

Hazel Trembath Elementary School



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December 3, 2013

Upcoming Events:

Newsletter # 4

Dec.	4	Kdgn. Vision/Hearing Screening 9:00 a.m.
	4	Axis Theatre Presentation 1:00 p.m.
	5	First Report Interviews – Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	7	Breakfast with Santa
	10	Div. 6 & 7 to Grouse Mtn.
	11	Div. 1 & 2 to Britannia Mine
	13	Snack Day 2:45 p.m. (Lemonade & Cookies)
	18	Christmas Concerts 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
	20	Hot Lunch Day
	20	Last Day of classes before Winter Vacation
Jan.	6	School Reopens after Winter Vacation



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

We are pleased to announce that we will be



presenting Christmas Concerts on:

Wednesday, December 18th at 9:15

a.m. and Wednesday, December

18th at 6:30 p.m. Every student in

the school will be involved as each

class will perform. All students will

perform in both concerts. Parents/Guardians are

welcome to attend either the morning or the evening

presentation. Each family will be given a maximum

of 2 tickets for the evening concert. **We ask that**

relatives, older siblings, friends and younger children attend the morning performance.

When you come to either of the concerts, please

bring a non-perishable item for the S.H.A.R.E. Food

Bank.

Christmas Hampers for SHARE:

Once again, throughout the month of December, we

are collecting **non-perishable food items** that will be

donated to **SHARE Food Bank**. Please join us in

helping to make Christmas a happier time for people

in need. We would appreciate your support in

collecting food items, such as canned and boxed

goods. Donations will continue to be collected until

Thursday, December 19th. As the students bring in

their food items for the Christmas Hamper they will

be added them to our **Tower of Generosity**. Your

donations will make a difference to the lives of many

people. Thank you so much for your help.

Early Dismissal – Thursday, Dec. 5th

On Friday, November 29th our first Formal Report Cards were sent home with students.

We will be having **Early Dismissal on Thursday,**

December 5th to accommodate any

parents who would like to meet with

their child's teacher(s). Please

indicate on your child's report card

or speak to your child's teacher

personally if you would like to meet with

them. If an interview has been requested, teachers

will contact parents to set up a convenient time. If

there are no concerns at this time, it is not

necessary to request an interview. Parent/Teacher

communication is ongoing and an interview can be

requested at any time during the school year to

discuss concerns.



Publishing House

This year our Publishing House

Program will once again be working

with students to produce individual

keepsake booklets

For the booklets this year,

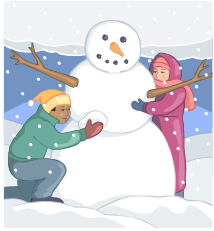
we need WHITE buttons

– any size. Can you help??

Please send buttons to the school office.



CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER:



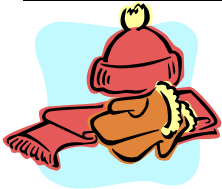
Occasionally it is necessary for the School District to close schools due to inclement weather (usually long-term power outages or snow).

In the case of extreme weather conditions such as

ice, wind and/or excessive snowfall, the Superintendent of Schools has authority on behalf of the Board, to temporarily close a school.

As a general expectation, parents should assume that schools are open. If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they should keep their child at home or arrange his/her early dismissal. If schools are to be closed before morning classes begin, an announcement will be made on local radio stations CKNW (980), CKWX (1130) and CBC (690) by 7:30 am if possible.

Dress Warm!!



With the winter weather upon us, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

Unless it is raining, students will go outside at recess and lunch and **must** have warm clothing (i.e. warm jacket, toque or hat, mittens, scarf, etc.). It would be very useful for all students to have a change of clothes at school. The playground gets very wet and slippery and we often have students who get wet and muddy.

Student Absences:

For the safety of all students we request that you call the school before 8:50 a.m. and either relay the information to Mrs. Bolzan or leave a message on the answering machine with any student absences, whether it be for the entire day, half a day or to report that the student will be late. Please remind your child that they are to check in at the office when they arrive late. If a student is marked absent, it is our procedure to call the parent at home first, then at work and then to call the emergency contact to ensure the safety of the student. This is a necessary, but very time consuming process, so your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

Lost & Found:

Please come have a look at the Lost & Found box located in the hallway outside the Library. We have many items in it since September. It would be most helpful if you labeled all items with your child's name to ensure your child's belonging get returned to them.

Volleyball:

A big "THANK YOU" to Ms. Jack, Ms. Jaibat and Mr. Gabiniewicz for all their hard work and diligence coaching our grade 5 Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams.

On Thursday, Nov. 14th they participated in a non-competitive tournament at Citadel Middle School. Our girls and boys played great and represented us so well, both on and off the court.



Also a big "Thank You" to the parents for their support.

School Assemblies/Presentations:

Please be aware that parents/guardians are welcome to attend all of our Assemblies and also any special presentations that may occur at Hazel Trembath. We will hold monthly assemblies and we hope you will join us! **Our next school wide Recognition Assembly will occur on Monday, January 20th at 9:15 a.m.** Several students will be recognized from each class for their efforts to date. We will also have a performance by Ms. Jaibat's class. Watch the newsletters for other special presentations, the next one being "**Axis Theatre**" held on **Wednesday, March 12th at 1:15 p.m.**

Traffic & Parking At Hazel Trembath:

Thank you to parents for respecting the no stopping area in front of the school. The front of the school drop off is only for those individuals who have specific physical needs. The expectation is that all families drop off children at the upper parking lots and continue down the stairs to the school. As the weather changes we ask for your extra care and vigilance when you are dropping your children off. Cars entering the upper parking lot are asked to take a large sweep to the right as they are entering and stay tight to the right when exiting the parking lot. On high volume days it is imperative that parents proceed with extra caution. Please review safety expectations with your children if they are walking to school as well. The care for our children is a collective responsibility.



Traffic Safety:

The safety of our children is a top priority.

With the winter season upon us and the weather being rainy and dismal, visibility may be poor on the roads. We would like to remind drivers that we have many children that walk to school on a daily basis using the crosswalks to get to school. Please take time to **SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES AND STOP AT CROSSWALKS** to allow children to arrive at school safely.



SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

- 8:25 a.m. Supervision begins on the school grounds
- 8:40 a.m.** **School Bell - Students enter school**
- 8:45 a.m. Classes Begin
- 10:15 a.m. Recess Break
- 10:35 a.m. Recess ends - Classes resume
- 12:05 noon Lunch Break
- 12:55 p.m. School Bell – Students enter school
- 12:55 p.m. Classes Resume
- 2:45 p.m. Students dismissed

If your child will be absent or late, would you please notify the office by 8:50 a.m.
Phone (604-941-0517)
Students arriving late **MUST** report to the office prior to going to class.

DROP OFF REQUEST – Early Morning

Teachers are extremely busy in the morning preparing and planning for the day's lesson. Prior to 8:25 a.m., we cannot provide adequate supervision of our students on the playground. School doors do not open for students until 8:40 a.m., however, we will have some supervision after 8:25 in designated areas. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children until the 8:40 bell and to help establish socially responsible expectations when waiting to come in to school each day and after school before going home. As a community we are all responsible for the well being of our children.

Hot Lunch Days:

P.A.C. Hot Lunch Days:

The P.A.C. Hot Lunch Committee will once again be providing monthly lunches for your child. Please watch for order forms coming home.

Lunch Lady Program:

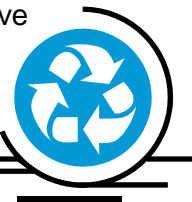
We are again providing the service of The Lunch Lady Program and these lunches are provided every Thursday to students who have ordered.

HOT LUNCH DAYS: District Lunch Program:

School District No. 43 offers the services of the District's elementary school meals program to our students. Nutritious lunches, prepared at the Centennial teaching kitchen, under the direction of the teaching chef are delivered to our school each day. Due to both time constraints and supplier limitations, **the program cannot guarantee peanut free lunches and is not able to accommodate other possible student allergies. Order forms will be sent home on a monthly basis.** If you have any questions regarding the lunch program and support, please contact Mr. Gordon at 604-941-0517

School Recycling Program

We would like to request that all Hazel Trembath students place their plastic drink bottles, aluminum cans, drink boxes and containers in our school recycling bins after they have rinsed them in the classroom sink. It helps our recycling crew do their job and the money we raise from recycling goes right back into materials and activities for our children!



School Policy & Permission Forms:

We are still missing a significant number of these forms. If you have not already done so, please complete the School Policy form for each of your children as soon as possible. This form can be completed online or please request a hard copy at the office.



School Goals: 2013 - 2014

We continue to move forward in our goal areas of Writing and Social Responsibility, and we appreciate the support of our parent community as we work toward our goals. Please feel free to inquire on the progress and status of our goals and other school wide initiatives throughout the year. The staff at Hazel Trembath are planning and implementing initiatives for us to improve in our goal areas and we look forward to the rewards that will come as a result of our students' learning.

Literacy Goal: Improve students' Writing skills

Our objective is to improve students' skills in each step of the Writing process. After completing our school-wide write in the Spring of 2013, teachers participated in collaboration sessions to assess student achievement and to discuss the results. It was decided that based on this over-all data, and the data represented at classroom, school and provincial levels, that a focus on each step of the writing process would address our goal of improving students' skills in writing.

Other school wide goal areas and initiatives:

As a community, Hazel Trembath promotes Social Responsibility as a school wide goal and over the past few years has focused specifically on "*solving problems in peaceful ways*". Students will continue to use the "Three Steps" Program to make clear "I" statements to whoever is causing problems and will notify that person, that if they choose to continue with the problem behavior, adult intervention will be sought out. The idea behind these strategies is to give students the skills to advocate for themselves and to build their problem solving capacity.

We will also continue to concentrate on "**Taking Care of the Environment**". We will work together to create a "**Green**" school and establish excellence in education around environmental issues and concerns. We look forward to the growth of our school through the support of parents, volunteers, staff and students and thank you in advance for building a truly great learning community. Our school focus is to be socially and environmentally responsible. It is our

responsibility to ensure a safe and happy learning environment for all students. To help achieve this, it is expected that students keep their hands and feet to themselves and that they include others while playing outside at recess and lunchtime. When students are having problems, they are expected to solve problems in peaceful ways.

One of the strategies we will be teaching students to solve problems peacefully is the use of The Three Steps. This problem solving process is outlined as follows:

The Three Steps: Explicit Feedback

The Three Steps will help students to solve problems in peaceful ways. It is based on a clear and straightforward process whereby students take the:

First Step by giving feedback to other students who are treating them in a way that they want stopped. If the unwanted behaviour continues, students go to the:

Second Step and inform the other student that if they don't stop, it will be their responsibility to report them. The:

Third Step is when a student reports the problem to an adult.

All students and staff members are being trained in the use of the Three Steps and we will continue our work with students to help them solve problems peacefully.

When students act out inappropriately and treat one another in unacceptable and hurtful ways, the Principal will be involved. Mr. Gordon will work with students who make unwise choices through a process called **Behavior Support**. This process involves helping students to reflect on their own unacceptable behaviour and having them think of more appropriate ways of treating one another. Behaviour Support is a positive and dignified way to help students learn from their mistakes and to take responsibility for their actions. Part of this process is for the Principal to inform parents in the event that their child has been involved in a conflict and to let them know how the situation was handled at school. We will continue to teach all students this strategy of solving problems in peaceful ways and look forward to continued improvement in socially responsible behavior at school.

We will continue to focus on our environmental responsibilities by participating in a number of school-wide and classroom-based initiatives.

If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, accompany your child's class on a field trip or drive on a field trip, please remember that you **MUST** have completed all the necessary documentation. We **MUST** have a Criminal Record Check, a Volunteer Form and if you are driving, a Drivers Abstract and a Driver Volunteer Form.

ALSO, we MUST have a completed School Policy and Permission Form for every student in the school. This form must be completed every school year. If you have not completed this form for your child, please do so immediately.

The following forms can be completed online at:

www.sd43.bc.ca/hazeltrembath

Click on Parents, and then Forms

School Policy & Permission Form

Read the various policies and guidelines in this online form and discuss them with your child as you complete it. This form is required for **each and every student each school year**.

Medical Alert Form

Complete this online form **ONLY** if your child suffers from a medical condition the school must be aware of. If you complete this form online, you will have to print it out and deliver it to the school office. Needs to be completed annually.

Volunteer Form

Complete this online form if you think you may be volunteering at our school (e.g. school field trips or events). This form is required **every 5 years** for all parent volunteers**.

Volunteer Driver Form

Complete this online form if you think you may be driving for school field trips or events. This form is required **each school year** for all parent drivers**.

Once you have completed the forms click on the **Green** submit button at the bottom of each form. Repeat as necessary. If you have trouble with any of the online forms, please contact the office at 604-941-0517.

The following is a list of the divisions, grade level and teacher names:

Div.	Grade	Teacher's Name
1	4/5	Ms. Jaibat
2	4/5	Mr. Gabiniewicz
3	3	Ms. Bonnet
4	2/3	Mrs. Hamilton
5	1/2	Ms. Martindale
6	1/2	Ms. Lowry
7	K	Mrs. Kask

****Please note that in order to volunteer, you must also submit a copy of a Criminal Record Check (every 5 years). If you are applying for a Criminal Record Check, please stop by the school office to pick up an application form and covering letter from the Principal. An ICBC driver's abstract is required every school year for volunteer drivers.**

DRIVER'S ABSTRACT – How to get one: You can obtain a printed copy of your **driver's abstract** free of charge by attending an ICBC point of service and presenting your driver's license or by telephoning 1-800-950-1498 (ICBC Customer Service). The document will then be faxed within minutes, or mailed to you. For your convenience, you are welcome to have ICBC fax your driver's abstract to our school at 604-941-4786.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK – How to get one: Complete the "*Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information*" form. Take this form, the *Volunteer Letter from the Principal*, and picture I.D. to the Coquitlam RCMP detachment at 2986 Guildford Way corner of Pinetree Way (604-945-1550). You may receive the criminal record check on the spot or within a day or two.

Health News

Reminders:

In an attempt to keep students and staff healthy from nasty colds and flu's:

1. Please have your child wash their hands regularly
2. Cough and sneeze into their arm
3. Please keep your child home if they have a fever or are feeling nauseous or ill.



Flu Facts

What is influenza?

Influenza, often called the flu, is an infection of the upper airway caused by an influenza virus.

Getting sick with influenza also puts you at risk of other infections. These include viral or bacterial pneumonia which affect the lungs. The risk of complications is greater for seniors 65 years and older, very young children, and people who have lung or heart diseases, certain chronic health conditions, or weakened immune systems.

Healthy pregnant women in the second half of their pregnancy are at greater risk of being hospitalized following infection with influenza virus.

In Canada, it is estimated that up to 8,000 people die from influenza and its complications during years with widespread or epidemic influenza activity.

What are the symptoms?

Influenza symptoms can include fever, headache, muscle pain, runny nose, sore throat, extreme tiredness, and cough. Children may also experience nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Although colds caused by other viruses may have similar symptoms, those due to the influenza virus tend to be worse.

Symptoms can begin about 1 to 4 days, or an average of 2 days, after a person is first exposed to the influenza virus. Fever and other symptoms can usually last up to 7 to 10 days, with the cough and weakness lasting 1 to 2 weeks longer

How can influenza be prevented?

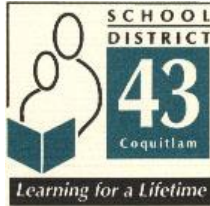
You can reduce the risk of getting influenza or spreading it to others:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Promptly dispose of used tissues in the waste basket or garbage
- Cough and sneeze into your shirt sleeve rather than your hands
- Stay home when you are ill
- Get the influenza vaccine. The influenza vaccine can help prevent you from getting sick with influenza or from spreading it to others.

HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013– 2014

December	5	First Report Interviews - Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	7	Breakfast with Santa
	10	Div. 6 & 7 to Grouse Mtn.
	11	Div. 1 & 2 to Britannia Mines
	13	Snack Day 2:45 p.m.
	18	Christmas Concerts 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
	20	Last Day of classes before Winter Vacation
	20	Hot Lunch Day
January	6	School Reopens after Winter Vacation
	7	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	13	Kindergarten Dental Screening
	15	Snack Day 2:45 p.m.
	20	Recognition Assembly 9:15 a.m.
	27	School Pro-D Day (No School)
	31	Hot Lunch Day
February		Kindergarten Registration (<i>Dates to be determined</i>)
	4	PAC Presentation - "Digital Child" 6:30 p.m.
	6	Student Led Conferences - Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	10	B.C. Family Day Stat. Holiday - No School
	12	Snack Day 2:45 p.m.
	21	District Pro-D Day (No School)
	24	Recognition Assembly 9:15 a.m.
	28	Hot Lunch Day
March	4	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	7	Second Formal Report goes home
	12	Fizzical Fizzicks Presentation 1:15 p.m.
	13	Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	14	Hot Lunch Day
	14	Last Day of classes before Spring Break
	17 - 28	Spring Break (March 17 – March 28)
	31	School re-opens after Spring Break
April	9	Snack Day
	10	Individual/Class/Group/Team Photos
	11	District Pro-D Day (No School)
	16	Como Lake Relays
	18	Good Friday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	21	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	22	Earth Day - School Grounds Cleanup
	24	Litterless Lunch
	28	Recognition Assembly 9:15 a.m.
May	6	PAC Meeting & Elections 6:30 p.m.
	19	Victoria Day (No School)
	20	District Track & Field Meet
	26	Recognition Assembly 9:15 a.m.
	30	Hot Lunch Day
June	2	School Pro. D. Day (No School)
	5	Parent Tea
	6	Fun Fair
	13	Hot Lunch Day
	20	Grade 5 's to Playland
	24	Year-End Final Assembly
	25	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
	26	Last Day of School for Students- Final Formal Report goes home

COMMUNITY NEWS




"School District 43 is currently facilitating a community engagement process for the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative. The number of students enrolling in the school district is growing -- in the next decade there will be 5,000 more students. New schools will need to be built and others refurbished or enhanced to meet growing demand. In addition, building on the work done last year, the board is reviewing district properties to ensure we are getting the best value for students today and in the future. The school district has launched a community engagement process to help identify solutions and inform the board's actions and decisions.


We invite you to visit our [Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods section of the District website here.](#)"

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**Have you signed up for our Learning, Land and Neighbourhood Community Dialogues?
Learn more at www.sd43.bc.ca/landmngmt**



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Study English. FREE learning opportunities!
Join our Foundations English classes for adults which focus on basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

REGISTRATION AT MONTGOMERY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
Thursdays ONLY until December 19 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Thursdays January 9 - ongoing 4:00 - 7:00 PM

PLEASE BRING:
1 Proof of Canadian Status 2 Photo ID 3 Two proofs of BC residency

MONTGOMERY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE
380 Montgomery Street, Coquitlam
British Columbia, V3K 5G2

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR VISIT
604.936.4261 | www.ce43.com



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Facilities

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Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 2B9

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