

Hazel Trembath Elementary School



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Newsletter # 4

Greetings Parents/Guardians:

I can't believe how quickly the month of January passed us by. Perhaps it is because we left for Winter Break so late and returned in January later than in the past. February will be a busy month with a lot of short weeks (school closure, Family Day statutory and a Pro-D). All of the remaining dates prior to Spring Break are posted below.

Sometimes when we have an increase in school days off, parents have questions about how these days come about. With reference to professional development days, there are six in a year. One is Provincial, three are district based and two are school based. The history on how teachers negotiated these days goes back to 1972 when professional development days were added to the calendar. The inclusion of these days increased the number of days teachers work, with no loss of instructional days for students. This past year, the Ministry of Education added a day in November so that teachers could work on their understanding of the new curriculum (we had two days in the 2016/2017 school year, and we will not have this day next year).

In addition to the Statutory Holiday (BC Family Day) you noticed that on Friday, February 9th there was a school closure day. When the district builds the calendar, it is based on a consistent 180 instructional days. Depending on the year and where Spring Break falls, there may be one, two or no extra closure days. This year there have been two days: one in November and one in February.

Finally, you will notice that we have an early dismissal this coming Thursday, February 15th for parent/teacher interviews. I encourage you to take some time to meet with teachers so you are aware of how you can work with your child and teacher to achieve learning goals prior to the second formal reporting period. Formal Reports will go home on Thursday, March 15th.

Sincerely,

Ms. Janine Close
Principal

Upcoming Events:

February	5-7	Kindergarten Registration
	9	School Closure Day: No School
	12	BC Family Day (No School)
	13	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	15	Parent/Teacher Interviews: early dismissal 1:30 p.m.
	16	PAC Hot Lunch Day
	23	District Pro-D Day: Students do not Attend
	26	Recognition Assembly at 9:30 a.m.
	28	Pink Shirt Day (Anti Bullying Day)
March	7	PAC Snack Day
	13	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
	15	Second Formal Report goes home
	16	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break

	16	PAC Hot Lunch
	19-30	Spring Break
April	2	Easter Monday: No School
	3	School Reopens

New Music Teacher

The start of 2018 saw all students being introduced to Mr. Jesse Dramer, our new music teacher who, on Fridays, teaches all students in the school. Mr. Dramer has settled in well and students are enjoying having music classes with him.

Field Trip at Mount Seymour

On Tuesday, January 23rd the entire school took a field trip up to Mount Seymour for sledding and tubing. This provided students with a fun filled, outdoor, alternate environment for physical activity.



These kinds of opportunities are aligned with goals in our curriculum and provide students with

community-based options for physical activity. While it was pretty frosty on the mountain, this year was a lot of fun because we didn't really have any snow down in the Lower Mainland this winter.

Thank you to those parents who were able to come up on the mountain and assist with supervision on the field trip. Your presence added to the fun and made a positive difference!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This Thursday, February 15th there will be an early dismissal at 1:45 p.m. to accommodate for parent/teacher interviews. If you would like to connect to discuss your child's learning journey, or if you have questions or concerns, please connect with your child's teacher to set up a time.

Olympics Theme Day

This Thursday, February 15th will be Hazel Trembath's Olympics Theme Day in celebration of the 2018 Winter Olympics that is currently taking place in Pyeongchang in South Korea. Students are encouraged to dress



to reflect the various winter sports, or in Canadian colours, or in the colours of a country they support. Go team Canada!!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration was on February 5, 6 and 7th this year. If you know of any Kindergarten aged children (born 2013) who might not have registered, please advise them to get in contact with the school at (604) 941-0517.

StrongStart BC

If you have children between the ages of 0 and 5, Hazel Trembath School has a StrongStart Program that runs each afternoon from 12:45 to 3:45 p.m. StrongStart BC is a free, drop-in early learning program for children aged 0 to 5 accompanied by a parent/caregiver. StrongStart is a great place to start building a connection to learning and the school community.

School Assemblies/Presentations:

Please be aware that parents/guardians are welcome to attend all our assemblies and special presentations that occur at Hazel Trembath. **Our next school wide Recognition Assembly is slated for Monday, February 26th, at 9:00 am.** Several students will be recognized from each class for their efforts to date. We will also have some class performances. Hope you can make it out!

Keeping Dry

January and the first part of February were extremely rainy. We were lucky because the rain tended to be light during recess and lunch and students were able to go outside, run around and get some fresh air. Sometimes,

however, students would go outside without proper rain gear on, or slip and get their pants wet, or run through puddles without wearing rain boots. In order to reduce



student calls home requesting dry pants/shoes etc. we encourage you to keep dry socks/pants/t-shirt at school so students can change. In addition, please guide students to wear rain appropriate outdoor wear on the wet days.

Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day



February 28th is recognized as Pink Shirt Day in honour of two students from a high school in Nova Scotia who witnessed a grade nine boy being picked on by bullies for wearing a pink shirt. The two witnesses, grade 12 boys, decided to take a stand by purchasing 50 pink shirts at a discount store

and emailing classmates to assist them in supporting the bullied student the following day by wearing pink. The act garnered a flood of support for the grade 9 boy and squashed the negative tactics of the two bullies. Not only that, but it sparked a national campaign to end bullying. On February 28th, wear pink to support the anti-bullying movement.

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR A LIST OF DATES, HOLIDAYS, CLOSURES ETC.
These dates are subject to change throughout the year. Check out the calendar on our website for the most up-to-date information**

HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017 – 2018

February	5 – 7	Kindergarten Registration
	9	Schools are Closed
	12	BC Family Day: Statutory Holiday (No School)
	15	Parent/Teacher Interviews: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.
	23	District Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend
	26	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
March	15	Second Formal Report goes home
	16	Last Day of classes before Spring Break
	19 - 30	Spring Break: No School
April	2	Easter Monday: Statutory Holiday (No School)
	3	School Reopens After Spring Break
	18	Earth Day: Litterless Picnic Lunch
	20	District Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend
	26	Student Led Conferences: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.
	30	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
May	16	Welcome To Kindergarten 10:30 – 12:00 p.m.
	21	Victoria Day (No School)
	28	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	31	Parent Tea
June	4	School Based Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend
	8	PAC Country Fair 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
	18	Sports Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	26	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
	28	Last Day of School for Students: Assembly/Final Report Goes Home
	29	Administrative Day – School Closes

Making your summer plans yet?

Think ... *Summer Learning!*



Elementary: July 10-27 9am-12pm

K to 1 Transition, Fine Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Montessori, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Science - Outdoor Focus

Middle: July 10-27 8:45am-11:45am

Art, Band, Creative Writing, Drama, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated Studies, Language Arts, Mathematics, Montessori, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Science Grade 6/7 (Ecology/Outdoor Focus), Tech Ed

Secondary Skill Building & Remedial: July 10-27 8:30-11:30am & 12:00-3:00pm

English, English for School Success, Math, Music, Science, Fitness, Tech Ed

Advanced (High School) Credit: Face-to-face & Online blended (Fast Track):

July 4 - August 10 8:00-11:30am & 12:00-3:30pm

Gr 10, 11, and 12 courses in English, Mathematics & Sciences. Canadian Studies 10, Career Life Education (Planning), Fitness & Conditioning 11/12, PE 10/11, Social Studies 10/11, Composition 11 & Communications 12

See our website for full info: www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

- ⇒ Tuition is free for BC residents (International fees apply otherwise)
- ⇒ 13 school locations throughout the Tri Cities
- ⇒ Registration opens in late April, create/update your account today



The School of Wonderstanding Spring Break is now available for registration!

This is a fun 4-day camp running Tuesday, March 20th to Friday, March 23rd. The camp will have many different activities throughout the days, with a special additional focus on arts and performing arts. The camp is fully supervised by Student Teachers in the Professional Development Program, as part of their teacher training. The camp is designed to excite and delight the participants with hands-on, creative learning opportunities to strengthen the connection of “wonder” and “understanding” of the world around us through play.

Registration is available **online** through the Community Programs Page on the appropriate school site, as well as paper registration. The paper registration can be downloaded from the attachment as well as from the Community Programs page.

Please see the attached brochure for more information (attached to your email)

Unique Get Together Society is providing a *Spring Break Camp* for kids with special needs. This is an inclusive camp that will be running March 19 – 30th 2018 at Pitt River Middle School. For more information please contact Debra at 604-725-2483 or email admin@ugts.ca. Please see attached brochure for more details.



Community Information: Coquitlam Express Junior A Hockey Game

The Coquitlam Express Junior “A” Hockey team is hosting an Anti-Bullying Awareness Game in partnership with I Am Someone on Saturday, February 17th at 7pm.

Students from Hazel Trembath Elementary School are invited to join us for the special game. We encourage everyone to wear something pink in support of Anti-Bullying. “I Am Someone” will be on site providing information on the resources they offer.

The event will be filled with fun and exciting activities for the students to participate for the kids in partnership with I Am Someone. As well, we will have prizes and giveaways throughout the game for the students. And don’t forget to stick around after the game to meet the whole Express team and get some autographs.

For the Coquitlam Express, it is extremely important we continue to put our emphasis on the community and the youth of today. Hockey plays a large role in the development of youth by encouraging its core values such as hard work, dedication and team work. These same core values can be applied to the classroom and lead to academic success.

When: February 17th, 2018

Time: 7pm, Puck Drop

Where: Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex

Details: Doors open at 6:15pm, game starts at 7pm, post-game autograph signing with the whole team after the game