

Hazel Trembath Elementary School



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Newsletter # 7

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In a couple weeks it will be spring break and then there will only be a few months until summer! It's hard to believe how this year is just flying by...

One of the exciting initiatives staff and parents have been working toward this year is the opening of Hazel Trembath's **Publishing House**. We anticipate that after the Spring Break, students will have the opportunity to have select pieces of their written work published, which will be published with bound and decorative backing and covers. Parents who have already indicated interest in helping out with this process are being contacted and any parents who wish to help out with the preparation of materials and supplies, or are interested in working with students on editing, book binding or anything else that may be needed to ensure the success of this project, are encouraged to contact me by email to indicate your interest. My email address is mgordon@sd43.bc.ca.

To get things started, we are in need of a few items that we are hoping some parents may be able to donate to the school, including a sewing machine and any arts/crafts or scrap-booking supplies. For example, any fabric, wallpaper, sewing thread, ribbon or yarn would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering for our publishing house or are able to donate some supplies or materials, please let me know.

Another "green" initiative that has been inspired by parents and supported by staff is the opportunity to for students to engage in a **Solar Panel Project**. This innovative energy project will involve students in building solar panels, which will then be installed at our school site. The electricity produced by these panels will be monitored and used in our school's proposed "Green Room". Students will have the opportunity to learn about alternative energy sources and gain a life-long appreciation for energy use and conservation.

The Solar Panel Project coordinators are looking for parents with expertise or experience with metalworking, woodworking, window framing, glass work, solar panels, electrical experience, or just all around handy to help out in designing the Solar Panels / electrical metering, as well as a volunteer photographer / videographer who may be interested in working with the children to help capture their progress. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact the parent coordinators: Christine Minty blue-j5@juno.com or Chris Redwood credwood@fortinet.com.

Thank you so much for helping us with these programs!

Sincerely,
Mike Gordon - Principal

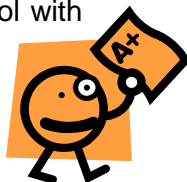
Remember to check our school website on a regular basis...
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/hazeltrembath/Pages/default.aspx>

March Events:

March	10	Owl Rehabilitation Program
	12	TWIN DAY
	18	Second Report Interviews – Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	19	Second Formal Report goes home
	19	PAC Hot Lunch Day
	20	H.T. Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	22	Citadel Basketball Tournament
	23	School Public Speaking Finals 9:15 a.m.
	24	School Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	25	Last Day of classes before Spring Break(March 26 – April 5)
April	2	Good Friday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	5	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	6	School reopens after Spring Break

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES:

On Thursday, March 4th we held Student Led Conferences at Hazel Trembath. Thank you to all parent/guardians who came to the school with their children to participate in this important process which helps students improve skills such as communication, self-evaluation, organization, problem solving, decision-making, and goal setting. If you were not able to come in on this day, please contact your child's teacher to set up an alternate conference date.



conversation with your child's teacher and work together to ensure that your child is getting the most out of their learning environment.

As in the first term, teachers will contact those parents they wish to meet to arrange for Parent/Teacher interviews, which will take place **before** reports go home. Parents, who wish to meet with their child's teachers after they have received their report card, are to indicate this request on the report card cover and return it to school.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, March 18th. Please remember that all students are **DISMISSED AT 1:45 p.m. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18th for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Morning Kindergarten students will also be dismissed early at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, March 18th.**

Teachers will contact those parents who have requested an interview and set up a time that works well for you both to meet.

Second Term Report Cards:

Second Term Formal Reports go home on March 19th. Please be reminded that this report is just a snapshot of your child's learning over a course of 2-3 months. Teachers assess the students throughout the year and provide feedback in many ways. The formal reports are designed to report on **what your child is able to do, what your child should be working on or towards, and ways in which we as teachers and the school are going to support your child's learning.** We are also required to report on a child's learning in the areas of Social Responsibility and Social Emotional learning. It is not possible to provide feedback on all of the learning outcomes in one report and therefore we encourage parents as active participants in their child's learning to inquire daily as to what your children are learning at school and how it can connect to their development and daily lives. If at any time you have questions about your child's learning in class, please have a

We believe this process offers some benefits to the sign-up format that usually takes place on a day after report cards have gone home. Teachers will now have the opportunity to confirm meetings with those parents they would like to meet to discuss student progress, and this can be done in a proactive way. Parents who would like to participate in a parent / teacher interview will continue to have the opportunity to do this and arrangements can be made for this meeting to take place at a time that is good for both teacher and parent.

TWIN DAY:

Friday, March 12th.

Our Student Leadership Group has planned this fun day. Pick a friend (or friends) and wear the same clothing, same hair, or same anything. Use your imagination. We are looking forward to having a fun day on Friday, March 12th.



Message from Coquitlam R.C.M.P.

A resident in the area of Hope received a phone call soliciting funds on behalf of the RCMP in relation to supporting school talks on bullying and gang problems. The male stated if there were any concerns that the resident could speak to his supervisor. He then requested credit card information to be able to process a \$25.00 or more donation. The resident advised she would consider a donation if the request was mailed to their residence. The resident made the proper decision as the RCMP does not solicit funds in this manner. L.J. (Louis) Delisle
Corporal, Nco ic School Liaison
Coquitlam Detachment

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We will continue to take registrations but we encourage all families to come in as soon as possible. Our staffing is based on the number of children registered for the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you for your help in getting the word out around the neighbourhood about Kindergarten Registration. If you have a new neighbour with school-aged children, please check that they have registered for the fall. Also, if you are moving out of the neighbourhood, please let us know as soon as possible.

Hazel Trembath Public Speaking:

Our School Public Speaking Finals will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 9:15 a.m. in our school gymnasium. Please come out and support our grade 4 and 5 students who are presenting their speeches.



Photos:

The photographer will be here on Wednesday, April 14th for class and group photos.

Class photos are provided free of charge to all students. There will be order forms available if you would like to order copies of team and group photos.



NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following student and her family to Hazel Trembath:

Shanieka Senanayake in Div. 8



Port Coquitlam May Day:

April 30th – May 9th

Congratulations to the following students who were randomly selected to represent Hazel Trembath at the 2010 Port Coquitlam May Day Celebrations:

Megan Kydd has been selected as the Hazel Trembath Flower Girl.

Megan Israel has been selected as the Hazel Trembath Princess.

We know they will be fine candidates representing our school. Watch for them at the May Day Parade.



School Assemblies/Presentations:

Please be aware that parents/guardians are welcome to attend all of our Assemblies and also any special presentations that may occur at Hazel Trembath. We will hold monthly assemblies and we hope you will join us! **Our next school wide recognition assembly will occur on March 24th at 9:00 a.m.** Several students will be recognized from each class for their efforts to date. We will also have some student performances and activities related to our social responsibility goals. Watch the newsletters for other special presentations, the next one being the **presentation by "SWARM" on Monday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m.**

Marafun:

We have many students registered for Marafun. The number of kilometers is rising and the kids are getting closer to their goal and their run in the Vancouver Marafun event on Sunday, May 2nd. What a great event to promote active and healthy living in all our students. Thanks to Mr. Gabiniewicz for organizing and to all the other teachers for their support of this event.

BOTTLE DRIVE:

Hazel's Helping Hands will be holding a Bottle Drive on Thursday, April 15th. We will be looking for refundable bottles and cans that can be returned for deposit. The money is going to be split between helping Haiti and the Tri-Cities homeless. Please start saving your refundable bottles and cans. Watch for further information closer to the date.



PINK DAY:

Pink Anti-Bullying Day is on **Wednesday, April 14, 2010**. We encourage all students to try to wear something PINK on this day – it doesn't need to be a shirt, but merely anything pink (large or small) to support this important cause in our efforts to eliminate bullying.



Como Lake Relays:

On Wednesday, April 21st some of our Grade 4 and Grade 5 athletes will participate in the 32nd Annual School District 43 Como Lake Relays. This is a great tradition in our Coquitlam School District and many students over the years have enjoyed the challenge of the 1.2 km run around Como Lake, as well as the spirit of teamwork and good fun. Good luck to all our participating students.



PAC Liaison: Parents of students with additional support needs

Do your children have physical, medical, developmental or special learning needs? Ours do! Would you like to find out more about supports at the school, district or community level? What about sharing some of your knowledge, experiences and thoughts with other school parents? We meet once a month at the school. Please join us. If you have any questions please call or e-mail Jodi Adrian at 604-941-6741 or jjadrian@telus.net, or call Birgit Giesser at 604-941-2971 or begiesser@hotmail.com

School Goals: 2009 – 2010

Our new school goal this year is to improve students' skills in writing. Our main objective is to increase the number of students who are fully meeting and exceeding expectations in writing at all grade levels. To accomplish this objective, we will be opening a Publishing House as mentioned on the cover page and will continue to assess students' writing skills by participating in school-wide writes using performance standards and reviewing their work during teacher collaboration sessions each term. Teachers will also engage in collaborative grade group meetings every six weeks and work with a literacy support teacher each Monday to support the improvement of students' skills in writing.

Our school is also focusing on being socially and environmentally responsible. It is our responsibility to ensure a safe and happy learning environment for all students. To help achieve this, it is expected that students keep their hands and feet to themselves and that they include others while playing outside at Recess and Lunchtime. When students are having problems, they are expected to solve problems in peaceful ways.

One of the strategies we will be teaching students to solve problems peacefully is the use of The Three Steps. This problem solving process is outlined as follows:

The Three Steps: Explicit Feedback

The Three Steps will help students to solve problems in peaceful ways. It is based on a clear and straightforward process whereby students take the:

First Step by giving feedback to other students who are treating them in a way that they want stopped. If the unwanted behavior continues, students go to the:

Second Step and inform the other student that if they don't stop, it will be their responsibility to report them. The:

Third Step is when a student reports the problem to an adult.

All students and staff members are being trained in the use of the Three Steps and we will continue our work with students to help them solve problems peacefully.

When students act out inappropriately and treat one another in unacceptable and hurtful ways, the Principal will be involved. Mr. Gordon will work with students who make unwise choices through a process called **Behavior Support**. This process involves helping students to reflect on their own unacceptable behavior and having them think of more appropriate ways of treating one another. Behaviour Support is a positive and dignified way to help students learn from their mistakes and to take responsibility for their actions. Part of this process is for the Principal to inform parents in the event that their child has been involved in a conflict and to let them know how the situation was handled at school. We will continue to teach all students this strategy of solving problems in peaceful ways and look forward to continued improvement in socially responsible behavior at school.

Traffic Safety:

The safety of our children is a top priority.

With the winter season here and the weather being rainy and dismal, visibility is poor on the roads.



We would like to remind drivers that we have many children that walk to school on a daily basis using the crosswalks to get to school. Please take time to **SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES AND STOP AT CROSSWALKS** to allow children to arrive at school safely.

Traffic & Parking At Hazel Trembath:

Thank you to parents for respecting the no stopping area in front of the school. The front of the school drop off is only for those individuals who have specific physical needs. The expectation is that all families drop off children at the upper parking lots and continue down the stairs to the school. As the weather changes we ask for your extra care and vigilance when you are dropping your children off. Cars entering the upper parking lot are asked to take a large sweep to the right as they are entering and stay tight to the right when exiting the parking lot. On high volume days it is imperative that parents proceed with extra caution. Please review safety expectations with your children if they are walking to school as well. The care for our children is a collective responsibility.

DROP OFF REQUEST – Early Morning

Teachers are extremely busy in the morning preparing and planning for the day's lesson. Prior to 8:25 a.m., we cannot provide adequate supervision of our students on the playground. School doors do not open for students until 8:40 a.m., however, we will have some supervision after 8:25 in designated areas. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children until the 8:40 bell and to help establish socially responsible expectations when waiting to come in to school each day and after school before going home. As a community we are all responsible for the well being of our children. Thank you.

Canadian Tire Money "Fundraiser

Hazel Trembath Elementary is collecting **Canadian Tire Money** on an **ongoing** basis. This money will go directly back to your children in the form of new learning resources and playground equipment. Each classroom has a box to collect Canadian Tire Money.



Student Absences:

For the safety of all students we request that you call the school before 8:50 a.m. and either relay the information to Mrs. Bolzan or leave a message on the answering machine with any student absences, whether it be for the entire day, half a day or to report that the student will be late. Please remind your child that they are to check in at the office when they arrive late. If a student is marked absent, it is our procedure to call the parent at home first, then at work and then to call the emergency contact *to ensure the safety of the student. This is a necessary, but very time consuming process, so your help in this matter is very much appreciated.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

We are in the process of submitting the names of our grade 5 students to their respective middle schools for next September's enrolment. Most of our students will be attending Citadel Middle School, however some of our students do not live in the catchment area for Citadel Middle School.

If you do not live in the Citadel catchment area but would like your child to attend Citadel, or you are in the Citadel catchment area but want to attend a different school, you will need to complete a Cross-Catchment form. Cross-catchment forms for Grades 1-12 will be available **as of February 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** on our School District website: www.sd43.bc.ca Parents will be able to use a link on the website to access an electronic version of the form and will be able to submit it electronically. It is preferable that parents complete the online form, however paper forms will also be available at all sites for parents not wanting to use the electronic process. The forms will be available at our school office as of February 18th.

Completed paper forms must be returned only to the School Board Office. The District's response to cross catchment requests will be communicated in writing by mail by April 1, 2010. **Submission deadline is March 18th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** Where space is limited, date and time of application will determine priority.

HAZEL TREMBATH IS ALLERGY AWARE:

Hazel Trembath has become a “Scent Free” School as we have staff members who suffer from reactions to perfumes and scents. We ask that you consider this when sending your children to school and for those times when you are volunteering or helping at the school. There are many products that can be used that will reduce the risk of a scent reaction by those affected.

Please respect the right of all our staff to a scent free environment. It is greatly appreciated.

PEANUT FREE ZONE:

We have several children attending Hazel Trembath who have life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts. We would encourage parents to try to avoid sending items to school that contain peanuts.



If your child brings a lunch/snack containing any nut products, they will be asked to eat their lunch in a designated area outside of the classroom.

Our goal is to make the school a safe environment for all students, and therefore to become an allergy-aware school. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gordon at school (604-941-0517).

Thank you for helping us ensure the well being of all the children in our school – your cooperation is much appreciated!

Green Team: Recycling Program

We would like to request that all Hazel Trembath students place their plastic drink bottles, aluminum cans, drink boxes and containers in our school recycling bins after they have rinsed them in the classroom sink. It helps our recycling crew do their job and the money we raise from recycling goes right back into materials and activities for our children!



COMMUNITY NEWS:

Day of the Arts at Place des Arts

Spring Break Camp: Kindergarten – grade 5

Registration opens Feb. 1. Call 604.664.1636!

Friday, March 26

One-day-only Circus Camp

Monday, March 29 to Thursday, April 1

Four-six-block days of music, dance, drama and visual art

Camps run from 8:45-3:45 PM each day. After hours care is available until 5PM for a nominal fee. Visit www.placedesarts.ca or call 604.664.1636 for more information and to register.

How to Get Better Grades in School!

You can make this your child's best year ever in school. Instructor, Terry Small's student success system shows your kids how to take charge of their time and succeed. Parents and students attend this seminar together to learn proven strategies and study secrets. Guaranteed: better grades, self-confidence, more free time, and fun learning.

Date: Tuesday, April 13th

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Place: Gleneagle Secondary School

Price: \$45.00 for the whole family

To register: 604-936-4261

Coquitlam Continuing Education

For more information: www.terrysmall.com



Mark your calendar for
Hazel Trembath's 1st Annual
COMMUNITY GARAGE

SALE!!

Sat. March 20th

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Take this great opportunity to do some Spring Cleaning and raise money for our school by donating your gently used:

- Kitchen/household items
- Small working appliances/electronics
- Furniture
- Kids toys and games (no stuffed animals please)
- Good used Sports equipment
- Books
- Christmas/seasonal/gardening items



***** NO CLOTHING DONATIONS please*****

Please call Liz Thirsk 604-941-0582 or Gina Christie 604-552-2453 with questions or if you would like to help!

We will be accepting donations the week of Monday March 15th. Please bring all items to the Multi-purpose Room # 142 (beside Gym).

HEALTH NEWS



Sodium & Kids

Most kids eat more sodium (salt) than they need. Consuming too much sodium is linked to health problems such as increased blood pressure. This condition is typically diagnosed in adults but many doctors are starting to see high blood pressure in children. Eating too much salt can also increase a child's thirst, leading to increased cravings for sweet drinks which are often high in calories.

The majority of salt we eat is hidden in processed foods such as canned goods, salty snack foods, fast foods and cured deli meats. Hot dogs and pizza, the favourites of many children, are high sodium culprits. To increase your awareness on sodium intake pay attention to labels on packaged foods and choose those lower in sodium. Adults are recommended to have no more than 2300mg per day and for children aged 6 -13 years, 1900 -2200mg per day is maximum. Getting into the habit of tasting food before reaching for the salt shaker helps to reduce the amount of salt added to cooking or at the table. Alternatives such as herbs, spices and lemon add wonderful flavour without the sodium.

Think "fresh, fresh, fresh!" One of the best ways to minimize the sodium content is to prepare fresh foods at home as much as possible.

Eat Well...Be Active...Live Tobacco Free.

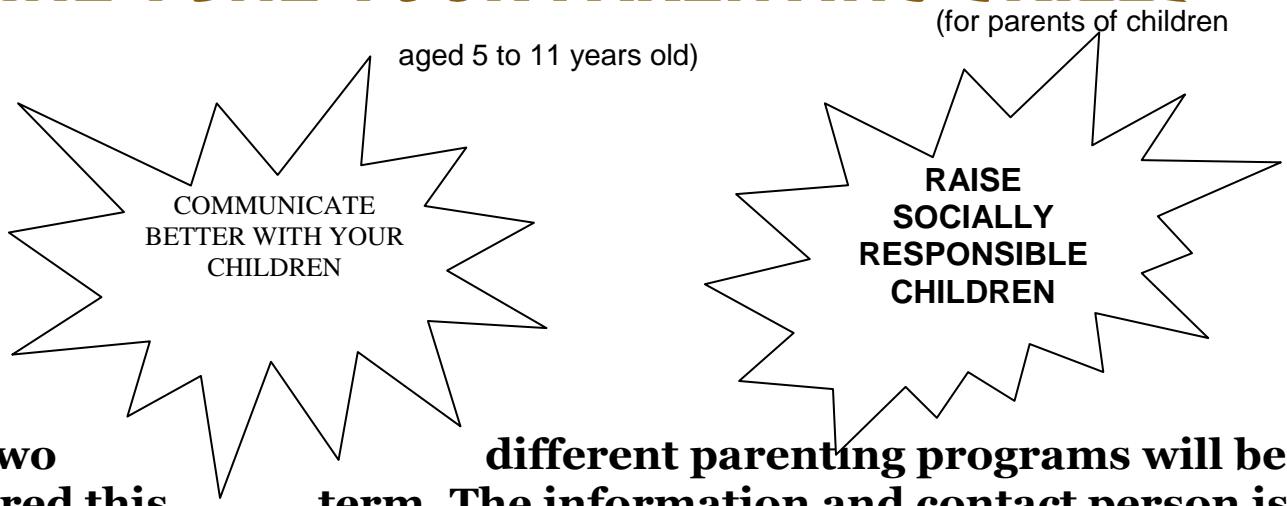


For further information on school nutrition visit: www.healthyeatingatschool.ca

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION:

- **REGISTRATION FORMS FOR LATE FRENCH IMMERSION** will be available after February 18th for interested parents.
- It is important to note that parents are to take the Registration Form to Banting Middle or Pitt River Middle School on or before March 12, 2010. These schools will record the date and time of receipt of registration forms since placement is on a *'first come, first served'* basis.

FINE TUNE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS



Two different parenting programs will be offered this term. The information and contact person is listed below. As this is only offered in one Zone this year – make sure you register quickly to assure a space.

Steps to Effective Parenting.

Alderson Elementary: Wed. April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18
Time: 9:30 – 11:00
Book cost: \$25.00 (payable first class)

How to Talk so Kids Will Listen...How to Listen so Kids Will Talk

Rochester Elementary: Tues. April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 7pm. – 9pm.
Book Cost \$20.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

To Register: Email: momichinski@sd43.bc.ca

Phone: 604-313-8902

HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009– 2010

March	4	Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	5	PAC Movie Night
	8	Reading Link Challenge 1:00 p.m.
	10	Owl Rehabilitation Program
	12	TWIN DAY
	18	Second Report Interviews – Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	19	Second Formal Report goes home
	19	PAC Hot Lunch Day
	20	H.T. Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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	24	School Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	25	Last Day of classes before Spring Break(March 26 – April 5)
April	2	Good Friday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	5	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	6	School reopens after Spring Break
	9	Div. 1,2,3 & 4 to Brittania Mine Museum
	14	Class & Group Photos
	14	Pink Day
	15	Bottle Drive
	15	Div. 8 & 9 to Vancouver Aquarium
	16	District Pro-D Day (No School)
	19	PITCH-IN CANADA WEEK
	21	Como Lake Relays
	22	Div. 5,6,& 7 to H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
	22	Lights Out Canada Day
	26	SWARM Presentation 9:00 a.m. (Please note time change!)
	28	School Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	30	PAC Hot Lunch Day
May	2	Marafun Run
	4	Div. 1,2,3, & 4 to Fort Langley
	18	Ready, Set, Learn Program for 3 & 4 year olds & Parents 10:30 a.m.
	19	School Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	24	Victoria Day (No School)
	26	District Track & Field Meet
	28	PAC Hot Lunch Day
June	2	Div. 8 & 9 to Science World
	4	FUN FAIR
	7	School Pro. D. Day (No School)
	10	Parent Tea 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.
	15	Welcome to Kindergarten 10:30 – 12:00 noon
	16	Div. 5,6 & 7 to Burnaby Village Museum
	16	Div. 10 & 11 to Vancouver Aquarium
	17	Citadel – Grade 6 For A Morning
	18	PAC Hot Lunch Day
	23	School Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	24	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
	25	Grade 5 Activity Day
	25	Grade 4 Activity Day
	28	Primary Activity Day
	29	Last Day of School for Students- Final Formal Report goes home
	30	Administrative Day – Schools Close