

Hazel Trembath Elementary School



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

*It has been an incredible Fall at Hazel Trembath and so many of us have been caught up in the energy and enthusiasm that has taken over this place. There have been so many opportunities for children that enhance the learning environment for all. At the beginning of the year we challenged our students, teachers and families to “**make a difference**”. We challenged our community to become a “**Green**” community. We are moving forward and doing some great things. Below are just a few of the highlights that truly make a difference!*

*** Learning, learning and more learning. Teachers are engaging students in many new concepts and ideas. We have moved beyond review and stepped out into the unknown, challenging students to reach their potential through clear learning intentions, connected questions, peer to peer collaborative learning, integrated curriculum, and by empowering our students as socially responsible citizens who make a difference!*

*** Our Peer Helpers are out there on the playground with their bright red T-Shirts, modeling our school wide expectations and helping students find peaceful ways to solve problems by using their WITS and the “three steps”, all of which make a difference.*

*** Our New Grade 2/3 **Green Team** is out roaming the halls looking for ways to conserve energy (turning out lights) and working with classes on the recycling of drink containers. Everything we can do to be conscious of our environment and take action is making a difference. Even in this season of inclement weather children are asking their parents to walk to school because it makes a difference. Our Grade 4/5 RAK ROCKS Leadership groups is starting a campaign to create a “Zero” garbage school. Wow, wouldn't that make a difference.*

***Grade 5 Volleyball wrapped up this week with a great jamboree at Citadel Middle School. It was unbelievable to see the improvement in all the players from the beginning of the year. Thanks so much to all of the coaches for making a difference for the kids through sport.*

...and so much more. Keep it up Hazel Trembath! Together we make a difference for ourselves others and the environment!

*Mr. Mark Clay,
Principal*

November/December Events:

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| Nov. | 27 | First Formal Report goes home |
| | 28 | P.A.C. Hot Food Day |
| Dec. | 1 st | P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| | 3 | Report Interviews: Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m. |
| | 6 | Breakfast With Santa |
| | 8 | Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. |
| | 10 | Christmas Concert – Morning Performance 9:15 a.m. |
| | 11 | Christmas Concert – Evening Performance |
| | 19 | P.A.C. Hot Food Day & Last Day of classes before Winter Break |



Remember to check our school website on a regular basis.

<http://public.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/hazeltrembath>



Hazel Trembath goes ‘GREEN’

REUSE – Part of being responsible for our environment is to make sure that we reuse as many products and product packaging as we can. Ideally, any item we purchase should be able to be used again or for a different purpose. Not only does reusing have environmental benefits but financial ones to us consumers as well.

FACTS:

- If composting is included, 79 million tons of materials were siphoned away from American landfills and incinerators in 2005, up from 34 million tons in 1990.
- 2.5 billion cans are recycled in the UK each year which equates to a saving of 125,000 tonnes of solid waste every year.
- Every day millions of steel cans are collected out of dustbin waste by using huge magnets to pull them out and separate them from the waste.
- All steel cans contain around 25% recycled steel.
- 1 recycled tin can would save enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.
- 1 recycled glass bottle would save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes.
- 1 recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours.
- 70% less energy is required to recycle paper compared with making it from raw materials.
- Up to 60% of the rubbish that ends up in our garbage bin could be recycled.

TIPS:

- Make sure you use reusable containers for lunch at school or work.
- Donate unwanted goods to those who may be able to use them or those less fortunate.
- Communicate through email as it saves paper resources.
- Buy locally grown products as they contribute less waste during their overall production cycle from planting to delivery.
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper based napkins whenever possible.



What's Happening at Hazel Trembath

SCHOOL GOALS 2008-2009

Literacy Goal: Improve students' reading skills

Two of our main objectives in this goal area are to improve Kindergarten to Grade 2 reading fluency and to improve Grade 3-5 reading comprehension. This goal is a continuation of the past two years and we are seeing some great benefits to students reading abilities as well as a deeper understanding of connections and inference in our older students.



Other school wide goal areas and initiatives:

As a community Hazel Trembath promotes Social Responsibility as a school wide goal, specifically "*solving problems in peaceful ways*". Students continue to use their **WITS** and make clear "I" statements to whoever is causing problems. Students have been learning and working with strategies to use when confronting bullying behavior. The idea behind these strategies is to give students the skills to advocate for themselves and to build their problem solving capacity especially in the face of adversity.

Our continued focus on "**Taking Care of the Environment**" is bringing about some new ideas and initiatives in the school. As a learning community it is essential that we are on the leading edge in teaching and promoting a commitment to reducing our eco footprint on this great earth. Our plan to create a "**Green**" school and establish excellence in education around environmental issues and concerns is rolling out with our Grade 2/3 green team responsible for turning off lights in classrooms at recess and lunch and for promoting our drink container recycling program. "**Change is inconvenient**", but essential to our sustainability. 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.

Terry Fox Run:

Thank you to the Hazel Trembath community for your tremendous effort in raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation.

We raised a grand total of

\$5,467.06. THANK YOU SO MUCH!



REPORT CARDS:

Our first term report cards will be sent home on Nov. 27th. We are using a format that is aligned with the Ministry of Education Performance Standards and Learning Outcomes. The Performance Standards are standards set for academic subjects and behaviour that children at a given grade level can be expected to meet. Your child will be marked according to how they achieve in relation to those standards.



On the report cover you will find a box to check if you feel an interview is necessary. Your child's teacher may also have checked a box if they feel an interview is warranted. We will be having **early dismissal on Wednesday, December 3rd** to accommodate any parent/teacher interviews. 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.

Please note: On Wed., Dec. 3rd Miss Miles' Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 10:20 a.m. to allow Miss Miles to meet with parents.

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 on Wednesday mornings usually starting at 9 a.m. We hope you will join us! Our next Recognition Assembly will be on Wednesday, December 3rd.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY:

We held this special assembly on Monday, November 10th at 10:45 a.m. to remember those who died during wars and to celebrate peace. There is nothing more moving than the respect that children show for those who are afflicted by war. Our thoughts of peace will be heard throughout the world.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

We are very pleased to announce that the **Hazel Trembath Christmas Concerts** will take place on **Wednesday December 10th at 9:15 a.m.** and **Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.** Every class in the school will be involved. All parents, relatives, and friends are invited. Each family will be issued two tickets for the evening performance and you will be given the opportunity to request more if they are available. Please remember your tickets for the evening performance as we are expecting to have full capacity (as per fire regulations). We will also have one morning performance on Wednesday Dec. 10th at 9:15 a.m. and a Dress Rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 8th at 9:15 a.m. We ask that extended family members and young children come to these daytime performances. As all Hazel Trembath students will have an opportunity to see the performance, we will only have seating for adult family members at our evening concert.



Ticket cost is a non-perishable donation to the Food Bank Hamper. Our evening concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and **we would like the students to be in their classrooms at 6:30 pm.**

****The notice with your assigned two tickets per family has been sent home. If you are not going to be using the evening performance tickets please return them to the office ASAP as we will be creating a waiting list for those who would like extra tickets for our evening performance. If you would like extra tickets please call the school to have your name placed on the waiting list. There will be no guarantees for extra tickets.**

Such as massive undertaking requires many, many hours outside of school time to plan and prepare. We would like to thank, in advance, all the teachers for their work and commitment ensuring this wonderful Hazel Trembath tradition continues.

PAC Liaison: Parents of students with additional support needs

Do your children have physical, medical, developmental or special learning needs? Ours do! Would you like to find out more about supports at the school, district or community level? What about sharing some of your knowledge, experiences and thoughts with other school parents? We meet once a month on a Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. For more information please call or e-mail Jodi Adrian at 604-941-6741 or jjadrian@telus.net, or call Birgit Giesser at 604-941-2971 or begiesser@hotmail.com

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, individual teachers may open their classroom doors at their discretion.

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.

Traffic and Parking:

Please respect 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. If we are faced with any unusually heavy snow days, we will have someone directing traffic. It is still not the safest alternative to have cars entering the staff parking lot. Please review safety expectations with your children if they are walking to school as well. The care for our children is a collective responsibility.

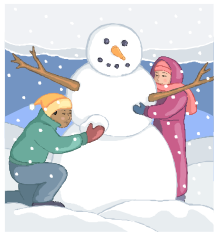


Recycling Program:

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 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). Only the Superintendent is able to make such a decision to close

one or all schools. Announcements of closures are made on local radio stations : CKNW (980), CBC(690), and CKWX(1130) usually by 8:00 a.m. Please do not phone the school to see if the school is open. If the power is out, our phone system does not work.

STUDENT ALLERGY ALERT

We have a few students with life threatening food allergies. Hazel Trembath is an '**Allergy Aware**' school which means we are strongly encouraging parents not to send peanuts or peanut products to school with their children. Thank you for your support in this matter. We are all working together to make sure all students are well-educated about the risks of food allergies, while trying to reduce the risk.



PEANUT FREE ZONE

We have several children attending Hazel Trembath who have life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts. We would encourage parents to try to avoid sending items to school that contain peanuts. We would like to advise you that **DARE** is a company that produces PEANUT-FREE foods. If you have questions or would like more information about Dare's peanut-free products, please call Dare's consumer hotline at 1-800-668-3273 or visit www.darefoods.com

Prevention, of course, is the best approach and, therefore, we are requesting your cooperation in refraining from sending any products containing nuts to school with your child. If your child brings a lunch/snack containing any nut products, they will be asked to eat their lunch in a designated area outside of the classroom.

Please remember that we are also a **SCENT FREE SCHOOL**. Thanks for your consideration of those with perfume /cologne and other scent allergies.

Our goal is to make the school a safe environment for all students, and therefore to become an allergy-aware school. If you have any questions, please contact me at school (604-941-0517).

HOT LUNCH DAYS:

School 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, a culinary assistant and school meal co-ordinators, 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. Clay at 604-941-0517.

P.A.C. Hot Lunch Days:

The P.A.C. Hot Lunch Committee provides monthly lunches for your child. Please watch for order forms coming home.

Lunch Lady Program:

The Lunch Lady Program provides hot lunches every Thursday to students who have ordered.

Stopping Vandalism

What you can do at home:

Parents and guardians can have the greatest impact on reducing vandalism. Here are two key tips: Please talk with your children about vandalism. Make sure that they understand that it is not a prank, that it is a crime that costs all of us hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and reduces our quality of life. A discussion of the problem is encouraged for even the youngest children.



If your children are old enough to be out on their own at night, please be aware of where they are and what they are doing. Groups of young people out on their own can get caught up in each other's exuberance and sometimes the group does things that the individuals would not think of doing on their own. Please do what you can to ensure that you are aware of your children's whereabouts

Tuning Up Your Vandal Watch Chapter

Vandal Watch is successful where chapter members stay active. It is important that neighbours are contacted at least once a year to ensure that they have the security phone number and are encouraged to use it. People move and neighbours change so it is important that every one have the information and the phone number. Information materials for neighbours can be requested by e-mail at: vandalwatch@citysoup.ca

HEALTH CHAT

Physical Activity and Fitness:

[Physical activity for children](#) helps them stay healthy and fit.

During the warm summer weather, children are more likely to have many opportunities to be physically active. Being back at school does not mean these activities should stop. In fact, exercise and activity levels are just as important as a balanced diet throughout the year. By being more active, you and your family can prevent illness, control weight, and have better health. Here are some ways to help you and your family lead a healthy, active lifestyle:

- Encourage your child to aim for at least an hour of moderate activity or 30 minutes of vigorous activity per day. You may also want to consult with your healthcare professional about an appropriate level of physical activity for your child.
- Be a good role model and exercise with your child or as a family.
- Choose a variety of activities that you and your family enjoy.
- Choose some activities that can be done at or from home, such as walking, bike riding, dancing to music, or playing games outside.
- Build physical activity into your everyday life.
- Limit television, video games, and computer use not related to homework to one to two hours per day.

Many schools have teams, clubs, and other extracurricular activities that involve fitness. Encourage your child to find out about these activities and to participate. If there are sports leagues and recreational activities that interest your child, be sure to encourage him or her to sign up!

Physical activity is beneficial at any age. Why not start today? There are a host of health benefits from being physically active for you and your family. When you and your family exercise, you can:

- have fun as a family
- be social
- relieve stress
- improve muscle tone
- burn calories and maintain a healthy body weight
- increase energy and concentration levels
- improve quality of sleep
- strengthen bones
- improve balance and posture
- improve circulation
- improve digestive health
- increase resistance to disease

Want to know more:

<http://www.bchealthguide.org/>

Montessori Program Registration Notice

*Broaden their love of learning through
an “enriched” Montessori program!*

WHAT IS MONTESSORI?

- Montessori is a program of choice offered by School District #43.
- The program provides a rich learning environment for students. It is based on Montessori principles and fulfills the expectations of the Ministry of Education.
- The program is available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8.
- The Montessori approach supports continuous progress, as students learn to work on personal goals and academic challenges.
- Students learn to work independently, in small groups and as peer leaders.
- The program is delivered following the Montessori philosophy of learning.
- Students make use of a variety of information sources in their project work, including explorations, technology, print and human resources.
- The program supports students in becoming lifelong learners and global citizens of the world.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Children must be entering Kindergarten or Grade One in September 2009.
- Registration forms will be available at the January 19, 2009 information meeting (see below), at the following Montessori Alternate Program elementary schools: Aspenwood, Harbour View, James Park, Miller Park, and Seaview, and on the district website:
www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs&Curriculum/Montessori.
- Completed registration forms must be mailed or hand delivered (**not faxed**) to the Coquitlam School Board Office (550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, V3J 6A7) no later than **4:30 pm on Monday, January 26, 2009**.
- There are a limited number of spaces available for Late Montessori Program registration in Grade 6 at Montgomery Middle School. Please contact Ms. Nancy Bennett at 604-939-7367 or nlbennett@sd43.bc.ca for further information.

Please note that registration for Kindergarten/Grade One is done by a random draw and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Late registration forms will not be part of the draw.

**For parent convenience,
two information meetings are planned for:**

**Monday, January 19, 2009
(3:00 pm – 5:00 pm; or 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
Gallery Room - Winslow Centre
1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam**

For more information, visit our Web site at www.sd43.bc.ca

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Memo from the Port Moody Police Department

Accidental Calls a Growing Concern for 9-1-1 Service

Tips for Consumers

- § Do not pre-program 9-1-1 into any telephone, as this may lead to accidental calls.
- § If you do call 9-1-1 by mistake, please stay on the line and tell the call-taker.
- § Carry and stow cell phones carefully in purses, backpacks, in a pocket or in the car. Even a user-locked keypad can dial 9-1-1 on many phones.
- § Teach children why and how to call 9-1-1. All phones are different, so be sure to give specific instructions that include how to activate the phone and how to send a call.
- § Never give children old cell phones to play with. Many deactivated phones can still dial through to 9-1-1.
- § Consider your circumstances carefully when looking at giving up your landline telephone for alternate technology. This may not be the best option, particularly if there are young children or elderly family members in the home. Be aware that cell phones do not provide location, nor do many VoIP services. Check with the VoIP service provider before you subscribe.

Tips for Using 9-1-1

- § Dial 9-1-1 in emergency situations that require police, fire department or ambulance when immediate action is required: a life or property is in jeopardy/danger or a crime is in progress.
- § Listen carefully, speak clearly and try to remain calm. While call-takers are asking you questions, they are relaying vital information electronically to the dispatchers and the emergency personnel on their way to help you.
- § Non-emergency numbers for all emergency services are listed in the front of the telephone directory.

About E-Comm

- § E-Comm is the regional 9-1-1 answer point for southwest British Columbia, managing more than one million calls each year.
- § E-Comm provides dispatch service for 23 police and fire departments throughout the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Whistler/Howe Sound.
- § E-Comm also manages the region's interoperable radio system used by police, fire and ambulance.

Light up the Square

December 6 from 4-8pm at Carré Heritage Square
1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam
Free Admission



What better way for families to mark the start of the holiday season than by basking in the glow of shimmering lights, feasting on traditional French Canadian delicacies, delighting in the foot-stomping sounds of the Coquitlam Celtic Ensemble and watching a heart-warming performance of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*? This year's *Light up the Square* at Carré Heritage Square is jammed full of entertainment, arts and craft activities and demonstrations, delicious seasonal fare, lively music and more. Bring the whole family and help us Light up the Square!

Place des Arts' January Session starts January 11, 2009. sign up for your favourite dance, drama, visual art or music class now! Visit www.placedesarts.ca for more information or to register online.

HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008– 2009

November	26	Volleyball Tournament @ Citadel Middle School
	27	First Formal Report goes home
	28	P.A.C. Hot Food Day
December	1	P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	3	Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	3	First Report Interviews – Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	6	Breakfast With Santa
	8	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.
	10	Christmas Concert – Morning Performance 9:15 a.m.
	10	Div. 11 to Grouse Mountain Field Trip
	11	Christmas Concert – Evening Performance 7:00 p.m.
	16	Div. 2 & 11 Skating at Poco Rec. Centre
	17	Div. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 to Theatrix
	19	P.A.C. Hot Food Day
	19	Last Day of classes before Winter Vacation
January	5/09	School Reopens after Winter Vacation
	20	Div. 9 to Science World
	21	Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	23	School Pro-D Day (No School)
	30	P.A.C. Hot Food Day
	30	Performing Artist – I Tromboni (PAC sponsored event) 9:00 a.m.
February	2	P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
		P.A.C. Movie Night
		Kindergarten Registration
	13	District Pro. D. Day
	27	P.A.C. Hot Food Day
March	2	P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	5	Second Formal Report goes home
	5	Performing Artist – Alberta Opera (PAC sponsored event) 1:30 p.m.
	12	Second Report Interviews – Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	13	Last Day of classes before Spring Break(March 16 – March 20)
	23	School reopens after Spring Break
	27	P.A.C. Hot Food Day
April	6	P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	7	Saleema Noon Presentation – Parents (Evening)
	8	Saleema Noon Presentation - Students
	10	Good Friday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	13	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday (No School)
	16	Student Led Conferences – Early Dismissal @1:45 p.m.
	17	District Pro-D Day (No School)
	21-23	Como Lake Relays (<i>Hazel Trembath date to be confirmed</i>)
	24	P.A.C. Hot Food Day
May	4	P.A.C. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
	8	Div. 1,2,3,4 to Victoria
	18	Victoria Day (No School)
	26-29	District Track & Field Meet (<i>Hazel Trembath date to be confirmed</i>)
	29	P.A.C. Hot Food Day
June	5	FUN FAIR 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.
	8	School Pro. D. Day (No School)
	22	Grade 5 Day
	23	Primary Picnic Day
	24	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony
	25	Last Day of School for Students- Final Formal Report goes home

