

# Hawthorne Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

We are well into our final term now. Teachers and students are spending some more time outside and arranging more field trips to enhance learning. We are so pleased to have a large percentage of our intermediate student population coming out Wednesday and Friday mornings for our track and field practices. A big thank you to all the staff who are out coaching the events. In the coming days, look for the School District Budget announcement on the District website and in local media outlining the financial situation of the District for next year. I also look forward to welcoming our Superintendent, Doug Sheppard, and the School Trustee for Hawthorne, Masako Gooch, for a visit during the week of the 24<sup>th</sup>. As always, if there is more information families need or questions you have, please reach out to any of us here at the school.

J. Hope  
Principal

## May Days Representative

This year is the 127<sup>th</sup> Ladner May Days. Each year the Delta elementary schools can select one Grade 6 student to represent their school as part of the Royal Court and participate in the May Days parade. Many students put their name forward to participate in a draw for the honour. Congratulations to Claire S. who will be representing Hawthorne this year!

## Track and Field

The Ladner Regional Track Meet will take place Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY's track in Tsawwassen. Students in grades 4-7 have the opportunity to participate in up to 4 events. There are individual and relay races on the track as well as field events including long jump, shot put, and softball throw. A notice for participants with more details will be coming out closer to the date once the coaches have placed kids in events. Hawthorne is the host school this year so our PAC can host a concession stand. If you are interested in helping with that, please contact the PAC at [pac.hawthorne.chair@gmail.com](mailto:pac.hawthorne.chair@gmail.com).

Athletes who qualify will be invited to the District Track Meet on Thursday, May 18 at North Delta Secondary School.

## Additional Community Soccer Opportunity

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 31<sup>st</sup> annual popular Grassroots Summer Soccer Day Camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5 to 13, the program operates during all weeks in July and August. For more information or to register, visit [royalsoccerclub.com](http://royalsoccerclub.com) or call 1-800-427-0536.

## Traffic at the School

Like most schools, Hawthorne was designed and built at a time when most kids walked or rode bikes to school, and therefore is not able to easily handle large volumes of traffic. To help make it go smoother for everyone, please follow some of these tips:

1. Walk or ride to school.
2. Park offsite and walk from the street, Grove pathway, or from Hawthorne Park.
3. Obey signage. The traffic circle is a NO PARKING zone; drivers should not exit vehicles.
4. Designated parent parking is along the right side of the traffic circle. The parking lot is for staff only with the exception of people with Handicap Parking passes,
5. Daycare parking is for the buses only.
6. Pedestrians, please use the crosswalks to cross the traffic circle. There has been an increase in people walking with children through traffic.
7. For pick up, arrive after 3:00 pm so kids have time to walk from class to the pick up spot.
8. Follow the cues of the adult and student crossing guards.

It takes everyone working together to keep the parking lots as safe as possible for everyone.

**Student Fundraising- Divisions 7 and 11**

Ms. Selles’ Grade 3 class and Ms. E. McGill/Ms. Holliday’s Grade 4/5 class are participating in this year's RBC Race for the Kids taking place on Sunday, June 11. They have teams that are running and walking the 2km and 5km routes. They would love your support. The funds they raise will go towards supporting BC Children’s Hospital. If you would like to help support their fundraiser, you can donate to their team page <https://fundraise.bcchf.ca/fundraisers/HawthorneHawks>.

Your donation to their fundraising page will help advance care for kids across the province and support experts at BC Children’s Hospital in their quest to conquer childhood illnesses.

Thank you for your support.

**Feeding Futures Funding**

On April 4, the BC Government announced the *Feeding Futures* funding, which will help ensure that more children and youth have access to healthy meals and snacks at school. Supporting the health and well-being of students by giving them stigma-free access to nutritious food will allow them to focus on learning. The funds will be used to build and expand local school food security programs starting in the 2023/2024 school year. The new funding will build on the progress of this year’s one-time Student and Family Affordability Fund, and is great news for families.

Learn more: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0020-000424>

**Grade 7-11 Academy Opportunity**

Is your student interested in **Film Acting? Film Production? VFX?** Would they want to study these subjects **IN SCHOOL** for credit?

**The Delta Film Academy is opening their studio doors on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12noon for an OPEN HOUSE to learn more about the DELTA FILM ACADEMY;** a program offered to high school students interested in studying filmmaking, film acting or VFX as a part of their curriculum in school. Come and tour the studio spaces, experience what a class is like and view work from past students. Jennifer McKee and her team of instructors will be available to answer all of your questions. The event will be at the Delta Manor Education Center at 4750 57 St.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, April 19	Walk to School Day
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Thursday, April 20	PAC Meeting
Friday, April 21	PAC Hot Lunch
Wednesday, April 26 to Friday, April 28	Grade 7 Camp - Evans Lake
Tuesday, May 9	Ladner Regional Track Meet
Friday, May 19	Professional Learning Day – No School for Students