

Hawthorne Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

May is shaping up to be a very busy month. One of the events we are looking forward to on May 5 at 9:30am is a music presentation organized by Mr. Steeves, our band and music teacher. There will be various classes showing off their learning for the year. We will have some limited seating if folks would like to join to watch. Our Yearbook for this year is still under construction. Kids have the opportunity to submit cover designs for the yearbook which will be for sale in the coming weeks. The criteria for the cover will be 8.5" x 11" in size with a 1cm border and must include the school name and 2022-2023, with a hand-drawn image that captures, "Taking Care of Self, Taking Care of Others, and Taking Care of this Place". Thanks to Patrece B. for taking the lead on that project again this year, but it is her last year, so if anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact the PAC or pass your name on to the office.

J. Hope
Principal

Grade 7 Camp

Our Grade 7 students had a very successful camp at Evans Lake last week. The weather cooperated so the kids could enjoy swimming, hiking, canoeing, paddle boarding and many other activities. Many thanks to Ms. Minci, Ms. Selles, Ms. Hutton, Mr. Thom and Mr. Hope for spending the days with the kids. We look forward to next year's camp!

Kindergarten Open House

The Kindergarten Open House for new Kindergarten students is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30. We are still awaiting final lists of students from the District and families will be notified of their acceptance to the school when that information is received.

Track and Field

We have over 120 student athletes on the Hawthorne Track Team this year. The Track Meet is at SDSS in Tsawwassen on Tuesday, May 9. Students will be informed of their events this week and a permission slip will be sent home as well. We will need parent volunteer drivers to transport students and they are welcome to stay as spectators. There will be a Food Truck on site as well as the SDSS cafeteria will open at lunch. There will also be a small Hawthorne PAC concession to sell drinks and snacks. Small amounts of cash would be appropriate to bring. We ask that all pets stay at home during the Meet and all spectators avoid the finish line and interior of the track so that staff can run the Meet as efficiently as possible.

Birthdays at School

At school we acknowledge each child's birthday with a birthday card, birthday pencil and having their name read in the morning announcements. For all the summer birthdays, we make sure to acknowledge them in June before school is out. We ask again that families refrain from sending in treats and goodies on their child's birthday. In addition, birthday invitations are not to be handed out at school. These situations, although meant to celebrate, can lead to challenges for kids and for classroom teachers.

Student Led Conferences

Our Student Led Conferences will take place on Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25. There is a 2:00pm dismissal each day. During the conferences we will be running a Scholastic Book Fair and an Art Walk display of student art.

Student Led Conferences are an opportunity for kids to showcase their learning and growth for the year in a conversation with their parent(s). It is a 15 minute time block with up to four families in the classroom at once (Division 2 will run traditional parent/teacher conferences). The teacher is not a big part of the conversation. Because the focus is on the child and their learning, it is recommended that siblings not attend another child's conference if possible.

For these conferences, we are booking through the Parent Connect system, not the online appointment website from earlier in the year. Bookings will open up on May 15th. Here are the instructions:

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENTS

1. Sign in to your Parent Connect account
<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>
2. Select the "Interview" tab at the top of the screen (Parent Interview Schedule)
3. Select the child for which you want to schedule appointments (if there is more than one child in the family, use the drop down selection box to select the appropriate child)
4. Select the Homeroom Teacher ID in the **Select a Teacher** field. The available schedule will be displayed in date/time order making it easy to scroll down through the list and select the best available time. The selection will be moved to the panel on the right.

If you select a specific teacher, or a specific date, or a specific time range, and the system does not display any time slots, then that means there are no appointments available for the teacher for that date and for those times.

**** Remember to leave one time slot between appointments for walking time ****
5. If you want to cancel an appointment immediately after you selected it, just click on the "Cancel" button. If you want to cancel an appointment after you either moved on to the next child or left the program, go back and select the appropriate student and teacher and click on the "Cancel" button for the selected appointment. Your appointment will be cancelled and removed from the list on the right.
6. If you would like to make an appointment with the Resource Room teacher and/or ESL teacher and/or LA teacher, etc., then unselect the "Limit to who teaches this student" checkbox and the Select a Teacher drop-down selection will now show ALL teachers in the school. Select the appropriate Teacher and book an appointment.
7. Print a hard copy of your interview schedule once you have made all your appointments and bring this schedule with you to the school. The interview schedule will indicate where each teacher is located in the school.
8. If you need translation help, please email our Multi-Cultural worker at

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. Day care 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.

Spring Staffing and Classes

This is the time of year where schools really start the planning for the following year. Schools are staffed for classrooms and learning supports by the School District, and those supports fluctuate year to year. Each year there will be some turnover in school staff.

Preliminary classes will be built in June whereby the current teachers will place students in next year's classes. The current teachers know the students best in the school setting and know the learning needs. They will take some input from students as well. There is a form for parents to provide additional information to the school about emerging concerns that we may not know about. The 'Additional Information For Student Placement' form will be emailed along with this Newsletter. Please note that we do not accept requests to have, or not have, specific teachers. It is a means to inform the school about things we are not aware of already.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 8	Yearbook Cover Entries Due
Tuesday, May 9	Ladner Regional Track Meet at SDSS
Wednesday, May 17	Walk to School Day
Thursday, May 18	District Track Meet at NDSS
Friday, May 19	Pro D Day - No School for Students
Monday, May 22	Victoria Day Holiday – Schools are Closed
Wednesday, May 24	2:00 pm Dismissal - Student Led Conferences
Thursday, May 25	2:00 pm Dismissal - Student Led Conferences
May 24 – May 25	Scholastic Book Fair and Art Walk
Friday, May 26	SPIRIT DAY – Jersey Day
Friday, May 26	HOT LUNCH - Subway
Tuesday, May 30	Kindergarten Open House for incoming K’s
Friday, June 2	Grade 6 Immunizations
Wednesday, June 14	Parent Appreciation Day - Morning Coffee and Baked Goods
Friday, June 23	Sports Day
Tuesday, June 27	Year End Assembly for Whole School
Wednesday, June 28	Grade 7 Year-End Assembly and Celebration