



Hatzic Elementary School

News letter



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Dear Hatzic Families,

This month has been filled with many exciting events including the Opening Day Assembly, the G.W. Cooke awards, the Welcome Back Barbeque, the Terry Fox Run, the Peer Counselling Retreat, our first PAC meeting, hosting B.C. Hydro and the Harvest Jaunt which goes today. A special thank you is in order for all the students, staff, parents and alumni who helped make each of these events a great success. We raised \$255.94 in donations for our Terry Fox Run. That is just over \$1 per student. Well done Huskies! Over all, school start up went very smoothly and I continue to be impressed by the excellent behavior of our students and the outstanding dedication exhibited by our staff. Our virtue of the month is RESPECT, which is also the first word in our code of conduct Respect, Responsibility and Safety. Next month we will focus on RESPONSIBILITY. Please remember to send your children with all their supplies and inside shoes too.

In early October our assembly program will continue with assemblies scheduled on most Wednesday mornings. We started with a special assembly called Mad Science on Wednesday September 29th, 2010. This was also the venue that we announced the correct solution to the math problem of the month for September. See our website, hatzicel.mpsd.ca for next month's problem. Homework Club has started in the library at lunch. If you would like some extra help, or need to catch up on missed work, please drop in.

Extra-curricular sports have started for the year. Students have been training for Cross Country in preparation for the Harvest Jaunt hosted by Hatzic Elementary and the Great Pumpkin Race at Heritage Park. Basketball and Floor Hockey will be starting soon. September has been a busy month and I have thoroughly enjoyed the start to the year. The garbage bin continues to be an issue and a new location is under review. Thank you to the entire Hatzic community for your continued support and friendly faces. Newsletters will be going home on the last Thursday of the month. You can also see them on our website at hatzicel.mpsd.ca.

Important upcoming dates:

Sept 30 - Harvest Jaunt

Oct 3-Oct 9 - Fire Prevention Week

Oct 6 - Grade 6 Immunizations

Oct 6 – District Student Services Internal Review Meeting for Parents at HPSS from 6:30-8:30pm

Oct 7 - Great Pumpkin Race

Oct 12 - Photo Day

Oct 20 - PAC Meeting

Oct 17-Oct 21 - Interim Reports home

Oct 22 - Provincial Professional Day – no classes for students

Oct 29 – Halloween Costume Parade

PAC Meeting – Wednesday, Oct 20th @ 7:00 pm

Becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council is a great way to contribute to our school and meet new school community members. The budget will be discussed at this meeting. New positions need to be filled. Volunteer forms available in the office and on-line.

Home Reading Program

The Home Reading Program will begin on Sunday October 3rd, 2010, with the first slip due on Oct. 17 and the prize following on the 20th. More information will be sent home with your child. If you have any questions talk to Cheryl or Kris, or leave a message for them at the office.

Crosswalk Safety and Parking

Please remember that Hatzic is a “neighbourhood” school and students are encouraged to walk to and from school with a sibling or buddy. Wherever possible, if you are driving, please use the park across from the school as a drop off / pickup point AND please use the crosswalk when crossing the road in front of the school. Please enter the park Parking Lot by the NORTH DRIVEWAY AND EXIT BY THE SOUTH. We are looking at a better place for the garbage bin. Your input has been very helpful and your patience appreciated.

Board Meeting Date Change

It has been necessary to move the regular meeting of the Board in October from the 19th to 12th. The meeting will be held at Mission Secondary School as originally planned.

Little Readers

Fridays at 9:00am in the Hatzic 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. **October 8th theme: Thankfulness.** Sign up for free at Jennifer@jenniferquick.com.

All Aboard for Kindergarten

An innovative program designed to introduce children entering Kindergarten in 2010 to their local public library. The materials will be distributed to Kindergarten teachers in the third week of September, and handed out to families of children from the classroom. For further information about this exciting partnership program, contact the Mission Library at 604-826-6610 or email elspeth.bowers@fvrl.bc.ca or laurel.bieber@fvrl.bc.ca

You clean up well Mr. Heavenor!



There will not be any cost to you. As well there is a Volunteer Application Form and a Volunteer Drive Form that must be completed and left at the school each year. Check out the forms on our website at hatzicel.mpsd.ca

Photo Day – Tuesday, October 12 – Individual student photos will be taken – say cheese!

Fruit and Vegetables Program

We have been accepted in the Fruit and Vegetables Program. We will be receiving a shipment of a fresh fruit or vegetable for every child in the school every two weeks free of charge. The concept of the program is to introduce and encourage children to eat a variety of healthy food choices.

Student Information Forms

Your child should have brought home a pink Student Information Verification Form this month. Please take a few minutes to check that the information we have is accurate. Make any changes, additions and/or deletions as necessary on the form. Sign the last page and return the updated form to the school as soon as possible. Thank you. Mrs. Comeau’s class was the winner of the pizza contest. Congratulations class for getting all your forms in first.

Code of Conduct Poster Contest: Winners



(Picture Left) Students watch as Mrs. Kempa takes the scissors to Mr. Heavenor’s summer hair style.

Head Checks

Volunteers are needed to help with head checks.

Peer Counselling Retreat

The following students attended a peer counselling retreat at the B.C. Hydro Lodge at Stave Lake on September 23rd, 2010. Students who attended were Alex Wagstaff, Danielle Wagstaff, Jessica Krygsveld, Bryce MacKenzie, Summer Simmonds, Megan Balliet, Hunter Hardy, Sabrina Boulay, Hayley Jones, Lisa Bragg, Shelby Murdoch, Kimberley Smith, Jayden DeWitte and Luke Fairclough. The students learned many important skills that will help to serve our school community and keep a safe and caring environment for our school.



**Mission Public Schools
Student Services Internal Review
Key Messages**

Resulting from the Vision 2020 community consultation process, the Board of Education asked for a review of the current model of inclusion for the delivery of service to students with special needs. This internal review is to be conducted in the fall of 2010. The Project Manager, Randy Huth, Director of Student Services for Mission Public Schools, along with the help of an External Facilitator, George Connolly, (former long time administrator and teacher of Mission Public Schools) will conduct the Student Services Internal Review.

The review will study and analyze information gathered through school visits, surveys and focus group meetings. During the first week of November, the External Facilitator, George Connolly and the Student Services advisory Committee (parents, teachers, support staff and administrators), will analyze the data to make recommendations for the district. A draft report will be taken to the January 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

- The purpose of the review is to ask the following essential question: Within the current Ministry of Education funding, how do we best support our students with special needs?
- The school visits, surveys and focus group meetings will ask questions on what is working well and what needs to be changed with our current system.
- The review will be an open and inclusive process.

Important dates for the Review:

- September 28, 2010** Focus Group Meeting for **Interagency Organizations** 12:30-2:30 pm at the SBO
- October 4, 2010** Focus Group Meeting for **Elementary Teaching Staff** from 3:00-5:00 pm at C Morrison Elem
- October 5, 2010** Focus Group Meeting for **Education Assistants** from 3:15-5:15 pm at HPSS
- October 6, 2010** **Focus Group Meeting for Parents from 6:30-8:30 at HPSS**
- October 7, 2010** Focus Group Meeting for **Secondary Teaching Staff** from 3:30 – 5:30 at HSS
- Surveys October 1 -25**

Students, parents, staff and community members will be able to provide their thoughts concerning student services through a survey on the District website.

Fire Prevention Week Oct 3-Oct 9, 2010

- Fire & Life Safety Fair – Sunday Oct 3rd from 2pm-4pm at Fire Station No. 1 (33330 7th Ave)
- Community Fire Drill Wed Oct 6th, see www.safeathome.ca/drill
- Laptop Computer Contest – entry form available at the office, due Oct 22nd
- Fire Captain for a Day Program (K to grade 3), Saturday Oct 16th 10am -1pm

Everyone Welcome !
Mission Fire/Rescue Service
Fire & Life Safety Fair

FIRE STATION No. 1
(33330 Seventh Avenue)
SUNDAY, October 3, 2010
2 pm to 4 pm

Fire & Life Safety Fair is on SUNDAY this year

FEATURING

- * Games & activities for kids
- * Fire Safety House
- * RCMP rollover simulator vehicle
- * Water safety
- * Emergency vehicles on display
- and more

Visit our Save On Foods Special Events Snack Bar

OTHER ACTIVITIES

FIRE DEPT. VEHICLE DISPLAY
Sunday Sept 26th 10 am - 2 pm
(Junction Mall)

Participate in our
COMMUNITY FIRE DRILL
Wednesday, October 6th 8:30 pm
- test your smoke alarm
- review your escape route
sign up and be counted at
www.safeathome.ca/drill

*Fire Prevention Week October 3rd - 9th, 2010
Co-sponsored by Save On Foods & Boston Pizza*

Mad Science Assembly

Paris Ballard, Paisley Fritz and Sophia Shandalla led us in O'Canada and our school song to open and close the Mad Science assembly on September 29, 2010. Check out the lyrics to our school song at hatzicel.mpsd.ca



Winners of Problem of the Month for September:

Bryce Mackenzie, Ryan Hole, Gillyanne Hnatiuk, Alex Wagstaff, Nicklas Dietzel, Jackson Trask, Akisha Marsden
Bobcats: 48 points, Lynx: 28 points, Eagles: 5 points
Correct Solution: 59 triangles



Early Afternoon Swim Lessons

Early afternoon swim lesson times are now available for all ages to accommodate home learners and children in ½ day Kindergarten and preschool. A variety of levels are available on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 1-3pm starting October 19. Registration is available in person at the Leisure Centre, over the phone (604-820-5350) or on-line at www.mission.ca.

Rotary Christmas Concert

This year's Rotary Carol Festival takes place **Thursday December 2nd** at 7:00 PM at the Clarke Theatre. The Mission Rotary Club has produced this event for over 50 years which has greatly benefited the Christmas Bureau and the Food Bank. Admission is by donation to the Christmas Bureau or Food Bank.



Mad Science

Hunter Hardy (above) demonstrates the magic "BABS" machine and Jacques Denton (below) helps with the magic card trick during the Mad Science Assembly. To register your child for the after school program pick up a form from their teachers. For more information call 604-466-8888 or check out their website www.madscience.org/fraservalley.



