



# Hatzic Elementary School



Dear Hatzic Elementary Families,

My name is Beth-Anne Cullen and I am the new Principal at Hatzic Elementary. I am very excited about being a part of the Hatzic learning community. So far, I have had a very warm welcome and am honoured to be part of this school. I have been with the Mission Public School District for 13 years and although my work has been at the high school, I have always wanted the opportunity to be part of an elementary school. My first priority is to get to know each student at the school, their families and the staff. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or suggestions to pass along, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our staff has begun preparing for another busy year. I would like to welcome Vivian Searwar as the new Vice-Principal of Hatzic Elementary. She has been an elementary school teacher for 25 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to the school. I would also like to welcome back all of our great educators.

As we quickly move into September, we may have some grade level assignment changes during the first few days. Sometimes, unexpected moves of students can change the configuration of the school. We hope to have our permanent classes running by Wednesday, with minor modifications only.

As indicated in the April and May newsletters, requests for student placements needed to have been made by the end of May 2016. Teachers spend much time and consideration when organizing classrooms to ensure the best learning environment for each child. Therefore, ***late requests cannot be accommodated at this time, neither can we guarantee that all requests be granted (even if the request was made prior to the deadline in May).***

Rest assured that much discussion occurs around a child's placement, and that all factors are considered. All classes are multi-ability classes with children working at various levels. Please do not let the label of a straight class or a split class designation worry you. It is our responsibility as educators, in partnership with students and parents, to ensure learning for all.

I would like to invite all parents to drop in for a chat when you have time. To avoid having to wait, please either make an appointment with Julie Hennin or email me with a specific date and time. I will get back to you as soon as time permits. I am delighted, as is the staff, to have your child attend our school and I am looking forward to working with you and your child over the course of this year.

## **Please Note:**

The first day of school is a half day, dismissal is at 11:00am.

If you are planning to attend another school or moving, please call our office as soon as possible.

All future newsletters and weekly updates will be sent to families via email. If you do not receive an email, please confirm that we have your correct information. Alternatively, let us know if you would like to receive paper copies.

There is a new bell schedule this year. Hatzic Elementary will now follow all other elementary schools in the district. The bell schedule is on page 2.

Sincerely,

Beth-Anne Cullen, Principal

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### Important upcoming dates:

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - PAC meeting at 7:00pm Library**

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Welcome Back BBQ**

**( forms to follow)**

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> - Non Instructional Day**

**Photo Day - Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - COPS For Cancer School Visit 10:00**

**Terry Fox Run - Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**

### PAC Meetings

Becoming involved in our Parent Advisory Council is a great way to contribute to our school and meet new school community members. This year, new positions will be available and shall be decided at the first PAC meeting on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer forms are available in the office and on-line. Parent involvement makes the difference!

### Crosswalk Safety and Parking

Whenever possible, when driving your children to and from school, please use the park across from the school as a drop off / pickup point AND use the crosswalk when crossing the road in front of the school. Enter the parking lot by the NORTH DRIVEWAY AND EXIT BY THE SOUTH. Please do not block our neighbour's driveways or the outside shoulder of the road. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Little Readers

Little Readers will be starting soon. This free program is for preschoolers and their parent or grandparent. It will operate most Friday mornings from 9:00 am to 10:00am. Stayed tuned, more information to follow.

### Fruit and Vegetables Program

We have been accepted in the Fruit and Vegetables Program once again. 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.



### Hatzic School Handbook

The first eight pages of student planners contain our School Handbook. Teachers have been asked to review this with students. Parents are encouraged to also read it. The Ministry of Education regulations state that the school shall have a Code of Conduct offered annually to staff, students and parents.

### Hatzic Husky T Shirts

Our t-shirt and jacket orders will be coming home soon.



### Please note the change in instructional time:

**8:30am-10:30am**

**Recess**

**10:45am-12:00pm**

**Lunch**

**12:45pm-2:23pm**

## HATZIC ELEMENTARY - SCHOOL STAFF 2016/2017

Beth-Anne Cullen – Principal

Vivian Searwar-Vice Principal

Julie Hinnen- Secretary

Jeff Gudmundson-Custodian

<b>Divisions</b>	<b>Teacher Names</b>	<b>Room #</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Div. 1	Sue Nickel	131	5/6
Div. 2	Debbie Winkelmans	132	5/6
Div. 3	Trixie Mahneke	133	5
Div. 4	Vivian Searwar	130	4/5
Div. 5	Gord Gwyn (Tuesday-Friday)	121	4
	Katilyn McRobbie ( Monday)	121	4
Div. 6	Marjike Ell	116	3/4
Div. 7	Judy MacAulay (Mon to Thurs and every other Friday)	118	3
	Louise Rempel (every other Friday)	118	3
Div. 8	Glen Roberts	114	2/3
Div. 9	Joanne Davis	119	1/2
Div. 10	Patti Radons	123	1
Div. 11	Elaine Fairley (Tuesday-Friday)	117	1
	Louise Rempel (Mondays)	117	1
Div. 12	Chandy Ritter	122	K
Div. 13	Shirley Hinkel	112	K
Learning Support	Brenda Clarke	120	K-6
Teacher-Librarian	Judy Brown	124	K-6
Prep	Kaitlyn McRobbie	PE	(Preparatory Relief)

### **Support Staff**

Amanda Wagner	Education Assistant
Barb Sepke	Education Assistant
Sue Smith	Education Assistant
Betsy Norton	Education Assistant
Margaret MacLaren	Youth Care Worker
Dionne McGrath	Aboriginal Liaison Worker (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)
Kerry McGrath	School Counsellor
Cheryl Libonati	Supervision Assistant
Tami Bullock	Supervision Assistant
Barb Billesberger	Supervision Assistant
Brenda Soetisna	Supervision Assistant
Christine Gibbs	Supervision Assistant

## Kindergarten Schedule

The first day of school is September 6<sup>th</sup> however, Kindergarten students **will not** attend on this day. Parents of Kindergarten students are invited to visit the school on this day at 9:00am (in the library) to make an appointment with the teacher for an individual meeting and to schedule their child into a gradual entry group. Individual meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. See the gradual entry group options below. We will try to meet all requests as best we can.

Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 to 9:45am	Group A(1)
	10:00 to 11:00am	Group A(2)
	11:15am to 12:15pm	Group B(1)
	1:00 to 2:00pm	Group B(2)
Tuesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 to 9:45am	Group B(1)
	10:00 to 11:00am	Group B(2)
	11:15am to 12:15pm	Group A(1)
	1:00 to 2:00pm	Group A(2)
Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 to 11:00am	Group <b>A(1) and A(2)</b>
	12:00 to 2:23pm	Group <b>B(1) and B(2)</b>
Thursday, September 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 to 11:00am	Group <b>B(1) and B(2)</b>
	12:00 to 2:23pm	Group <b>A(1) and A(2)</b>
Friday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 to 11:00am	<b>All students attend</b>
Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All students attend the full day (8:30am to 2:23pm)</b>	

