**Dear Hatzic Elementary Families,**

Welcome back to another year of learning and building community. I hope you had a restful and relaxing summer and that you got to spend so quality time with your family. It has been a busy few months here at Hatzic. The custodial staff have been working hard to make sure our building is cleaned and ready for a new year!

The classes for this year are in place and they are full in accordance to class size and composition.

Teachers and administration spend much time and consideration when organizing classrooms to ensure the best learning environment for each child. Parent requests are also considered and honoured when we can. Rest assured that much discussion occurs around **each** child’s placement, and that all factors are considered. Since classes are full there is ***no*** room for movement of students at the start of the year. All classes are multi-ability classes with children working at various levels. Please do not let the label of a straight class or split class designations worry you. It is our responsibility as educators, in partnership with students and parents, to ensure learning for all. If you need to talk to me about a placement, please make an appointment **after** the first school week.

I tell the students that my job as Principal has two important aspects. To ensure the safety of all the students and that they learn to the best of their ability. With regards to safety, I would like to ask for your assistance. The first is having your child obtain a late slip if he or she arrives after the second bell of the morning. By doing this we can ensure we really do know who has made it to class and who may be potentially missing and not accounted for. Additionally, I ask that when you visit the school you come by the office and sign in before going to a classroom. This ensures that we know all the adults in the building and helps me ensure student and your safety. My final request is that you take care driving and parking in the school zone. I understand that parking is limited and there are a lot of pressures that occur during morning drop off. Thank you in advance for helping to ensure that all children are safe at school.

I am so happy to be at Hatzic for another year and look forward to another exciting adventure of learning and relationship building. I will do my utmost to create a happy, safe environment for your children to learn and grow. The staff at Hatzic Elementary is outstanding and this along with supportive parents and such wonderful children make this very possible. Please accept my gratitude and sincere thank you for all that you do.

As always, my door is open and I welcome you to visit any time you have a concern or suggestion. I hope to see you next week at the assembly and/or at the Welcome Back BBQ.

Welcome back!

B.Cullen

**Special Announcement**

It is with great happiness and sadness that I am reporting that Vivian Searwar is going to be leaving Hatzic Elementary. She will now be full time with the district Aboriginal department as the Vice Principal of Aboriginal services. This is a great opportunity for Vivian and a well deserved appointment!! Her work in the Aboriginal community is valued in our district and the work she did for Hatzic in this area was stellar. The sadness comes on the end of losing our VP. She has been an invaluable team member of Hatzic both in the classroom and in the office.

On a personal note: Vivian-I am happy that our paths crossed and I have a new dear friend! I will forever cherish our time together and the tears and laughs we had. All the best in your new appointment.

**Important Notices**

The first day of school ( Sept 4th) is a half day, dismissal is at 11:00am.

The school district has gone **cash free**! Please sign up for the school cash online. The school cash online info sheets went home in report cards. We have more at the office if you have lost your copy or are new to the school.

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 and posted on the school website. If you do not receive an email, please confirm that we have your correct information.

Sincerely,

Beth-Anne Cullen, Principal

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**Warning Bell: 8:25am**

**Final Bell 8:30am**

**Instructional time 8:30am-10:30am**

**Recess 10:30am-10:45am**

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

**Lunch 12:00pm-12:45pm**

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



**Sept 11th School Assembly 9:00 am**

**Sept 25th from 5-7 Welcome Back BBQ**

**Sept 21st Non Instructional Day, No school**

**First PAC Meeting 7:00 pm in Library, TBA**

**Sept 17th Terry Fox Run**



**PAC Meetings**

PAC meetings usually alternate between months. Our first PAC meeting is at 7:00 in the Library and exact date will be announced soon. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come. I will email out the date and it will also be on the Hatzic PAC Facebook page. Alternative months have morning meetings at 9:00am 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. Volunteer forms available in the office and on-line. Parent involvement makes the difference! Thank you to our current PAC members.

**Crosswalk Safety and Parking**

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 driveway. Please also respect our neighbour’s driveways and refrain from blocking their driveway or the outside shoulder of the road when you are picking up your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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 yummy foods.



**Hatzic School Handbook**

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

**Hatzic Husky T Shirts**

Our t-shirt orders will be on school cash on-line soon. We will let you know when you can order them.



**SCHOOL STAFF 2018/2019**

Beth-Anne Cullen – Principal

Julie Hinnen- Secretary

**Divisions Teacher Names Room # Grade**

Div. 1 Debbie Winkelmans 132 5/6

Div. 2 Kaitlyn McRobbie 131 5/6

Div. 3 Trixie Mahneke 133 5

Div. 4 TBA 130 4/5

Div. 5 Marisa Jonker 121 4

Div. 6 Marjike Ell 116 3

Div. 7 Judy MacAulay 118 3

Div. 8 Joanne Davis 11 2/3

Div. 9 Patti Radons 123 2

Div. 10 Hayley Wiseman 12 1/2

Div. 11 Elaine Fairley ( Tuesday-Friday) 117 1 Louise Rempel (Mondays)

Div. 12 TBA 112 K

Div. 13 Chandy Ritter 122 K

Learning Support: Brenda Clarke ( Monday-Thursday) (High incident student support)

Librarian: Judy Brown (Teacher-Music)

Prep: Samantha Scott PE (Preparatory Relief)

ISP: Fraser Downie 120 (Low incident student support)

\*ISP- Inclusive Support Program

**Support Staff**

Amanda Wagner: Education Assistant

Barb Sepke: Education Assistant

Sue Smith: Education Assistant

Betsy Norton: Education Assistant

Justin Church: Education Assistant

Litsa Budd: Education Assistant

Joe Kelly: Aboriginal Liaison Worker (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Susan Curror: School Counsellor (1.5 days)

Celeste Elash: Speech and Language (Every second Thursday)

Tracy Carr: Youth Care Worker

Cheryl Libonati: Supervision Assistant

Katie Porter: Supervision Assistant

Brenda Soetisna: Supervision Assistant

Nicole Kokoska: Supervision Assistant

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