



Hatzic Elementary School

News letter



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Dear Hatzic Families:

As your new Principal I am very excited about our upcoming year. I know that I am coming into a school with a very supportive parent community and a very strong staff with a great history of doing as much as it can for its students. We have many events and programs planned and we are especially enthusiastic about our school turning 100 this year. To begin we would like to invite you to our assembly on September 10th at 9:00 am, as well as, our Welcome Back Barbeque on September 16th at 5:00-6:30pm. Dinner is served at 5:00pm

Our School Goals, for 2010-2011, were formalized by parents and staff last spring:

- 1. To improve the knowledge skills and attitudes Numeracy*
- 2. To improve the knowledge skills and attitudes Literacy*
- 3. To improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes in choosing a Healthy Lifestyle*
- 4. To improve the knowledge, skills and appreciation in Fine Arts*

Our Code of Conduct includes Respect, Responsibility and Safety. Teachers will review a detailed Code of Conduct with students during the opening week of school.

We welcome three enthusiastic and caring new teachers, Mr. Gwyn, Mrs. Trenholme, and Mrs. Robinson. Mr. Gwyn is teaching grade 4/5, Mrs. Trenholme is teaching a Kindergarten/Grade 1 class and Mrs. Robinson is teaching Kindergarten. We also welcome Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Gardner as educational assistants, Ms. O'Soup as our Aboriginal Liaison worker and Mrs. Hinnen as our secretary. We also extend a big welcome to Mrs. Hansen as counselor and Ms. Adachi our new youth care worker. We also extend warm wishes to Mrs. Goodfellow, our former Principal, and trust that she is thoroughly enjoying her much deserved retirement.

We are delighted to have your child attend our school and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of this year. Anyone interested in planning for the 100th celebrations is welcome and encouraged to contact me as we would like to start the planning as soon as we can. At any time during the school year, if you have a question or concern, please contact me by phone at (604) 826-248, by e-mail at carolynn.schmor@mpsd.ca, or feel free to stop by the office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Schmor

Ps. If you would like to also receive this newsletter by email please forward your email address to our secretary Mrs. Hinnen at julie.hinnen@mpsd.ca

Important upcoming dates:
Sept 16 Welcome Back BBQ
Sept 17 Terry Fox Run
Sept 29 PAC Mtg 7:00 pm
Sept 24 Non Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Oct 6 Grade 6 Immunizations
Oct 12 Photo Day

PAC Meeting – Wednesday, September 29 @ 7:00 pm

Our PAC will have their first meeting of this year on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm in the Library. 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.

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

Website

Our website is up and running again. Please go to www.mpsd.ca and find Hatzic Elementary or go directly to hatzicel.mpsd.ca

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on September 17th. Last year, thanks to students, parents and staff, we raised approximately \$300 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

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 a variety of healthy food choices.

Flu Precautions

We are encouraging students to wash their hands frequently. Also, if your child is not feeling well it is recommended that they stay home to recover.

Appropriate Dress

As the weather begins to change, please ensure that your child has clothes to meet the weather conditions. Students need fresh air breaks and we will be allowing them to play outside if there is a light rain or drizzle. Students should have water-proof clothing and footwear.

Early Dismissals

Please write a quick note in your child’s planner to indicate that your child will need an early dismissal on a particular day.

Absence From School

Students who do well at school attend regularly, are well rested and are on time. On occasion illness and important appointments disrupt this important school schedule. Please call the school by 8:45 if your child will be absent or late.

Crossing Street 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 Parking Lot by the NORTH DRIVEWAY AND EXIT BY THE SOUTH.

Transportation

Our transportation system is going through some changes. As of October 1st students who are within the walking limits and take a bus to school will be required to pay an annual fee. It is important that the bus driver has a manifest of all of his/her passengers. Students may not bring friends on the bus. This is a change from last year. Also, for safety and security busses are equipped with audio and visual cameras. Students who are not registered will be picked up and taken to school, but will need to be picked up by their parents after school. Please ensure you are registered for transportation with the school district, to ensure a round-trip to and from school.

Parent Involvement

There are many other ways you can help and become involved in the school community. Some jobs may require a small amount of time on a regular basis but produce a big impact for our students. If you are able to volunteer at Hatzic Elementary, Mission Public Schools require that you have a Criminal Records Check completed. Simply pick up the forms at the school office and take them to the Mission RCMP Station. 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.

Visitors in the School

For the safety of our staff and students as well as our visitors it is essential that we are aware of all persons present in our school. Visitors to the school are reminded to report to the office upon arrival to sign in.

Lice Screening

Thanks to our team of parent volunteers and our no nit policy at Hatzic Elementary we have been able to keep the pesky critters in check. If you are able to help out with our monthly checks, please contact the office.

Student Information Forms

Your child will be bringing a pink Student Information Verification Form next week. Please take a few minutes to check that the information we have is accurate. Simply make any changes, additions and/or deletions as necessary right on the form, sign the last page and return the updated form to the school as soon as possible. It is very important that our office has the most current information pertaining to your child. Thank you.

Lunchtime Reminders:

Cutlery - Please remember to send the appropriate spoons and/or forks with your child's lunch as required.

Home for Lunch Permission - If you plan on having your child come home for lunch at any time during the school year we need to have written permission on file. Please let your child's teacher know if this is the case. We have permission forms available at the office.

Bell Schedule

08:40 Warning Bell
08:45 Instructional Session #1
10:45 Recess Break
11:00 Instructional Session #2
12:15 Lunch Break
12:55 Warning Bell
1:00 Instructional Session #3
2:30 Dismissal



Kindergarten

Mon. to Fri. 8:45-11:15

Office Hours: 8:00-3:30

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2010/2011 Regular School Calendar

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| First Day of School (AM only for students) | Tues., Sept. 7, 2010 |
| G.W. Cooke Awards | Wed., Sept. 15, 2010 |
| Welcome Back Family BBQ | Thurs., Sept. 16, 2010 |
| Terry Fox Run | Fri., Sept. 17, 2010 |
| <i>Non Instructional Day (Elementary & Secondary)</i> | Fri., Sept. 24, 2010 |
| PAC Meeting, 7pm | Wed., Sept. 29, 2010 |
| Thanksgiving | Mon., Oct. 11, 2010 |
| Photo Day | Tues., Oct. 12, 2010 |
| <i>Provincial Professional Development Day</i> | Fri., Oct. 22, 2010 |
| Remembrance Day | Tues., Nov. 11, 2010 |
| <i>½ Day Assessment/Evaluation (PM, Elementary & Secondary)</i> | Fri., Nov. 12, 2010 |
| <i>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Secondary & Elementary)</i> | Fri., Nov. 26, 2010 |
| Last day before winter vacation | Fri., Dec. 17, 2010 |
| Schools reopen | Tues., Jan. 4, 2011 |
| <i>District Professional Development Day</i> | Mon., Feb. 21, 2011 |
| <i>½ Day Assessment/Evaluation (Elementary)</i> | Fri., Mar. 4, 2011 |
| <i>Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Elementary)</i> | Fri., Mar. 18, 2011 |
| Spring Break | March 21-25, 2011 |
| Schools Reopen | Mon., Mar. 28, 2011 |
| Good Friday | Fri., Apr. 22, 2011 |
| Easter Monday | Mon., Apr. 25, 2011 |
| <i>Non Instructional Day</i> | Fri., May 20, 2011 |
| Victoria Day | Mon., May 23, 2011 |
| Last day of school for students | Wed., June 29, 2011 |
| Administrative Day | Thur., June 30, 2011 |

HATZIC ELEMENTARY - SCHOOL STAFF 2010/2011

Carolynn Schmor – Principal

Julie Hinnen- Secretary

Jeff Gudmundsson-Custodian

| Divisions | Teacher Names | Room # | Grade |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Div. 1 | Mike Abercrombie | 132 | 6/7 |
| Div. 2 | Bill Heavenor | 131 | 6/7 |
| Div. 3 | Trixie Mahneke | 119 | 5/6 |
| Div. 4 | Gord Gwyn | 121 | 4/5 |
| Div. 5 | Colin McLean | 133 | 4 |
| Div. 6 | Lindsey Comeau | 116 | 3/4 |
| Div. 7 | Judy MacAulay | 118 | 2 /3 |
| Div. 8 | Glen Roberts | 114 | 2 |
| Div. 9 | Elaine Fairley | 112 | 1 |
| | Louise Rempel | 112 | 1 |
| Div 10 | Colleen Trenholme | 123 | K/1 |
| Div 11 | Lisa Robinson | 122 | K |
| LA | Brenda Clarke | 117 | (Learning Assistance) |
| Lib | Judy Brown | 124 | (Teacher-Librarian) |

Support Staff - Educational Assistants

Betsy Norton

Alex Kempa

Sue Smith

Charrin Gerbrandt

Kerry Cunningham

Christy Gardner

Support Staff – Supervision Assistants

Cheryl Libonati

Carrie Sidow-Tellier

Tracy Williams

Cindy Gray

Support Staff - Counselling

Heather Hansen - Counsellor

Jenny Adachi - Youth Care Worker