



e-Newsletter

February 2016

Principal's Message:

I am pleased to share this new electronic format we have developed for our Newsletters. Each month, an e-Newsletter will be emailed to parents and staff which will contain pertinent information that is relevant to our school community as well as links to resources that you may find useful. In an effort to significantly reduce the paper information that is hard copied at school, manually distributed to classes and brought home by students, we are making a concerted effort to provide parents with efficient, reliable and effective methods of communication. We hope that you find our new e-Newsletter to be clear, concise and meaningful. Please provide me with any feedback that you believe will help me to improve on our new e-Newsletter format.

Our school [website](#) is also under revision and being updated to provide you with a current source of information.

In addition to our new e-Newsletter and school website, you will notice a general shift toward the use of online information. For example, our school district is currently implementing a new online method of paying for student fees, including paying for field trips and any other activities that may already have a cost associated with them. This new method of payment is called **SchoolCashOnline** and offers several benefits for both parents and schools and we are very excited to already have it in place for you. We encourage all parents to sign up now for this new program. You will find more information on how to sign up [below](#).

On a more general note, I do wish to express my sincere gratitude to the staff and parents of our HT learning community. Hazel Trembath is an exemplary school because of the dedicated efforts of our parents and staff who contribute to our school in so many positive ways. The professional and support staff at Hazel Trembath are committed to a **Vision** of providing a strong and vibrant learning community for all students. We do this
by:

Working together collaboratively as a team toward our shared vision

Creating a positive, safe and calm learning environment

Developing a learning community that involves parents, teachers and all staff in meaningful ways

We are fortunate to have such **outstanding staff members** who each contribute in their own way to make Hazel Trembath the strong and vibrant school that it is. I am also very pleased to share with you, our own [Staff Autobiographies](#), for your interest...

Mike Gordon

Upcoming Events:

Feb.	17	PAC Snack Day
	19	No School – District Pro D Day
	24	Pink T-shirt Day – (Anti-Bullying Day)
	26	PAC Hot Lunch Day and Movie Night
	29	Recognition Assembly 9:00am
Mar	1	Parent Info Night at Citadel for Grade 5's
Mar	3	Basketball Jamboree at Citadel
	4	Second formal report goes home
	10	Early Dismissal-1:45 Parent Teacher Interviews
	11	Last day of School before Spring Break

Professional Development Days - *HT Teachers*

The professional staff of Hazel Trembath participated in a Ministry funded training session on February 9th, which was designed to teach teachers about the new curriculum that is being fully implemented next year. Our teachers also reviewed and planned the next steps we will take toward our school goal in the area of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). On February 19th, our staff will be attending a District Pro-D Day at Riverside Secondary and learning more about Collaboration, which will be introduced by keynote speaker **Dr. Michael Ungar**, who is among the best known writers and researchers on the topic of resilience in the world. We are looking forward to a professionally rewarding day.

If you are looking for learning opportunities for your children on February 19th, please see the Pro-D-Day [CAMPS](#) offered by the City of Port Coquitlam.

From your PAC - *Malina Merritt / Stephanie Widmer*

Please be reminded:

- ✚ Snack day is on February 17th and Hot lunch day is on February 26th
- ✚ Movie Night showing **Hotel Transylvania 2** is on February 26th at 6:30. Please find ticket and movie information [HERE](#).
- ✚ We need to start cleaning out our closets for our upcoming **Garage Sale**. Look for an e-notice going home soon for donation requests.
- ✚ We are in the beginning stages of planning our year end **Fun Fair** to be happening on June 3rd. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this great event. Please watch for e-requests asking for your participation and support.

Thanks so much for all your support!!

Our School's Goal: Social Emotional Learning (SEL) - *Lori Sherle*

Our school community has been hard at work developing skills and competencies that address and meet our school goal of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). SEL is the acquisition of skills and processes that adults and children engage in to apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand, label and manage emotions. SEL also fosters positive goal setting, developing empathy for others and the ability to maintain healthy and positive social connections. Our school has “adopted” the RULER approach and since September, each classroom has developed a Class Charter and the staff has also developed their own Staff Charter. Collaboratively, the community describes how they want to feel at school, the behaviors that foster those feelings, and guidelines for preventing and managing unwanted feelings and conflict. By working together to build the Charter, everyone establishes common goals and holds each other accountable for creating the positive climate they envision. Staff has been introduced to the Mood Meter during professional development days and recently each class has had an introduction to this tool. The Mood Meter is a visual tool that adults and students use to understand label and regulate their emotions throughout the day. While users build their emotional intelligence through becoming self-aware; they also develop a social awareness as to how their emotions affect those around them. The Mood Meter also allows users to identify and distinguish more complex emotions – e.g. happy/elated, fine/calm – thereby expanding their emotional vocabulary. This proactive approach to self and social awareness builds positive social connections, increased self-advocacy and problem-solving skills. For more information about SEL you can visit www.casel.org and for more information about the RULER approach you can visit www.ei.yale.edu and “click” on RULER.

KEV - *Marty Morin*

As you may know, we have introduced a new online payment system which will allow you to view and pay you child's school fees and field trips safely and conveniently online. We encourage you to register your account online now!

Here's how to get started:

- 1) Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>
- 2) Click on “Get Started Today”
- 3) Create your account
 - i. Enter first and last name; click continue
 - ii. Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue
 - iii. Choose a password and security question

- iv. Make sure to OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

Thank you for your participation!

RAC (Real Acts of Caring) Week – *Harriette Chang, Maple Creek Middle School*

RAC (Real Acts of Caring) is about doing something kind for another and not expecting anything back in return. This year RAC is celebrating its TENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY! It's a practice that started at Hazel Trembath and has since grown throughout our district and is spreading to ALL school districts in BC – over 6000 posters have been sent out and schools all over BC are now getting involved in RAC.

A simple way to we are getting students involved in RAC Week is by encouraging them to:

- Say something kind and meaningful to another student
- Our grade 4/5 students are each writing a kind letter to someone in their lives who has made a positive difference and give it to them!

For more information please check out: <http://www.realactsofcaring.org>

Satisfaction Survey

Help us plan for the future – tell us about your education experience. Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents and all staff in B.C. public schools are invited to participate in an annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

Student and staff surveys are available in English and French. Parent surveys are available in 16 additional languages.

The survey is open from January to the end of April of each year and can be accessed from the following link: [Take the survey](#)

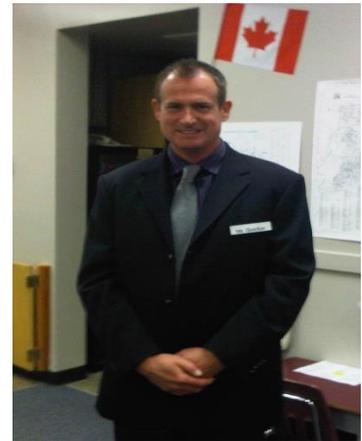
StrongStart - *Susan Donald, Facilitator – Hazel Trembath Elementary*

[StrongStart BC](#) is a free, drop-in early learning program for children aged 0-5 accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program is funded by the Ministry of Education. At each StrongStart Centre, qualified early childhood educators facilitate family literacy activities in a play-based learning environment. StrongStart Facilitators lead learning activities to support each child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. Learning activities like stories, music, dramatic play, construction, and art help children get ready for success in kindergarten. The StrongStart Centre at Hazel Trembath is open from 12:45-3:45 Monday to Friday. Please feel free to stop in with your young child(ren).

Hazel Trembath Staff Biographies - Hazel Trembath Staff

Mike Gordon -

I was born in 1968 and grew up on the north side of Port Coquitlam with my mom and dad, my sister Elaine and brothers Don, Bob and Hugh. I am the youngest of five. My now retired parents worked in our school district for over 20 years. My dad, Ken, was a principal and my mom, Lorraine was a teacher. My sister, Elaine, currently teaches at Citadel



Middle and my three brothers are all Sheet Metal workers. My whole family still lives in the Port Coquitlam area and including grand-children, there are 24 Gordon's in our clan.

I met my wife, Gail, "at band camp", while I was in grade 10 and she was in grade 9. My wife and I have two children, Andrew who is now 19 and Pitt Meadows for the past 18 years. Poco (Gail at the City Hall) and Andrew and as well. My son Andrew just got a job at apprentice and so we all work within a



Jenna who is 16. We have lived in However, Gail and I both work in Jenna both went to school in Poco Smith Sheet Metal in Poco as a pre-couple square miles of each other!

While growing up, I attended Irvine Elementary, George Pearks and graduated from Poco Senior Secondary in 1986. After graduating high school, I attended Kwantlen College, Douglas College, SFU and UBC. I had a lot of challenges in school and this has inspired me to do everything I can to place for students. In my school a positive principal, I strive to make school a place where have opportunities and are contribute in positive ways. I believe that others the way we want to be treated, we are off start. I am privileged to be Principal of Hazel Trembath and enjoy working with all the students, parents and our very excellent staff.



Outside of school, my passion is boating and playing hockey. I have a very fast and fun boat that gets used by our family practically every day in the summer. I began playing hockey when I was 26 and have been playing ever since. I have met most of my friends through boating and hockey and intend on playing until I'm 60. My hockey friends call me Senator, or just Sen.



I am here to help make this the best school possible for all students and families and encourage you to let me know if there is anything I can do to support you.

Frank Piotr Gabiniewicz -



I was lucky enough to grow up in Vancouver and I attended elementary and high school there. After high school, I attended UBC and earned two degrees: a Bachelor's in Recreation Education and a Bachelor's in Education. I currently live in New Westminister.

I have two wonderful sons, Peter, age 23 and Alexander, age 20, who are both attending post-secondary institutions and are also working in the community.

I am of a Polish heritage as both my parents immigrated to Canada from Poland after the Second World War. I go to Poland to visit my relatives every few years. My parents always stressed the importance of schooling as both my parents were unable to attend school when they were of school age, due to the war. I have three other siblings, two sisters and one brother. I am the oldest sibling.

I teach Grade 4/5 and I have been teaching at Hazel Trembath Elementary for 17 Years. I have been a teacher for 24 years. Before joining the teaching profession, I worked in the community as a youth worker, swimming instructor and lifeguard. I also served as a scout leader with the 128th Kitsilano group in Vancouver. I have always enjoyed working with children.

As a young person growing up in Vancouver, I have always enjoyed playing sports, especially, baseball, ice hockey and tennis. I still play hockey and tennis. In high school I played football and I was a member of the school wrestling team. I always loved individual and team sports and I always enjoyed improving my skills when playing sports.

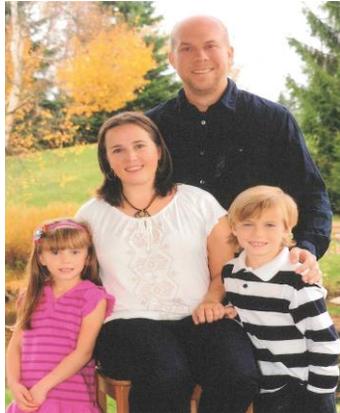
Jenny Kask -

Hello everyone! I am a full time teacher at Hazel Trembath Elementary, and have been here for 2 years. I love this school because it is a small but wonderful community, and everyone knows everyone else! I have 3 sons, ages 16, 14 and 11, as well as a cat named Lulu and a French bulldog named Maddie (there is a Mr. Kask too!) I used to teach English in Japan and lived there for 3 years. I have travelled to 23 countries, and I love trying new foods from those places. My belief is that the best learning is done when it is led by the student's interests, and I love teaching outside; you will often find me and my students in the forest or by the pond, collecting bugs, or other interesting things. I look forward to many more years of teaching at this wonderful school.



Kristy Jack –

I am a student services teacher and department head at Hazel Trembath. I teach Skill Development, Resource, Learning Assistance, EAL and Gifted. I love my job as it allows me to work with many different students and gives me the opportunity to provide them with the support and adaptations they need in life. I enjoy teaching in the get to work with amazing and Administration and Families, collaborative and rewarding strong family community as a team to help make a environment. I love teaching place I would rather be.



need to be successful in school and student services department as I talented EAs, Teachers, which makes this such a and job. I feel Hazel Trembath is a where everybody works together positive, caring, and friendly at Hazel Tremabth and there is no

I have a wonderful family and my two kids go to Hazel Trembath. Markus is in grade 4 and he is a caring, friendly, athletic child. He plays rep hockey, lacrosse, soccer and baseball. He is a hard worker, leader and role model for his teammates and friends. Kaylee is a nice, cheerful and friendly child. She plays development soccer and softball and enjoys gymnastics, dance and swimming. Kaylee is funny and always makes her family and friends laugh. My husband, Steve, is an amazing husband and my best friend. He is a hard worker, caring, smart and loves to travel. Steve teaches physical education and coaches lots of sports at Pinetree Secondary. Both Steve and I are very involved and coach many of Markus' and Kaylee's sport teams. I have very amazing and supportive parents who are very involved in my families' life. My mom and dad are my role models and I have learned so much from them. They are the best parents and grandparents in the world. I am very proud of my family.

I have played on many sport teams as a child and into my adult years. I have played soccer, softball, field hockey, basketball, tennis, slow pitch and co-ed soccer. Playing sports allowed me to travel all over BC, many places in the United States and Italy. I played on rep teams, BC teams, High school Teams and College Teams which allowed me to meet many amazing friends along the way and gain positive life experiences and memorable memories. I currently play soccer for POCO on the Premier over 30's team. We are a very successful team and have won the League Cup for the last four years. My passions are playing soccer, watching my kids play sports, coaching my kids' sport teams, scrapbooking, going on family vacations and working at Hazel Trembath.

Leah Gilligan –

I grew up in Port Moody in the house my Grandpa built for his family. I attended Moody Elementary, Junior and Senior schools



and it was at an early age I realized I wanted to be a teacher. I attended Simon Fraser University to become a primary teacher; however, my first job offer was at a Middle school. Although terrified at first, I loved my 16 years of teaching Grade 6/7 at Hillcrest Middle School.

It was at Hillcrest that I met my awesome husband Andy. Andy had a daughter named Emma and quickly we became a family of 3. Andy and I loved our school so much we decided to get married right in the school cafeteria!!! We added two active boys to the mix named Jack and Cooper who both attend Hazel Trembath Elementary. Having my boys made me miss teaching younger children. I feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity to teach at this school.

In my spare time I love spending every minute with my boys, either watching them play their sports, going swimming, playing games or just watching a show on tv. I love to travel to different places but right now my favorites are Palm Springs and Disneyland/Disneyworld. As a family we love to go to the beach and plan events with our friends. It has been through the Hazel Trembath Community that we have met many of our fantastic family friends.

Marta Morin, our Office Secretary, has been a part of the Hazel Trembath team since November of 2014. She is the friendly face that you first see when you come down to the office for some paperwork, ice, or a Band-Aid for a scrapped knee. Born in Italy, Marta arrived in Canada at the age of 2. She grew-up and attended school in New Westminster and worked for many years in Office Administration and Accounting departments at various companies. Marta has been with SD43 for 8 years. Marta is the “mom” to two daughters, the “Nonna” (grandma) to 3.5 beautiful grandchildren and resides in Coquitlam with her husband Bruce. In her pass time Marta enjoys being out the in the garden, babysitting her grandchildren, cooking and spending time walking the trails of Coquitlam with her husband.



Sandra Hamilton -

I was born and raised in Coquitlam, and have lived and worked within a ten mile radius for my entire life. My dad was a builder, so I moved around a bit. We lived in central Coquitlam, where I attended both Harbourview and Mountainview elementaries, after which I attended Sir Frederick Banting Junior and Centennial Senior Secondary. After highschool graduation I attended many colleges and universities in B.C. and Washington, which ultimately cost my parents a small fortune. The outcome of the continual education is that I have a Bachelor's of Education, with an English major, as well as degrees in both Library Sciences and Applied Legal Studies.



I have one brother named Gavin, and my sister-in-law Diane who teaches at Cedar Drive. I live in the neighbourhood with my children Chris (22) and Stephanie (21), who both attended Hazel Trembath. When they were younger, working here was great for me, because my kids were nearby at all times. (I hazard a guess that if anyone had asked them, they would have told you that they would have preferred that I work somewhere else. On more than one occasion my son told me that I had to stop teaching the kids to knit because he was tired of trying to help other students fix the knitting mistakes during his recess play time!) I still love working here even though they have moved on, because I feel that the community fabric is strong. My southside neighbours are what makes it an exciting place to live and work.

In my spare time I love to walk with my dog best friend, Ginger. I also like to play and teach piano, attend yoga classes, and spend time with friends. My not so secret guilty pleasure is.....knitting. Yes, it's true - I have a wool addiction!

Suzanne Bonnet –

From the very first day I walked through the doors at Hazel Trembath I felt welcomed, cared for, and a part of this remarkable community. I quickly realized how truly lucky I was to have the opportunity to teach and learn from such a talented staff, inquisitive students, and caring parents. As a teacher, I want to inspire my students to dream bigger than they could ever imagine and to help them believe in themselves wholeheartedly while on their unique learning journeys.

I feel fortunate to have grown up in Burnaby with supportive, loving parents and an older brother who always made me laugh and looked out for me. Ironically, we all bought homes on Burke Mountain, and now live within a few houses of each other! I have a wonderful husband, Mike and two beautiful children: a daughter named Layla and a son named Grayson. With our rambunctious dog, Bubbles, by our side, we enjoy spending every minute we can together and going camping with great friends.



I am proud to be a teacher and moreover, I am elated to be teaching at Hazel Trembath. One of my favourite poets is Maya Angelo who said, "I have learned that people will forget what you have said people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you make them feel." I live by these words and seek to ensure that all my students feel special, cared for, inspired, included, and most importantly loved.

Nicole Dawson -

I grew up in Port Coquitlam and attended Lincoln Elementary, Minnehada Middle and Terry Fox Secondary. I have recently graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education. I have now begun to embark on my passion of teaching.





Although I am the oldest of three, my younger sister and I are frequently mistaken for twins and my brother towers over me at 6'3. I love animals and my family often jokes about our house being like a "farm" as we have four dogs named Jasper, Logan, Tucker and Lacey, as well as a cat (Bootsy) that I have had since I was 7 years old. I come from a huge family with 24 first cousins that I am extremely close with. Every summer we all get together and spend time at our family cabin which includes our annual family "Amazing Race." This year we had enough family to make four full

softball teams and created a mini tournament.

My passions outside of school are sports, music and art. Some of my biggest accomplishments are singing the national anthem at the Vancouver Canucks, BC Lions, Vancouver Canadians games and the Vancouver Marathon. I have played soccer and softball since I was 5 years old and continue to play soccer on a woman's league as well as softball on a slo-pitch league with my brother and sister, in which I coach.



I am extremely fortunate to be part of the Hazel Trembath community and the positivity and warmth that I have received so far is heart-warming. I look forward to the enjoyable months ahead and experiencing this educational journey with my students.

HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015 - 2016

March	4	2 nd Formal Report goes home
	10	Early Dismissal @ 1:45
	11	Last Day of classes before Spring Break/Theme Day
	14-25	Spring Break
	25	Good Friday – No School
	28	Easter Monday – No School
	29	School re-opens after Spring Break
April	14	Como Lake Relays
	15	District Pro D Day – No School
	20	Earth day – Litterless Lunch/clean-up & activities
	25	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
May	23	Victoria Day – No School
	25	Welcome to Kindergarten 10:30 – 12:05
	26	Track Meet
	30	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
June	6	School Pro D Day – No School
	17	Grade 4 & 5 Activity Day
	28	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
	29	Last Day of School/Final Reports/Assembly 9 a.m.
	30	Administrative Day – School Closed

Pro-D Day Camps

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Ages 5 - 10

School's out but the FUN is in with Port Coquitlam Parks and Recreation Children Services Team.

Children will participate in a variety of great activities throughout the day!

Sports hall games, art attack and theme activities.

Join with a friend for the best day ever!

Feb 19

9-4pm

Hyde Creek

Experienceit.ca or call 604.927.PLAY

to register



Movie Night - Angie Murphy

Hazel Trembath Movie Night is back!

Come shake off the winter blues with a fun family movie in our school gym. Wear your PJ's and bring your pillow for a great evening with your friends.

Date: Friday, February 26, 2016
Time: Doors open at 6 pm
movie starts at 6:30 pm

Adults are FREE!!! (children must be accompanied by an adult for this event.)

Concession: Will be open at 6pm featuring pizza, hot dogs, donuts, chips and drinks.

**Only \$5
includes
popcorn
and juice!**



Proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing sports equipment for the playground and paying for transportation for field trips. One lucky person will go home with the DVD of "Hotel Transylvania 2". Please fill out the form below to pre-purchase your tickets. Pre-purchasing helps us when buying popcorn, drinks and other items for the concession. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Remember, only pre-sale tickets purchased are eligible for the DVD draw!

I would like to pre-order _____ tickets (\$5 each) for the HT Movie Night on February 26, 2016

Total Amount \$ _____

Student Name: _____

Teacher/Div.: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent Education - SFSPE



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An Evening with

Dr. Nima Rahmany

Thursday, February 18, 2016

6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

Citadel Middle School

1265 Citadel Drive, Port Coquitlam

Cost: \$5/adult or \$8/couple

Kids over 12 are welcome to attend

Free childminding available with advance registration at ssfspe@gmail.com

By February 15, 2016