

# Hazel Trembath Elementary School



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Greetings Parents/Guardians:

Well, the school year has come to a close and many of you are embarking on summer plans. I hope, like my teachers, you will be able to take some time to rest and recharge (and take advantage of the beautiful British Columbia weather). You all received your children's report cards last Thursday. I read all the report cards and I continue to be impressed with the depth of reporting by Hazel teachers, and how well they know their students. One area on the reports I was particularly impressed by was the "Collaborative Goals and Next Steps" section. Teachers took time to embed student voice as well as make some suggestions of little goals/activities students and parents could be embarking on over the summer to maintain and enhance the gains this past school year has brought. As we all know, a two month hiatus can really set back a fitness regime and the same can be said for a two month "brain break". Many of the suggestions teachers reported had to do with reading for ten minutes each day, heading to the library to foster reading enjoyment, keeping a summer journal, playing money games, or reviewing times tables/adding facts etc. If you can embed some of these activities in your children's day, it can help to maintain their "brain fitness" and they will be ready to create new goals and embark on more learning adventures this coming September.

As far as September goes, I can report that we are currently maintaining nine divisions. **Jordyn Stephens** finished her temporary contract and will be moving to Eagle Ridge Elementary; we wish her good luck. **Lacey Dorman**, who was on maternity leave, will return three days per week in a Student Services role. I hired **Nicole Dawson** for the vacant Kindergarten position; some of you might remember her working here a few years ago, and she is very excited to return. **Sandra Hamilton** will be running the library this year and doing two days per week in the classroom. She will be joined by a lovely new hire, **Melanie Watts**, who will be teaching a grade 1/2 class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (and she has already been in to "pretty up" the classroom). In the vacant grade 3/4 position, I am very excited to have hired **Dawn Jette** who is an experienced, knowledgeable, energetic teacher who worked at Irvine Elementary this past year. We were very sorry to say goodbye to **Suzanne Bonnet**, who has secured a position at Smiling Creek Elementary (a hop, skip and a jump from where she lives). That being said, **Lori Sherle** is excited to take on the grade 4/5 position, and with a background in student services and a knowledge of all of our students, she will be a great fit. In addition, we said goodbye to **Jill Bell**, EA; **Pam Cropper** in student services; **Karen Eden**, who worked two days per week and is heading to Blakeburn (close to her kids); and **Brittany Howey**, who worked a full time temporary contract this year. We wish everyone all the best as they head into summer, and thank everyone who is moving on for the wonderful difference they made during their time

at Hazel Trembath. There will be students who will move in and out of catchment throughout the summer, and things can change, but for now this is how things are looking for the Fall.

Have a great summer and see you in September!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Janine Close  
Principal

### **Calendar**

At the end of this newsletter are all the dates for the upcoming school year. In addition to



your child's planner, I have ordered magnets with all school closures and early dismissals. You will notice that

this coming February 2019 will have a number of closures, and we have moved one of our early dismissals for parent/teacher interviews from February to April (two days for interviewing and student led conferences). I am hoping that with the addition of a fridge magnet, it aids you in your planning.

### **PAC Garage Sale Fundraiser**

Thank you to all Hazel Trembath parents for donations to our Annual Garage Sale. This year we made \$1004! Special thanks go out to Jennifer & Kevin Ottenbreit, Benilda Polbos, Leona Posen, Sandra Fedele, Korena Zietsman, Kelly Cardinal, Christy Carter and Stephanie & Elise Widmer for all of their help with setting up and running the event! Of course the fundraiser would not be possible without the wonderful Kim Mitchell at the reins!

### **Young Actors' Project**

Every class at Hazel Trembath participated in three 90 minute drama workshops (K's had three 45 minute workshops) with the

Young Actors' Project, where they learned acting skills, got creative, built scenes and performed. There was plenty of collaboration and active participation and students and teachers had a blast!

### **Track and Field**

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> many grade 3, 4 and 5 students went to Town Centre to represent Hazel Trembath in the district track meet. Our students were excellent ambassadors for



the school and demonstrated great team work, supported one another and had excellent showings in their events, with many students placing. The goal of the day was to work

hard and have fun; I think students exceeded expectations! A big thank you to parents who drove students to the event and made up our wonderful cheering section, and to Mr. Yang who volunteered at the finish line for most of the day. Finally, a big thanks goes out to staff members who organized the day, covered classes, accompanied students to the meet, coached events and encouraged and cheered on students.

### **Country Fair 2018**

This year's Country Fair was held on the VERY rainy Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm. This is the PAC's main school fundraiser for the year and we were very

worried by the fact that the dunk tank was delayed to another day and the ponies were cancelled due to how slippery and mucky the field became. But the hardworking parents rallied under Kim Mitchell's leadership and it ended up being a huge success. Participants were able to use their tickets at the concession, the carnival games were a huge hit, and the sense of community in the halls and in the gym was palpable. The funds raised go directly to PAC to support children and teachers at Hazel Trembath. Field trip buses, school learning activities, playground maintenance, and classroom wish lists are just a few of the many items that PAC contributes to throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who came out to lend their support.



\*\*Of note, the Grade 5's got plenty of time in the dunk tank the following week, on a day when it was hot and sunny. Every student in grades K-4 got an opportunity to dunk their favourite grade 5's (and wouldn't you know it? We ran out of time and the fearless principal did not get to take a turn...which is too bad because it sure was a hot one 😊).



### **Water Safety**

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, students participated in a Water and Boat safety assembly, put on by the Water Wise Team, to review good water sense right before the summer season commences.

### **Sports Recognition Assembly**

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, students who participated in any of our athletic opportunities offered throughout the past year, from team sports to individual events (basketball, volleyball, track and field) to jogging club were recognized for their commitment and participation. It was exciting to see how many students set jogging club goals for themselves and achieved and/or surpassed these goals. The next school year will bring new fitness goals and a renewed effort to find fun ways to be active and healthy. A big thanks to Ms. Kristy Jack who organized the whole event!



### **Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony**

We had an addition of 9 new grade 5 students register this year, which brought our total to 40 grade 5's (38 of whom will be heading to Citadel Middle School in September). This was a special group of grade 5's whose leadership has really shone this year (like the stars they are). They were wonderful mentors to younger students, and we will miss their energy and positivity.



Their Leaving Ceremony took place on June 25<sup>th</sup> and we got to hear from each student as they crossed the stage and picked up their leaving certificate, and we were entertained by their wonderful farewell dance. A special thanks goes out to the Parent Committee who helped make the gym look so wonderful for our grade 5's special day.

## HAZEL TREMBATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018 – 2019

September	4	Welcome Back to School 8:40 – 9:15 a.m.
	5	First Full Day of School 8:40 a.m.– 2:45 p.m.
	7	Litterless Picnic Lunch
	13	PAC Barbeque and Meet the Teacher Evening 5:00 – 7:00 pm
	20	Terry Fox Run School Assembly
	<b>21</b>	<b>District Pro-D Day: Students Do Not Attend</b>
	28	Terry Fox Run
October	4	First Interim Report goes home
	<b>8</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day: Statutory Holiday (No School)</b>
	10	<i>Parent/Teacher Interviews: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.</i>
	16	Student Photo Day: Class and Individual Photos
	<b>19</b>	<b>Provincial Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend</b>
	29	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
November	8	Remembrance Day Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	<b>9</b>	<b>Curriculum Implementation Day: Students Do Not Attend</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Remembrance Day: Statutory Holiday (No School)</b>
	16	Picture Retakes
	26	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
December	7	First Formal Report Goes Home
	12	<i>Parent/Teacher Interviews: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.</i>
	21	Last Day of Classes Before Winter Vacation
January	7	School Reopens after Winter Vacation
	<b>28</b>	<b>School Based Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend</b>
February	4 – 6	Kindergarten Registration
	<b>15</b>	<b>Schools are Closed</b>
	<b>18</b>	<b>BC Family Day: Statutory Holiday (No School)</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>District Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend</b>
	25	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	28	Pink Shirt Day
March	15	Second Formal Report goes home
	15	Last Day of classes before Spring Break
	<b>18 - 29</b>	<b>Spring Break: No School</b>
April	1	School Reopens After Spring Break
	10-11	<i>Student Led Conf./Parent Teacher Interviews: Early Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.</i>
	<b>19</b>	<b>Good Friday: Statutory Holiday (No School)</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Easter Monday: Statutory Holiday (No School)</b>
	24	Earth Day: Litterless Picnic Lunch
	<b>26</b>	<b>District Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend</b>
	29	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
May	15	Welcome To Kindergarten 10:15 – 12:00 p.m.
	<b>20</b>	<b>Victoria Day: Statutory Holiday (No School)</b>
	27	Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
June	<b>3</b>	<b>School Based Professional Development Day: Students Do Not Attend</b>
	17	Sports Recognition Assembly 9:00 a.m.
	25	Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:00 p.m.
	27	Last Day of School for Students: Assembly/Final Report Goes Home
	<b>28</b>	<b>Administrative Day – Students Do Not Attend</b>

**Please note that this Calendar is subject to change throughout the year**



## PLEASE HELP LOOK AFTER OUR SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Our school is an important place in our neighbourhood. We all want to do everything we can to eliminate vandalism on school grounds this summer. Schools are most at risk during:

- Summer evenings and nights especially when the weather is hot
- The week before school opens on Tuesday September 5, 2017
- Friday and Saturday evenings and nights during the month of September

### What You Can Do

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities on the school grounds. Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

### Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

# 604-927-7600

***Call immediately when something raises your suspicions.  
Do not wait for the damage to be done.***

### Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day. Security personnel will investigate and will take action or involve the police. Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.

***KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.***

