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Administrators' Message

Just a reminder that Arthur Hatton Elementary is a **SCENT FREE SCHOOL**. Please be aware that many of the chemicals used to add scents to products can cause serious health problems for people who have sensitivities. Please help keep Arthur Hatton a healthy place for everyone and remember to keep perfumes, fragrances, and aerosol deodorants at home!

Thank you to all of the parents who responded to our Connecting Learners to their Future survey that was sent home with our last newsletter. We really appreciate your feedback and the help it gave us when working on our school goals. The names of all who responded were put into a prize draw, and the winner was chosen during the first week back after Spring Break. Congratulations to Hilda Mangila, our draw winner.

Social Emotional Learning

Prior to Spring Break, students were spending time learning about kindness. Important class discussions happened, and continue to happen school-wide around topics such as, inclusiveness, cultural and gender diversity, empathy and acceptance of others. As a celebration of all this understanding and growth, the students are working toward a Kindness Concert, to be presented in May. Ask your child about their part in the celebration! Perhaps you will hear them singing songs at home as they practice. Keep your ears open for a date on this event!

Battle of the Books

This year Arthur Hatton has 3 Battle of the Books teams that will be participating in the Zones competition. They will be travelling to Brock Middle School on the afternoon of April 13th, and we wish all of our students the best of luck!

Grade 3/4 Team

Keira Moss (Parker)
Imani Berridge (Parker)
Jordan Ness (Denby)
Madison Jagodnik (St. Louis)

Grade 5 Team

Autumn Poole (Zander)
Dakota Majeau (Zander)
Shelby Mackie-Fonos (Zander)

Grade 6 Team

Ethan Walsh (Sample)
Justice Ness (Sample)
Kaylee Moss (Zander)
Kaytlin McBride (Zander)

Thank you to Ms. Carter, our librarian, for coaching our teams!

Young Artists

On May 4th, three budding artists from Arthur Hatton will be attending the Young Artists' conference at TRU. Attending will be Eve Carlick, Aaron Magrath and Cayden Andrew. These students will have the opportunity to take art workshops, learn many new techniques and try out some new ideas! Thanks to Ms. Ross for organizing this opportunity for our students.

Young Authors

Kudos to the students who will be taking part in the Young Author's Conference on May 5th. With imagination, skill and perseverance, students submitted their stories which earned them a spot at this year's conference at TRU. Students will spend the day with other District young authors to learn some "tricks of the trade" from guest authors, and will hopefully be inspired to continue to develop their writing skills.

This year's participants will be:

Ethan Walsh	Kynann Koffi
Rylee Lake	Justice Ness

Thank you to Ms. Zander for organizing this opportunity for our students.

Salmon Update

Our two tanks of salmon continue to thrive and grow. If you haven't seen them yet, one of the tanks is located in the Primary end of the school in the hallway. It is always fascinating to watch them grow and develop from eggs to fry. Next month the classes who have been looking after the salmon will have the chance to take them to Tranquille Creek in Pine Park to release them, so that they can grow, return to the Pacific Ocean, and then come back as spawners in 4 years!



Vancouver Aquarium Aquavan Visit

On Monday, we had a visit from the travelling version of the Vancouver Aquarium, Aquavan 150. All of our students were able to take part in this fascinating experience, where AquaVan Educators took them on a journey across Canada's diverse geographic regions, explored our country's historic waterways, some of the animals that inhabit them, and the human impacts they face. The second part of the program allowed students to get a hands-on learning opportunity with live animals and artifacts. Classes received a 45 minute program that included facilitated activities and interactions with the AquaVan Educators.

Educational Grants for Families

Rebecca Cain works within MCFD as a Family Consultant, supporting low-income families in our community. In partnership with the United Way, they are working to increase awareness of, and access to, federal and provincial grants for Registered Educational Savings Programs. Research indicates that children with as little as \$500 in an RESP account are 50% more likely to graduate from high school. In addition, post-secondary education is an effective way to increase a person's future earning capacity, decreasing the likelihood that they will experience poverty. Families can apply for up to \$3,200 of grant money for RESPs for their children, but currently, the federal grant (Canada Learning Bond) is only accessed by approximately 30% of eligible families in Kamloops, while the provincial grant (BC Training and Education Savings grant) has a take-up rate of approximately 17% in our community. There are options for parents to get these grants without paying any fees for opening or maintaining the account, and requiring no contributions from parents. Free money! Rebecca's contact information is:

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For Your Information: Documentary Film

On Wednesday, April 12th, Decoding Dyslexia BC will be in Kamloops to show an award winning film called **The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia**. The film was directed by James Redford, the son of Robert Redford and is a documentary style film featuring many dyslexics, one of who is Dylan Redford, a college aged student who is off to University for the first time.

The movie will start at **7:00 pm at Thompson Rivers University** in Room 1014 International Building (*Please register as there may be limited seating*).

Here is the Eventbrite Registration Site for the Event.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-big-picture-rethinking-dyslexia-in-kamloops-tickets-32835846902>

Upcoming Events

April 12th - Decoding Dyslexia, Documentary Film

April 13th - Zone Battle of the Books Competition at Brock Middle School

April 14th - Good Friday- No School

April 17th - Easter Monday- No School

April 20th - District Battle of the Books Competition

April 24th - School District Non-Instructional Day

April 26th - Author Visit to AHES

April 28th - Jump Rope for Heart and Stroke

News from the PAC

Happy Spring! A reminder that our Subway lunch day is coming up on April 20th.

Forms were to be returned no later than April 11th at 8:30am.

May's hot lunch will be pasta/salad. Date is T.B.A. Please remember when ordering lunches to fill out the form and send exact change. Watch out for a Freezie day at the school in June.



The PAC will be organizing an end of the year Fun Fair and BBQ. Mark your calendars for Friday June 23rd. We are excited that Jump n Jax will have a bouncy castle, human soccer balls and a roller coaster bouncy track. Also we are looking forward to enjoying a petting zoo hosted by Birch Spring Ranch, cake walk, face painting, white elephant game and much more!

We are looking for parent volunteers to make this a successful event. If you are interested in volunteering your time please email the PAC at arthurhattonpac@hotmail.com. More information will follow soon!

Please join us for the next PAC meeting on Wednesday April 12th at 6pm in the School Library.

Board Notes

From the Public Board Meeting of: April 3, 2017

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Alain Blais from Lloyd George Elementary School on sensory regulation and mindfulness activities in their school.
2. Trustee Cowden presented a 25-year long-term service award to Cecile McVittie from Sa-Hali Secondary School.
3. Trustee Karpuk presented a 25-year long-term service award to Lori Plastina from Kay Bingham Elementary School.
4. District Vice-Principal Collins provided a presentation to the Board on the Youth Trade Capital Equipment Program.
5. The Board received a report from Assistant Superintendent Schoen for the addition of grade 7 at Sun Peaks Elementary School.
6. The Board received a report on the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.