

Hazel Trembath Elementary School



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Newsletter # 5

Greetings Parents/Guardians:

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Spring Break and you are all feeling well rested and ready for the final three month stretch. We have a lot going on in the month of April and there have been a few dates that have been changed, so please read the entire newsletter so you have the most up-to-date information (no early dismissal dates have been changed, just dates pertaining to school events).

I want to thank both Stephanie Widmer and Christy Carter who have been our parent volunteers this week, overseeing the traffic/drop off/parking areas. I've had a lot of positive feedback from parents who appreciate the guidance, and staff has voiced appreciation that the staff lot has been easier to navigate this week. Please continue to respect our guidelines so the areas remain safe and we maintain consistency.

Finally, even though we still have nearly three months left in the school year, the process has already begun for next year's organization. If you will be moving and/or you know that you will not be returning to Hazel Trembath next year, please let me know, so I am able to project an accurate accounting of my student numbers.

Let's hope the next few months are filled with a little more sunshine and a little less rain!

Sincerely,

Ms. Janine Close
Principal

Upcoming Events

April	18	Como Lake Relays (grade 4/5 event)
	19	Track Attack Event (<i>note: date change</i>)
	20	District Pro-D Day: Students Do Not Attend
	23	Earth Day/Litterless Lunch (<i>note: date change</i>)
	24	School Based Speech Finals (grade 4 and 5 only) 1 p.m.
	26	Student Led Conferences: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.
	27	PAC Hot Lunch
	28	PAC Garage Sale: 9-1 p.m.
	30	Student Recognition/Basketball Recognition Assembly: 9 a.m.
	1	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. (<i>note: date change</i>)
May	3	Theme Day: Decades Day
	9	PAC Snack Day

	16	Welcome to Kindergarten (10:30 to 12 p.m. in library)
	21	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday: School is Closed
	22	District Track and Field Day
	25	PAC Hot Lunch
	28	Recognition Assembly at 9:00 a.m.

School Assemblies/Presentations:

Please note that parents/guardians are always welcome to attend the Assemblies and special presentations that occur at Hazel Trembath. Our next school wide Recognition Assembly will occur on Monday, April 30th at 9:00 a.m. Several students will be recognized from each class for their efforts to date, we will have some class performances, and students who participated on our basketball team will be recognized. We hope you will join us!

Track and Field



On April 19th we will be having our “Track Attack” event at the school, which will be organized by Mrs. Gilligan. All students will have the opportunity to participate in each of the different track and field events that will be offered over the next few weeks. Track practices will begin next week, and students will be able to make decisions and commitments based on the events they enjoyed participating in at track attack. Students will have fun developing their skills, keeping active and learning about commitment. Some of our students will have the opportunity to participate in the district-based track meet on May 22nd.

Earth Day/Litterless Lunch

We changed the date of Earth Day/Litterless Lunch to Monday, April 23rd as there are several school-based events occurring the previous week when it was originally scheduled. There will be an assembly at

9:15 a.m. to highlight Earth Day and environmentalism, and our student dance club will be performing. We hope you can make it!

In addition, we will be having a “Litterless Lunch” that day and families are invited to participate by coming to school and having lunch with the kids. We will either eat our lunches on the grass field, or, if it is a rainy day, we will eat in the gym. We are encouraging families to work together to pack lunches that are as litter free as possible. Challenge: Can you put a “zero waste” lunch together?



Classes will each be selecting a week between now and the end of the year and working on bettering the Hazel Trembath community by picking up litter and engaging in green initiatives. On Wednesday, April 25th at 9:15 a.m. we will be showing students an abridged version of “A Plastic Ocean” to both provoke conversation and inspire students’ ideas. Feel free to come in and check it out!

Student Led Conferences

On Thursday, April 26th there will be an early dismissal at 1:45 p.m. and all students will be participating in Student Led Conferences.



This is an opportunity for your son/daughter to talk to you about their

work and accomplishments this year, and show you, through projects/activities/pieces of their work, how they demonstrate their learning.

Students will be able to talk to you about the core competencies: communication, critical and creative thinking, personal and social responsibility, and different ways they use the competencies in their work and in the classroom.

This is a really exciting and important night for your sons/daughters and an informative one for parents. We are looking forward to seeing you.

PAC Garage Sale

Please help Hazel Trembath in donating your used household items, tools, sporting equipment, toys, children's clothing and books (no furniture please). Donations can be placed in the bins located in the front foyer up until our Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 28th from 9am-1pm.

Please help out by volunteering for a couple of hours; contact Kim at patio.lanterns@yahoo.ca

Below, please find a range of community information items, including info on the upcoming PAC elections.

2018/2019 PAC Elections

On Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:30pm in the school library we will be holding our PAC AGM and Elections. We would love for you to join us!

The PAC at Hazel Trembath is a fabulous organization that promotes communication between the school, staff and district; promotes community building in our school and surrounding area; raises funds for our students and school; and offers parent concerns and recommendations regarding different aspects of our children's education. As a PAC we give an average of \$20,000 per year to the school for various programs and improvements as well as bus transportation for field trips, playground equipment, performing arts groups and more.

Each year at this time we need to fill many places on our PAC executive and several committees for next year's activities. Without parents who will stand up and help, **we risk the loss of community building, fundraising events** like Santa's Breakfast, Hot Lunches,

The money raised from PAC events has paid for field trip bus transportation, musical instrument repairs to restart our music program, the new playground slide and money for each teacher to spend on their classes. Your support is appreciated!

PAC Meeting

Just a heads up that the next monthly Parent Advisory Committee is meeting on Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. (***this date has been changed***) in the Hazel Trembath Library. Childminding for small children is available.

Hazel Trembath's PAC committee is an outstanding, committed, hard working group of parents who are a lot of fun to be around and who do wonderful things for the school. If you have ever considered coming out to PAC, this is the meeting to attend! The election for all 2018/2019 PAC positions will take place at the May PAC Meeting. Come out and vote, or consider running (see below for a description of the positions).

Popcorn Days, Publishing House, the Fruit and Veggie and Milk Programs and our community Fun Fair. We also risk the loss of our BC Gaming Grant, which we receive each year. **This grant legally requires us to have a PAC executive.**

Please consider the list of PAC positions on the opposite page to see if any might be a fit for you or, get a committee together to fill one of the positions. If you don't feel you have enough time to give, **consider stepping up to plan one event.** Your child will love that you are taking part in their school and education!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call Valarie Southwell at 604-354-4626 or email at vsouthwell@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you at this very important meeting.

PAC Executive:

***Chairperson**-convenes and presides at meetings; oversees activities by PAC executive and coordinators; liaises with staff and administration.

Vice Chairperson – takes over for chair if he/she is unable to fulfill commitment and aids chair when asked.

Secretary – records and distributes minutes from PAC meetings.

Treasurer – is responsible for and reports monthly on the accounts of the PAC. Take care of bank deposits and cheque requisitions from PAC reps, the school and staff.

***District Parent Advisory Council Rep. (DPAC Rep.)** – attends monthly DPAC meetings (usually last Wednesday of the month) and reports info back to the PAC. This is a very important position that keeps the PAC informed on bigger, broader changes to our education system. Meetings can all be seen online if you are not able to attend in person.

Coordinators/Committees:

*****Any Event that does not have a coordinator at the end of our AGM/Election will NOT happen for the 2018/2019 year.**

Santa's Breakfast Coordinator- plans and runs event.

Popcorn/Snack Days Coordinator – plans and runs events.

Garage Sale Coordinator – plans and runs event.

Directory Coordinator – creates phone number and address directory for all students.

Hot Food Days Coordinator – organizes and runs monthly hot food days on the last Friday of each month.

Child Care Coordinator – finds and books babysitters for PAC meetings and other PAC events when needed.

Social Coordinator – brings refreshments for PAC meetings, especially October and December for our PAC socials.

Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon Coordinator – plans and runs event.

Parent Ed Coordinator – liaises with Southside Family of Schools Parent Education Committee regarding Parent Ed events planned in our area. Gets info out to parents, handles session registration and may also plan school based parent ed events.

Grade 5 Events Coordinator – organizes class graduation sweatshirts, end of the year events (including photo montage) and any fundraising that may occur.

Fruit and Veggie and Milk Programs Coordinator – arranges delivery of monthly produce to classrooms.

Student Art Cards Fundraiser – organizes and runs fundraiser.

Christmas Gift Shop – organizes and runs fundraiser.

Family Portraits Fundraiser - liaises with photographer and collects order forms.

Fun Fair Committee - plans, organizes and runs our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Publishing House Coordinator - plans, organizes, purchases supplies, liaises with school staff and finds volunteers.

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR A LIST OF DATES, HOLIDAYS, CLOSURES ETC.
These dates are subject to change throughout the year. Check out the calendar on our website for the most up-to-date information

HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017 – 2018

April	20	District Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend
	23	Earth Day: Litterless Picnic Lunch
	26	Student Led Conferences: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.
	30	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
May	16	Welcome to Kindergarten 10:30 – 12:00 p.m.
	21	Victoria Day (No School)
	28	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	31	Parent Tea
June	4	School Based Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend
	8	PAC Country Fair 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
	18	Sports Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	26	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
	28	Last Day of School for Students: Assembly/Final Report Goes Home
	29	Administrative Day – School Closes

