



Hatzic Elementary School

News letter



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Happy Holidays! Thank you to everyone who has generously given their time, donated food, coats and blankets and participated in family fun events like our Winter Chill Movie night and our Ford Drive One for your community. We are busily preparing for our Christmas concert with our primary and intermediate choirs as well as performances from each classroom. Our staff members and students are working very hard to ensure a wonderful Christmas production is ready for this Thursday. It is very important for students to be at each of the 1pm and 7pm performances, so thank you to parents for your support in making sure your children are here for both shows.

Star of the Week is making a comeback in January. Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Smith have prepared the front bulletin board and it looks spectacular. School spirit days are changing to Thursday's. Please wear your house team colours or your Hatzic team shirts on Thursday to support our teams and build school spirit.

With each passing month I feel further privileged to be part of such a wonderful community that works together for our children.

Have a wonderful holiday and see you in the New Year!

Newsletter –by email

Mrs. MacAulay's class is piloting receiving the newsletter by email this month. If all goes well we will have all of our newsletters going home by email by February. Thank you to Mrs. MacAulay for this green initiative which will also help us save on our photocopying budget! Please ensure the office has your correct email address in January.

4 Bin Recycling Program

Our school is participating in a wide scale reduce, recycle and reuse initiative using the 4 bin program

which includes recycling and composting. Thank you to Mr. Robert's class for taking on the recycling removal to the compound and to Mr. Abercrombie and Mr. Heavenor's classes for doing the daily composting to the compound. Thank you also to Mr. Taylor for his highly entertaining and informative presentations to our parents, staff and students.

Important upcoming dates:

Christmas Concert – Dec 16th 1pm and 7pm
Christmas Sing-a-Long – Dec 17th 11am – 12:15pm
School Re-Opens January 4th
PAC Meeting – January 19th – 7pm
Fine Arts Play – Climate Change – January 27th 11am

Innovative Fitness Challenge – We were selected!

Thank you to Mrs. Rempel for getting our school selected for the Innovative Fitness Challenge called the 60 minutes kids' club. We are one of 5 schools selected in BC out of 15 from across Canada. This club is a platform designed to increase physical activity and healthy lifestyle engagement levels of youth in the ages 5-13 years old. More information to come in January, check out the website at <http://www.60minkidsclub.com/>

Little Readers:

Thank you to Jennifer Quick for leading an outstanding series of activities for our Little Readers. More information to come for our January events.

Hatzic Elementary Centennial (1911 – 2011)

Thank you to all the volunteers for our Ford Drive One for Your Community fundraiser. We will know how much we made in 6-8 weeks. We are predicting \$4000. Thank you to Enrico Delorenzo, Ryan and Leah Dockrill, Anne and Colin Jack, Tammy Jack, Alison Phillips, Mandy MacDonald, Sylvia Dietzel, Cheryl Slack, Lorne and Monica Seaton, Kris Langedyk, Sonya Klatt, Kerry and Mark Cunningham, Colleen and Dave Trenholme, Lisa Robinson, Layne Robinson, Bill Heavenor, Elaine and Lee Fairley, Gordon Gwyn, Brenda Clarke, Betsy Norton, Sue Smith, Lindsey

Comeau, Trixie Mahneke, Cheryl Libonati, Julie Hinnen, Louise Rempel, Santa, Me to We, Student Leadership and MSA Ford for all the help with our very successful fundraiser. Please help support our centennial by purchasing your bumper sticker at the office. Thank you to Anne Jack for organizing the Purdy's fundraiser that made over \$1700 for our school.

- 1st place Mr. Roberts class with 13 orders
- 2nd place Mr. Gwyn's class with 6 orders
- 3rd place Ms. Mahneke's class with 5 orders

Family Winter Chill Movie Night

Over 70 people attended our first annual winter chill movie night in the gym on December 9th. Items for the food bank were collected. Thank you to our local Subway Restaurant for donating cookies that were sold to raise funds for our Hatzic Students. Thank you to Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Heavenor, Mr. Abercrombie and Student Leadership for helping with the event.



School Goals and Collaborative Team Action Plans:

Staff members have reviewed the action plans in the school growth plan and are planning for their collaboration days in January. There are exciting projects in Literacy, Numeracy, Healthy Lifestyles and science. We will be continuing to work on the school growth plan with the School Planning Council in the New Year.

- Word of the Month:** Generosity
Coat and Blanket Drive
Food Bank Donations
Volunteering time
School Service
Supporting our school fundraisers
Me to We initiatives
Subway restaurant – cookie donation

Hands-on Science:

Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Heavenor, Mr. Gwyn and Mr. McLean's classes team up to do a hands-on science dissection of salmon as part of their school action plan. The team plans to do a hands on activity for each month of the school year. What an enriching experience in science for our students.



Math Stars

Sorry for the delay, but Math stars will be beginning in January. Contact Mrs. Schmor in the office for more information.

Network of Performance Based Schools:

Ms. Mahneke, Mrs. Schmor and Mr. Gwyn are sending students home with a math problem to share with and teach to their family. Div 1, 3 and 4 will be piloting the first problems. Please ensure your child returns the form after the holidays.

Animal Rescue

Thank you to Elizabeth from Elizabeth's wildlife center in Abbotsford and the Abbotsford BCSPCA for coming to rescue an injured raccoon from our front parking lot. The raccoon was unable to walk due to an injured back leg. She was transported to Langley Critter Care. The Faber family recently rescued a Northern Saw whet Owl. Once it has recovered they will be able to release it into the wild. For the record our raccoon was here before the 4 Bin Recycling and compost program.



School Service

Thank you to Denver Ryder, Shelby Murdoch, Sophia Shandella, Trindy Bakker, Michelle Wiebe, Amelia Klimmer, Ayla Aaro, Lillian Osborne, Alex Wagstaff, Jasmine Hong, Lane Halarewich, Kimberley Smith, Ana Mayfield, Mitchell Gill, Joshua Datoff, Patience Faber, Conner Eaton, Desmond Seaton, Hayley Jones, Mitchell Gill, Landon Miller, Paige Calderone, Brianna Wagstaff, Jenna Al-atabi, Danielle Wagstaff and Natalie Patterson, Lilian Osborn and Chantell Hurford for their contributions to star of the week, crosswalk, flag, lunch and morning patrol, equipment box, attendance and office duties. Thank you to Mr. Heavenor's class for helping with assembly and concert set up.

Dressing for the weather

Please remember as the weather constantly changes students need an active break from the classroom and will be expected to be outside most days. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a proper jacket and footwear. A spare change of clothes at school may be helpful on wet days.

New Peer Buddy initiative

Mrs. Clarke has trained Ms. Mahneke's class to help Mrs. Trenholme's as peer buddy's team up to work

together. The older buddy's have done some exploration with adjusting math games for different ability levels.

Aboriginal Circle

Mr. Johnny Williams has agreed to finish our Aboriginal artist in residence carving for our 100 year centennial party. This month we saw Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Gwyn's class watch a demonstration on how to make Bannock. Students of the school will be participating in making a button blanket. Ms. O'Soup will be going in to classes to teach the making of the blanket which will be sewn together into a big quilt to be presented at the centennial. Ms. O'Soup also gave a presentation to Mr. Gwyn for art involving salmon.



Peer counselors:

Our peer counselors have now mediated many issues for students and helped several friends work out their difficulties. This group of students provides and outstanding service to our school and we are pleased to welcome Kimberley Smith to the group. Jackets will be ordered over Christmas and their ID badges will be ready in January.

PAC

Our PAC has been working tirelessly at many initiatives including reading programs, hot lunches and fundraising for our Hatzic students. The work of this group is outstanding and we are so pleased to have the support and generosity that they offer. The cook books on sale at the Christmas concert are an excellent example of the creativity and service that they provide to our children. Thank you to Heather Kaardal and Miquel Sproston for making the cook books and Lee Fairley from Ridge Sign Design for donating the decals. Next

PAC meeting will be on January 19th at 7pm in the school library.

Sports Corner

Junior Mixed Floor Hockey played at McMahon on Dec 2nd with a victory of 24-8. Well done Huskies! Senior Floor Hockey played on the 14th at McMahon and put in 5 goals. The Mountain Bike club and running club will start after Christmas with Mr. Roberts and Mr. McLean respectively. Mr. McLean was in the top 3% for his results in the Nevada ½ marathon. Well done Mr. McLean! The staff played the senior basketball teams on Friday December 10th for an enthusiastic crowd. The teachers just edged out a victory over the students. What a great way to spend a Friday lunch hour! Mitchell Gill takes a shot from the outside. The Senior Boys Basketball team, coached by Mr. Abercrombie placed first in their tournament and the girls placed third in the district finals and second in their tournament. Volleyball is underway with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Abercrombie coaching the senior teams and Ms. Mahneke coaching the juniors. Thank you to all the coaches and parent volunteer drivers.



Math Problem of the Month:

Prizes were presented for correct solutions at the December 1st assembly to Owen MacDonald, Camryn Scott, Bryce Mackenzie, Emily Vadnais, Patience Faber, Michael Vadnais, Denver Ryder, Liam Nichol, Akisha Marsden, Deslynn Kardal, Jillian Quick, Helena May, Jozef Kuchaslo, Raeha Boyer, Lisa Tarakanova, Cameron Fraser and Maya Turpin for the K-7 category. Brielle DeSousa,

Tyler Klatt, Jake Vandenberg, Rylan Elson, Callie Heward, Paige Scott, Owen Ritter, Denisha Heward, Colby Brown, Ashlee Forsdike, Mary Crondhal, Jeran Ash, Wild Buss, Anna Scott, Austin Parkes, Logan Huffman, Milada Kubb, Celina Cabral, James Vigurs, Raeha Boyer, Jakob Laberge, Emily Grindler, Hana Nicholson, Avery MacDonald, Joseph Mills, Karena Williams, Connor Pye, Maya Turpin. Well done problem solvers! Check out our website for problems and solutions.

Parent Teacher interviews:

The interviews were well attended with many staff choosing to use student led conferences. Thank you to all who came out and to Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Smith for setting up the coffee and cookies.

Chuckwagon Races

Mrs. Robinson's class had a taste of the wild west!



Child-Parent-Relationship Therapy (CPR-T)

Give your children what they need most: YOU
Starting January 17, 2010 for **8 weeks**
Monday mornings from 9:30-11:30am
For parents of children aged 3- 8 years old
Location: Mission Central Elementary School
To enroll contact **604-820-4300** and ask to be signed up for the CPRT Group

Some of the things you will learn include:

- How to help your child open up to you
- How to set limits therapeutically
- Recognizing emotional needs and building self-esteem
- Fostering creativity, self-control, and self-responsibility
- Includes a session on behavior management and a session on anxiety

