



e-Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

To the Hazel Trembath Learning Community,

I wish to share some final thoughts on the past years I have had the privilege of being part of this community. Hazel Trembath is an amazing school because of the parents, staff and students who contribute in so many positive ways to make our school such a special place. When I first came to this school as Acting Principal in January 2007, it was quite different than it is today. I have seen a lot of positive changes through the years as we have developed into the exemplary school we are today. Our achievements are a result of the involvement and support of our parent community, the dedication and commitment of our outstanding staff, and the positive contributions of our wonderful students.

We have a very high level of parent participation, which supports our school by providing; advocacy for parents, financial support for a number of school-wide activities, and many fun and exciting learning opportunities for students.

Our Staff is outstanding. We work together as a united team and support each other in our efforts to provide the best learning environment possible for students. Each staff member of our school plays an integral role in creating the safe, educationally rich and rewarding environment that we have the pleasure of working and learning in every day.

The students who make up our school are kind, thoughtful and compassionate. We now have the lowest level of student conflict I have ever experienced in all the years I have been at this school. Hazel Trembath students take care of each other by working through conflicts peacefully, they take care of themselves by using their words to seek help and take care of this place by each contributing their own unique strengths to the betterment of our school.

Some of the key accomplishments, programs and achievements we can be proud of include:

- The opening of **Hazelwood Early Learning Center**, to meet the needs of our young working families
- Opening of our **Strong Start** centre, for those parents at home with their younger children
- Offering after school programs including: Beyond the Bell, Theatrix, Excel Martial Arts and more...
- Our **Publishing House**, run by parents as volunteers who assist with student learning
- Our school-wide **Bounce at the Bell** aerobics program: bringing us all together twice a week
- The recent **Fraser Institute** report, which ranked Hazel Trembath the 3rd highest public school in Port Coquitlam and top elementary school in South Poco.
- But more importantly, the **Ministry Satisfaction Surveys** completed this spring by all grade four students indicating that 88% of Hazel Trembath students report that they *"like being at school"*, which is significantly higher than the district average of all other elementary schools and exemplifies the positive learning environment created by our parents, staff and students!

It has been my sincere pleasure being a part of this amazing learning community and I wish you all the best in years to come!

Mike Gordon