



HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Students have been very excited with the recent snow, and we have many winter related field trips planned for the next few weeks. During inclement weather please dress your child appropriately for the conditions, be it snow, cold or rain. We rarely stay indoors during recess or lunch.

Dave Phelan

Principal

Hazel Trembath Elementary

Important Dates

February 6 th -13 th	Skating Field Trips (Check with your child's teacher for date)
February 7 th	Cross-Catchment Applications Open
February 12 th	Cross-Catchment Application Closes
February 14 th	Valentines Day
February 17 th	Family Day (Students Do Not Attend)
February 21 st	Neon Day
February 19 th	Hot Lunch
February 24 th to March 7 th	Lauren Albrice Painting
February 25 th	Mt. Seymour Field Trip (Divisions 5,6,7,8,9)
February 26 th	Pink Shirt Day
February 27 th	Mt. Seymour Field Trip (Divisions 1,2,3,4)
February 28 th	Professional Development Day (Students Do Not Attend)
March 5 th	Report Cards Published in MYEDBC
March 12 th	Parent Teacher Interviews- Early Dismissal
March 14 th	Rainbow Day

Attendance

One of the things noticed in the 2024/25 school year is greater student absences. While there may be extenuating factors that impact this, research shows a strong positive correlation between regular attendance and student achievement and success.

I understand this message does not apply to all families but felt it important to identify trends and recognize the importance of regular attendance. If there are any issues you would like to discuss regarding your child's attendance, or areas where the school can support your child, please contact your child's teacher or me directly.

Substance Abuse Prevention

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from [Open Parachute](#), will host three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs.

Key takeaways for participants during this session:

- Learn the factors that lead to substance use and mental health needs from a trauma-informed lens
- Focus on prevention rather than intervention/response
- Applies to parents, guardians and caregivers of all age groups (youth aged 0-5, 6-10, and 11-18)
- Learn ways that these skills can be applied to yourself and the rest of your family to support the mental health of parents, guardians and caregivers

Participants must register in advance. Session dates are:

- [February 20, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)
- [February 25, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)
- [February 26, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)

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 6th and 13th. Your child's teacher will provide all of the relevant details and information.

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 7th and closes on February 12th. There is a process for kindergarten students, and one for students in Grades 1-12. Forms will be available online on February 7th.

Seymour Field Trip

We are planning a school-wide field trip for February 25th and 27th 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 25th for Divisions 5,6,7,8,9 and February 27th for Divisions 1,2,3,4. Please have your child bring appropriate clothing, including waterproof gloves, snow boots and snow pants. It will have significant impact on your child's experience if they become wet at the start of the activities.

Pink Shirt Day- February 26th

We encourage students to wear pink shirts on February 28th. On Pink Shirt Day we affirm our commitment to stand against bullying and to accept and respect all people, 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.

Lauren Albrice Painting Workshops

We are pleased to have Lauren Albrice visit our school from February 24th to March 7th to provide her painting workshop to our students. She has done amazing work throughout the district and students should have a wonderful experience. Her work can be found at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/backtoearthdesigns/>

Winter Weather

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website:

<http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

Buses during Extreme Weather Conditions

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, both on the website and via email. Staff will be present at the school if the site is open.