

# Hazel Trembath Elementary School



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## Upcoming Events:



May	1	Lunch with Principal
May	5	PAC Elections and Meeting
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### Our Hidden Heroes: Who are they?

*“It’s not just the one in a million superheroes that make the biggest difference in the world; it’s the millions of Hidden Heroes, ordinary people consistently doing small, positive things that make a difference.”* Our commitment is to inspire students to seek out and activate the best in themselves and each other. This school-wide focus has engaged students in weekly activities to inspire the “Hidden Hero” in all of us. Our next project is to identify and write about Hidden Heroes in our own learning community and to display these Hidden Heroes on our foyer display. We are asking students staff and parents to identify and write about who they think is a Hidden Hero in our school community (students, staff, or parents). A selection of these submissions will be put up on display in our Foyer. We are asking any parents who wish to nominate and write about a Hidden Hero among us, to please email their submission to me before the end of next week, Friday, May 14. [mgordon@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mgordon@sd43.bc.ca)

### Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Our staff is investigating and learning about ways in which we can create a learning environment at HT that promotes Social Emotional Learning. We have done a lot of work already by collecting information, visiting exemplary schools and attending workshops

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in the areas of SEL. We have committed to making SEL a school-wide goal and are excited about implementing intentional environmental improvements for all students. More info to come...

### Power Outage Update

In January, we had a power outage affecting most schools in the south side of Port Coquitlam. This created a challenging morning for staff, students and parents. It’s unfortunate that parents were given mixed messages as to whether the school was open or closed and I understand that this created a great deal of confusion for many families. I wish to apologize for this. We have reviewed this incident and have made a number of improvements to ensure we are better prepared for an incident like this in the future. Please know that the school will remain open and that staff will be here to provide the safe care and supervision of students. Our school strives to keep our community informed. However, during urgent events, please refer to [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) to ensure you receive the most accurate and up-to-date information.

### Leadership

Leadership is a grade 4/5 program that allows these students to learn and gain skills in leadership. They

will participate in many leadership opportunities in the school. Leadership students have created theme days which have occurred throughout the year. Our next Spirit Day will be "Teacher Swap" Day on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for participating in "Time Travel" Day in April. Our Leadership Team is also participating in a CAN Fundraiser. Thank you to Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Gilligan, Mrs. Graham and Mr. Gabiniewicz for all their hard work and effort to run leadership this year.

### **Reminder for Grade 5 Students:**

If you haven't done so already, please forward a digital or scanned baby picture, as well as a current photo of your child to [ht2015grad@gmail.com](mailto:ht2015grad@gmail.com) for the end of the year slideshow. We would also appreciate any photos you may have taken at school events throughout this year, as well as previous years (if photos are from previous years, please list the year they were taken). As we come upon their final year at Hazel Trembath, we look forward to putting together a wonderful celebration for our grade five class. Thank you so much for your help.

### **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. Morin 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

### **LifeTouch photos:**

Individual photos were sent home asking parents to pay for them or return them to school. This was a mistake and we apologize for the confusion this has caused. Next year, I have been assured that we will return to our past practice of having individual photos in the fall with a non-returnable proof sent home and class pictures only in the spring. Thanks for your understanding.

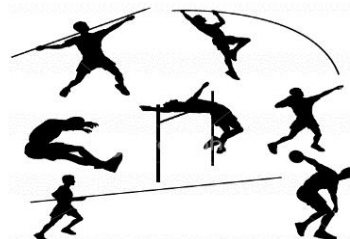
### **Como Lake Relays:**

A big "THANK YOU" to Mrs. Jack, Mr. Gabiniewicz and Mrs. Graham for all their hard work and diligence coaching our grade 4 and 5 Girls and Boys Como Lake Relay Teams. Also a big "Thank You" to the parents for their support. A special congratulations to the grade 5 girls (Sammy, Lauren, Elise and Fatima) for placing 5<sup>th</sup> and the grade 4

boys (Dario, Lucas, Tony and Markus) for placing 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Track and Field**

Our grade 3-5 students have been training for the District Track Meet which will be held on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Town Center. Thank you to all the teachers who are helping coach Track and Field. Thank you to Mr. Gabiniewicz and Mrs. Jack for running the Track and Field this year



### **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, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** Several students will be recognized from each class for their efforts to date. Watch the newsletters for other special presentations. We will also be recognizing the Grade 5 volleyball team at this recognition assembly.

### **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 spring season upon us and the weather warming up, more and more students are taking advantage of the nice weather and walking to and from school. With the increasing number of families walking to school, we would like to remind drivers to be extra careful as children that walk to school on a daily basis are 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.



## 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

## 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. Our next Hot Lunch is **Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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.

### 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 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

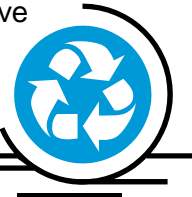
If your child will be absent or late, would you please notify the office by 8:50 a.m.

Phone (604-941-0517)

Students arriving late **MUST** report to the office prior to going to class.

## 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 Goals: 2014-2015

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 Fall of 2014, Teachers assessed student achievement and 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 topped. 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.

**Our Teaching Staff:**

Div.	Grade	Teacher's Name
1	4/5	Mrs. Graham
2	4/5	Mr. Gabiniewicz
3	2/3	Ms. Bonnet
4	2/3	Mrs. Hamilton
5	1/2	Ms. Alpino / Ms. Arteficio
6	K/1	Mrs. Kask
7	K	Ms. Laurie / Mrs. Gilligan



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. **\*\*Please note that in order to volunteer, you must 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.

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](http://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.

### **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

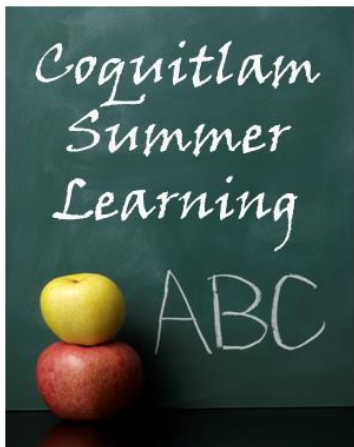
experience nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Although colds caused by other viruses may have similar symptoms, those due to the influenza virus tend to be worse.

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.



**SUMMER  
LEARNING  
2015 ONLINE  
Registration  
Dates (6:00  
a.m. Opening)  
Elementary  
Skill Building:  
May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Students must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please visit our website and create/update your account **now**. To create an account you will need your child's PEN number, which is available at your home school.

We are offering courses in Fine Arts, French Immersion, Reading & Writing, Montessori, Math, Science and Kindergarten-to-Grade 1 Transition! See website for full details!

Program Dates: July 7 to July 24  
Visit

[www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)

## SUMMER READING CLUB BEGINS SOON!

Build your imagination this summer! Join the 2015 Summer Reading Club at Fraser Valley Regional Library. There is a club for everyone – preschoolers, kids, teens and adults – and it's all absolutely free!

Make reading fun this summer! Kids who read over the summer do better at school.

There's so much to do at the library this summer:

- Join the Summer Reading Club and get a reading record to keep track of the reading your family does. Anything goes! You can read novels, picture books, information books, graphic novels, magazines, audio books, etc.
- Visit the library for stickers and weekly contests.
- Win prizes and earn a medal.
- Come to special events.
- Sign up begins mid-June.

For more information, call or visit your library:  
Terry Fox Library  
2470 Mary Hill Road  
Port Coquitlam

604-927-7999



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June	4	Parent Tea
June	5	Fun Fair 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
June	19	Grade 5 Activity Day/Grade 4 Activity Day
June	24	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
June	25	Year-End Final Assembly 9:15 a.m.
June	25	Last Day of School for Students- Final Formal Report goes home
June	26	Administrative Day – Schools Close

### Hazelwood Early Learning Centre:

## Hazelwood Early Learning Centre



Hazelwood's programs are play based and built responding to the children's interests. Our classrooms inspire exploration, discovery and creative thinking. Outdoor play includes exploring our beautiful natural setting which includes Settler's Park

Part-time and full-time spaces available in  
3-5 year old program and Before and After School Care, including full  
day summer child care.

(serving Hazel Trembath and Castle Park)

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Located in classrooms in  
Hazel Trembath Elementary