



## HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Winter Break. With the recent cold temperatures and potential snowfall there are several important items to communicate.

- If the school is closed due to inclement weather, the decision will be made prior to 6:30 am. The information will be posted on the school and district websites.
- If for some reason school is open but buses are not able to run, this will be posted on the school website and an email sent to parents/guardians. If buses are not running but the school is open, parents have the option of keeping their child home or transporting their child to and from school.
- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as temperatures are becoming very cold.

Dave Phelan

Principal

Hazel Trembath Elementary

### Important Dates

January 9 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	Programs of Choice Applications
January 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Poco Minor Lacrosse Programming in Gym Classes
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Professional Development Day (Students Do Not Attend)
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> to February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gymnastics Unit at Hazel
February 4-6 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Registration
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cross-Catchment Applications Open
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cross-Catchment Application Closes
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day (Students Do Not Attend)
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Seymour Field Trip (Divisions 5,6,7,8,9)
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Seymour Field Trip (Divisions 1,2,3,4)
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day (Students Do Not Attend)

## **Port Coquitlam Lacrosse Program- January 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**

Through the sponsorship of Poco Sport and the Poco Saints, there will be lacrosse instruction during our PE classes from January 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. The intent of the program is to introduce the sport of lacrosse to students in a fun, safe and engaging manner, and to help improve lacrosse skills. The program has been positively received by staff and students in the past, and we are looking forward to it!

## **Skating Field Trip**

Once again we will be visiting the Poirier Recreation for our skating field trips. The field trips will take place between February 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Your child's teacher will provide all of the relevant details and information.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

If you know of any families who wish to register their children for kindergarten next year, please let them know registration information is available on the Coquitlam School District Website. Kindergarten registration will take place from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Cross-Catchment Applications**

Parents sometimes wish for their children to attend a school that is not their catchment school. In such cases, parents must first register at their catchment school, then apply for cross catchment. Information for parents who wish to apply for cross- catchment can be found on the Coquitlam School District website. The cross-catchment application process opens on February 7<sup>th</sup> and closes on February 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a process for kindergarten students, and one for students in Grades 1-12. Forms will be available online on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Gymnastics Unit**

Hazel Trembath will have the district's elementary gymnastics equipment set up in our gym from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. This will be an interesting and engaging addition to our Physical Education Curriculum.

## **Seymour Field Trip**

We are planning a school-wide field trip for February 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Seymour for tubing and tobogganing. Additional information and details will be provided by your child's teacher, and appropriate forms will be made available online. We will divide the school in half and the trips will be on 2 separate days, February 25<sup>th</sup> for Divisions 5,6,7,8,9 and February 27<sup>th</sup> for Divisions 1,2,3,4.

## **Student Learning Surveys and MDI**

Over the next few weeks our grade 4 students will be completing the annual Student Learning Survey. This survey is developed by the British Columbia Ministry of Education. Our school district is also participating in the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) project in January /February in partnership with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at UBC. **The MDI is for students in Grade(s) 4 & 8 and** is to understand more about children's thoughts, feelings and experiences inside and outside of school. The MDI questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

## **Pink Shirt Day- February 26<sup>th</sup>**

We encourage students to wear pink shirts on February 28<sup>th</sup>. On Pink Shirt Day we affirm our commitment to stand against bullying and to accept and respect all people, and to take time to understand different points of view and share experiences. By lifting each other up and wearing pink today, we are standing in solidarity against bullying and letting kids know they aren't alone.

## **Extreme Weather Conditions and Buses**

Please refer to the previous emails regarding school closure procedures, and the district website. The decision to close schools due to extreme weather is made prior to 6:30 am.

In the case that Hazel Trembath is open but the buses are not able to run, parents can decide to either keep their child home or to transport their child to and from the school. This would be communicated at the earliest possible time in the morning. Staff will be present at the school if the site is open.