

# Hawthorne Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Hawthorne Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful stretch of summer-like weather. Please remember the kids will spend more time outdoors over the coming weeks and it would help if they come to school with a hat and with sunscreen on if possible. There are many great learning projects going on in the school right now. Mrs. Foulkes' class has some baby chicks that have hatched, Mrs. E. McGill's class delivered notes of kindness and thanks to the staff at Delta Hospital, and Mrs. Minci's class has a display of 3-D art in the hall outside her class. These are just some of the many activities the kids have been involved with.

On Thursday this week, Hawthorne has 50 students who have qualified to attend the district track meet at North Delta Secondary. This is a very large contingent of athletes who are going to represent their school in track and field events! This time athletes will compete against all of the other 25 elementary schools in Delta. Please note there are no further school track events after this but families can pursue private track club opportunities for 'Provincials'. We wish them all the best in their events!

J. Hope  
Principal

## Staff Change- Vice Principal

Over the next few weeks, Delta School District staff participate in staffing processes that may change the staffing at the school for next year. One change that has been announced already is the determination of a new Vice-Principal for Hawthorne next year. We would like to thank Mrs. Bryan for her 4 years of service to our school and community. We wish her all the best as she enters her new position as Vice-Principal at Chalmers Elementary in North Delta for September. I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Tricia Stec Skillings as our new Vice Principal effective September of 2023. She is joining us from Cliff Drive Elementary in Tsawwassen. Mrs. Stec Skillings will be around to visit students in the coming weeks and will be introduced at the PAC meeting tomorrow, May 17.

## Kindergarten Open House

The Kindergarten Open House for new Kindergarten students is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30. Families have been notified of their acceptance to the school and should have received information about the times they can attend. If you have not received any information please phone the school office.

## Parent Appreciation

On Wednesday, June 14, staff will be outside the school in the morning passing out baked goods and coffee to parents as a small token of thanks for their support over the year. Please try to join us!

## PAC- Last Meeting

The last PAC meeting of the year is Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm. In addition to introducing the new VP and getting updates on the school for next year, it is the Annual General Meeting of the PAC where a new executive is voted in for the following year. Many members are putting their names forward again, but there are some vacant roles to be filled. They extend an invitation for any Hawthorne parent to attend and become involved with the executive.

## Grade 7 to 8 Transition

Initial meetings between Hawthorne and DSS have occurred to begin the process of transitioning our Grade 7's to Grade 8. Their first group tour of the high school will be on June 6.

## Yearbook Cover Contest Winners

We had hundreds of entries for the yearbook cover contest that displayed the artistic talents of the Hawthorne students. The front cover of the yearbook will be the entry from Lucie K. in Grade 6 and the back cover is from Naomi D in Grade 3. Congratulations to both of them.

## Bike to School Week

Hawthorne will be participating in the annual Bike to School Week this year. It is May 29 to June 2. Last year, 10 schools in the district participated and the school with the most participation can win \$500 towards new gym equipment. We hope as many people as possible can participate!

## Student Led Conferences

Our Student Led Conferences will take place on Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25. There is a 2:00 pm dismissal each day. During both days of the conferences, we will be running a Scholastic Book Fair and an Art Walk display of student art will be on the first day only. **Volunteers at the art walk will be collecting donations for Children's Hospital.**

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 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are the instructions:



### Parent Teacher Interviews – Parent Instructions

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#### **HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENTS**

1. Sign in to your Parent Connect account  
<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>
2. Select the "Intervw" 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

## Book Fair Info and Volunteering

It's almost time for our spring book fair. The book fair is a great way to get kids excited about reading while, at the same time, earning new books for our school library. If you can volunteer just click on the link below to view the online sign-up sheet. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084eaca72caaf49-hawthorne#/>



### [Hawthorne Book Fair](#)

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!  
[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

### 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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