kids a chance to read, play games or catch up on work before school starts. This opportunity is not available if Mrs. Mack is away or otherwise unavailable on any given day. There is a sign in the window beside the front door indicating if the library is open or not. Please do not count on this as child care time and have kids prepared to wait outside the school if the library is not open upon arrival. There is no alternate indoor supervision for kids if the library is not open that day.

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024

Online registration for children starting Kindergarten in September 2023 will be open online from February 13-24. There will also be an **in-person** option for new Kindergarten students to register at Hawthorne on February 21-24 (9:30 – 12:00pm). All students must register at their catchment school and if they wish to apply to another school they would complete an online non-catchment form as well. Please spread the word to families in your neighbourhood who have kids that will be eligible for Kindergarten in September.

Lice Reminder

Now that school is back in session and kids are spending time in groups, there is an increase in cases of head lice. Please continue to remind students not to share hats, toques, pullover hoodies, hair brushes, or hair elastics. If you need more information about it, please see <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/school-health/illness-and-immunizations/head-lice#.Y8g2EHbMLcs>

Grade 6 and 7 Basketball

We have one Grade 6/7 girls basketball team and two grade 6/7 boys basketball teams. Thank you to Mr. Tang, Mr. Granum, Ms. Selles, Mrs. Froh, Mr. Hope, and Ms. Holliday for taking the lead as coaches. We also have two former Hawthorne students who are now in grade 12, Katie and Annise, volunteering to help our teams.

Homestay Opportunity-International Programs

Delta School District International Programs needs more homestay families for international students starting at Delta Secondary School in September. They come from all over the world and have a strong desire to be in Delta. If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to homestay@godelta.ca. If you are not able to host but know of a family who can, please send them our way. There are referral bonuses available for referring families that host students for September.

Hand Sanitizer Available

The school has received a large amount of hand sanitizer for distribution. If parents would like a pump bottle or even a small travel size container, please feel free to ask for some at the office. There is lots so don't be shy! For safety purposes, we will only be giving it away at the office to adults.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day – February 7, 2023

From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year [Safer Internet Day](#) aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns. There is huge potential for misuse of the internet, for example, sending or receiving inappropriate information and images (e.g. racist, slanderous, pornographic, threatening, sexist, confidential, etc.) or using chat rooms for this purpose.

We know helping kids stay safe while online is something many parents/guardians are concerned about. We encourage you to review the following resources for more information on the online interests of young people, the potential risks they face and proactive strategies to help keep them safe:

- Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parent's Guide: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/raising-digitally-responsible-youth.pdf>
- Need Help Now website: <https://needhelpnow.ca/app/en/>
- ERASE website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/online-safety>
- Protect Kids Online website: <https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/>
- Additional Parent Information Resources: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/parent-information-brochures/>

Better Together

Better Together is 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. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 9	Grade 6 Ski Trip to Seymour
Wednesday, February 15	Walk to School Day
Thursday, February 16	SPIRIT DAY – DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Dress as a Story Book Character
Friday, February 17	Professional Learning Day – No School for Students
Monday, February 20	FAMILY DAY – Schools are Closed
Wednesday, February 22	PINK SHIRT DAY
Thursday, February 23	Grade 6 Ski Trip to Seymour
Friday, February 24	HOT LUNCH
Thursday, March 2	PAC Meeting – 7:00 PM
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