



Hatzic Elementary School

News letter



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Dear Hatzic Families,

Mark your calendars! On Saturday December 4th we are hosting a tremendously popular fundraiser called Ford: Drive One For Your Community. It is free to participants. You just need to come out and test drive a Ford or Lincoln at our school, there will be 7 vehicles to choose from, and Ford will give our Hatzic Centennial Community Celebration Committee \$20 for each test drive. Our goal is to have 300 people test drive a Ford or Lincoln. We are raising money for legacy projects to give the students and families of Hatzic Elementary to enjoy and care for, for the next 100 years. Our projects include a Commemorative plaque, a Legacy Mural and a Centennial garden as well as an Open House on April 16th, 2011. Please help us meet our fundraising goals by coming out to support this exciting event. Babysitting and a concession will be available and rumours have it that Santa will be making an appearance at the event for photos from 9am – 2pm!

We have had an outstanding month at the school with students, staff and parents participating in many different activities. Our PAC has our concession and hot lunch program well under way. Please see the website hatzicel.mpsd.ca for order forms and information. PAC continues to support our Fruit and Vegetable Program, by ensuring our students have access to fresh produce to try every other week.

The School Wide Book Talk was a wonderful morning of students sharing their favourite books. Thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mr. Abercrombie for helping to coordinate this event. Our Me-to-We club, led by Mr. Abercrombie, continues to do philanthropy work and find innovative ways to help, such as their Vow of Silence fundraiser to help stop child trafficking. Our Peer Counsellors have now been trained in peer mediation and conflict resolution thanks to the excellent work of Mr. Greenshields and the MSS Peer counsellors. Our Leadership students hosted our Remembrance Day Assembly with performances from both primary and intermediate choirs, led by Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Brown as well as performance by Mr. Abercrombie and Mr. Gwyn's classes. We always appreciate the help from

Mr. Heavenor's students in the set up for our assemblies. Art work was provided by Mrs. Trenholme and Ms. Mahneke's classes for the assembly. Ms. Mahneke's class gave a highly entertaining assembly on November 5th which included the chicken dance and the YMCA! We had a field trip to the Stave Lake Hyrdo Dam for Mr. Roberts class and Mrs. Robinson's class had a visit from a very nice pony. Our basketball teams had great seasons. Thank you to Mr. Roberts, Mr. Gwyn and Mr. Abercrombie for all their time and efforts in coaching our students. Hockey is still running with games in the near future and we are looking forward to our upcoming Volleyball season and Bike Club after Christmas.

Several of our teachers have been successful in receiving their Feedback For Learning Grant. Mrs. Comeau, Mrs. MacAulay, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Abercrombie and Mr. Heavenor are leading two action research teams for our school. We look forward to hearing about their success and learning with these projects.

Our District Student Leadership Council is doing a blankets and Coat drive for the homeless and less fortunate in Mission. Please drop off your donations at the school by December 1st. They will be distributed at the dinner at HPSS on December 4th.

Newsletters go home on the last Thursday of the month. You can also see them on our website at hatzicel.mpsd.ca.

Important upcoming dates:

No Classes in lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews – Nov 26th

Coat and Blanket Drive – Donations due by Dec 1st
Drive One For Your Community – Dec 4th 10am – 2pm

Family Movie Night – Dec 9th 6 – 7pm (free)

Neufeld Farm orders arrive – Dec 10th @ 4:30pm

Purdy's orders arrive – Dec 13th

PAC Meeting Dec 15th

Christmas Concert – Dec 16th

Christmas Sing-a-Long – Dec 17th 11am – 12:15pm

Parent Advisory Committee

PAC is creating a Centennial collection of Recipes for sale at our Christmas Concert on December 16th. They are asking that all recipes be in to the office by November 29th. Please have your child type and decorate or write out their favourite recipe for our 100 year collection. Parents, staff and alumni are also encouraged to contribute to the book. Dwarf Alberta Spruce Trees will be available for sale at the Ford – Drive one For your Community Fundraiser on December 4th from 10am-2pm. Orders for trees will be taken from Dec 4th -12th if we sell out at the event. Pictures of the trees will be on our website at hatzicel.mpsd.ca

Our PAC group is a phenomenal group of dedicated parents who work tirelessly to ensure ALL the students at our school have opportunity and access to excellent programs and activities. To fund these programs and activities our PAC has undertaken many fundraisers including the magazine orders, Neufeld Farms, and Miniature Christmas trees. They also offer our concession and hot lunch program to our students, providing excellent meal options for our children. They are always looking for volunteers to join in. Meetings are the third Wednesday of the Month in the library. Next meeting December 15th @ 7pm. Neufeld Farm Pick up is December 10th at 4:30pm here at the school.

Hatzic Elementary Centennial (1911 – 2011)

On Saturday April 16th, 2011 we will be hosting an open house to commemorate Hatzic Elementary School's Centennial year. Please mark your calendar. Thank you to everyone who purchased chocolate and a big thank you to Anne Jack for spearheading our Purdy's fundraiser and adding to our generous contribution from PAC. Our Centennial Committee planning is coming along very well. Thank you to Mrs. Comeau for arranging for our commemorative plaque that has been donated by W.J. Mouat Secondary School in Abbotsford. Our Hatzic Elementary School Centennial bumper stickers, made by Ridge Sign Design, will be available for purchase at our Ford Drive One For Your Community Fundraiser on December 4th. Again we would like to thank Lee Fairley of Ridge Sign Design for donating our new reader board and for making our bumper stickers –Great stocking stuffers! If you have any suggestions for the celebration day or would like to help Contact Mrs. Schmor at carolynn.schmor@mpsd.ca Please support our 100 years!

Lates

If your child is late to school, please have them report to the office, so that Mrs. Hinnen doesn't make a panicked phone call home. Thank you for your cooperation.

Book Talk

Our school engaged in our annual book talk Friday, November 5th 2010. This was an excellent school-wide activity promoting enthusiasm for books and reading. Our students showed outstanding leadership skills as they presented their choice of literature to their group. Well done Huskies! Thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mr. Abercrombie for organizing and to all the staff and parents who helped to prepare our students. Our students made us proud!



Peer Counsellors

Our Peer counsellors have now completed their training in peer mediation and conflict resolution. Mr. Mark Greenshields, a teacher/counsellor from Mission Secondary School and his student peer-counsellors put on two ½ day workshops for our students. Their presentations were top-notch and our students are already on the field helping to mediate issues that arise. Our peer-counsellors applied for and received a grant from PAC for \$500 to start this program. The PAC will purchase jackets for the peer counsellors to use on the field so that they are highly visible. Thank you to the Wagstaff family for donating lanyards for the students to hang their ID cards. Our peer counseling team is Hunter Hardy, Megan Balliet, Sabrina Boulay, Lilian Osbourne, Hayley Jones, Jayden DeWitte, Bryce MacKenzie, Alex Wagstaff, Danielle Wagstaff, Malina Wilson, Summer Simmonds, Ayla Aaro, and Natalie Patterson, Conner Jollymore, Shelby Murdoch and Nicholas Dietzel. Upcoming events include learning about Rotary's four way tests as well as incorporating the Rick Hansen Awards Program.



Problem of the Month

Problem of the month is due on Monday November 20th. Winners will be recognized at the December 1st assembly. Participation in the problem of the month has had an excellent participation rate, so great work to all you problem solvers! Complete solutions and the new December problem will be available on our website haticel.mpsc.ca after December 1st, 2010.

Word of the Month: Friendship



School Goals and Collaborative Team Action Plans:

We have many projects going on in the school. Mrs. Comeau, Mrs. MacAulay and Mr. Roberts, Mr. Abercrombie and Mr. Heavenor have been awarded the district grant of \$1000 to support work towards their Feedback for Learning Projects. Ms. Mahneke, Mr. Gwyn and Mrs. Schmor, within the Network of Performanced Based Shools, have started with a math problem solving project to help improve student's abilities and attitudes toward math. Mrs. Trenholme and Mrs. Robinson attended an additional early success meeting and are working hard to meet the needs of our students. Mrs. Clarke and Ms. Mahneke have also teamed up with a peer buddy math initiative designed at providing help to younger math students. Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Fairley, Mr. Gwyn and Mrs. Schmor have

continued to meet for regular school based team meetings on Wednesdays to support student learning. It is easy to see what a dedicated and hard working staff we have here at Haticic Elementary. Well done to all staff as we work together to meet the objectives of our 2010-2011 school goals.

Little Readers

Fridays at 9:00am in the Haticic Elementary Library. Fall Session – Oct 8th to Dec. 17th (no meeting on Oct 22nd, Nov 5th, 12th, or 26th) Preschoolers and caregivers read a story, make a craft, have a snack, and borrow a book all at Little Readers. *Dec 3rd Parade!, Dec 10th & 17th Christmas.* Sign up for free at Jennifer@jenniferquick.com.

Math Stars

Notices went home in report cards for families interested in a monthly math newsletter, Monday math club and mathematical competitions. Please contact Mrs. Schmor if you have any questions or would like your child to participate.

School Service

Thank you to Megan Kraakman, Hayley Jones, Dominik Fairley, Paisley Fritz, Lorne Vandenberg, Caleb Loewen, Sophia Shandalla, Denver Ryder, Luke Fairclough, Evan Laberge, Jayden Dewitte, Natalie Patterson, Josh Richardson, Amelia Klimmer, Paige Calderone, Trindy Bakker, Jessica Krygsveld, Jasmine Hong, Riley Klimmer, Amirah Ash, Shelby Murdoch, Kyle Sunder, Patience Faber, Mitchell Gill, Keely Petersen, Danielle Wagstaff, Alex Wagstaff, Brianna Wagstaff, Kimberely Smith, Ayla Aaro, Conner Eaton, Brett Mackenzie and Dylan Vandenberg for their service to the school in November. These students have taken on jobs of Flag, Crosswalk, Office, Morning and Lunch Patrol, Attendance and Assemblies. The school runs much more smoothly thanks to your great work!



Student Leadership Council

Please bring your family to our Family Movie Night on Thursday December 9th from 6pm to 7pm. Come see the holiday classics on our Winter Chill movie night in the gym. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Schmor and the student

leadership council will be hosting this family fun event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission by donation of food item for the food bank.

Thank you to Lilian Osborne, Hayley Jones, Ana Mayfield, Amirah Ash, Paris Ballard, Josh Richardson, Brett MacKenzie, Paige Calderone, Melanie Robinson for an excellent job with the Remembrance Day Assembly. Spirit Week put on by Student Leadership was a great week of fun and shenanigans.

Noon Hour Supervisors

Thank you to Cheryl, Carrie, Cindy and Tracy for the great work keeping our children safe in the school and on the playground at lunch time.

Stuffy Day in Mrs. Trenholme's Class



Hatzic Elementary/Secondary Reading Program

Leadership students from HSS are coming to work with our students on a reading program coordinated by our Learning Assistance teacher Mrs. Clarke and the HSS Leadership teacher, Mr. Voss. Thank you to Mrs. Clarke for heading the joint initiative for our students.

Aboriginal Circle

Welcome to Shawn Martens our ESD teacher. Shawn will be working with students who need support with English as a Second Dialect. Our school received a \$1000 district grant for our Aboriginal Enhancement project to ensure our Centennial celebration has representation from our Aboriginal community of Hatzic. Susan O'Soup and Johnny Williams and Mrs. Schmor are asking for input from our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal families both past and present for their ideas in making our celebration day a success. Highly respected elder Mel Jack our former Mission School District employee will be attending the event with his wife and sons. Mel will be on the speakers list as well. We will be serving Bannock and Dried Salmon and will have displays of Aboriginal educational kits used in today's classrooms. We have also joined the Aboriginal Enhancement Network of Schools to share our story of our celebration day.

Pumpkin carving

Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Gwyn's class team up for buddy pumpkin carving



Sports Corner

Our Basketball teams have had great seasons with many students participating and showing outstanding sportsmanship and team effort. The Senior Girls, coached by Mrs. Schmor finished third in the district finals. Way to go Huskies!



and both the Senior Boys, coached by Mr. Abercrombie, and Girls are playing in the district tournament next week. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Gwyn had a highly successful season with our junior mixed teams. Well done everyone!



Our Floor hockey is continuing with Mrs. Schmor coaching the junior and senior mixed teams.



We have games coming up with the Juniors at McMahon on Dec 2nd and the seniors hosting McMahon at home on the 14th. Check out the school website at haticel.mpsd.ca for practice schedules and game times. The Mountain Bike club will start after Christmas with Mr. Roberts. The running club is still going strong with Mr. McLean after school. Rain or Shine! Schedule to be set on the Monday of each week. Mr. McLean is running a marathon in early December to qualify for the Boston Marathon – Go Mr. McLean Go!



Influencing your children

Now is the time to increase *your* influence with *your* children. If you can feel confident they are listening and cooperating with you now, you will feel more confident as they grow into their teens. If this previously strong influence diminishes slightly in their teens, your teachings and guidance will still be the standard by which they make their independent decisions.

Come join our initial discussion group starting January 12th and perhaps continue over the next six Wednesday evenings to explore a highly recognized method of **increasing your influence with your child**. This will be our 7th group in Mission and

participating parents are noticing a positive difference in their families.

Location: Silverdale Elementary School – in the library

Time: 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Dates: Wednesdays starting January 12th, 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.

Open to parents in Mission

Group is facilitated by Kerr McConnell Mission School District Counsellor & Registered Clinical Counsellor

If not us, who is influencing our children?

Yes I would be interested in learning how to increase my influence with my child.

Parent name: _____

Phone # _____

(Come on Dads, you're welcome too!)

Please return to the office at your child's school or confirm your intention to attend

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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.

School Song-(To the tune of 'There is a Tavern in the Town')

There is a school in our town.
 In our Town.
 And there the students seek renown.
 Seek Renown.
 For we play the game
 Where ever we may be.
 It's Hatzic Huskies – Victory!
 Victory!
 Oh, we're strong for Education
 It's the backbone of our nation.
 And without it we would soon
 Break Apart.
 Break Apart.
 Hurrah, Hurray for Green and Gold.
 Green and Gold.
 And may our standards ever hold.
 Ever Hold.
 For we play the game
 Where ever we may be.
 It's Hatzic Huskies -Victory!
 Victory!