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Administrators' Message

Happy New Year to our Arthur Hatton families! We have quickly jumped right back into the learning, and are ready to tackle this middle term! It's going to go very quickly, and there will be plenty to keep us busy until March!

Some very exciting hockey news!

We are very lucky to have been given 30 tickets to the February 19th Kamloops Blazers home game. We are going to hand them out to our students on a first come, first served basis. If you are willing to accompany your child or children to this game, please talk in person to Mrs. Piggin about tickets. All Arthur Hatton students who attend will be encouraged to make a sign to support the Blazers and then they will be featured on the big screen the night of the game!

Staff Parking Lot

Parents are reminded that student drop-off and pick-up should be happening on Schubert Drive. There is adequate parking there for this purpose, and it keeps the staff parking area clear for staff member arrival and departure. Please do not use the staff parking lot near the office to drop off or pick up your children. Thank you for your help with this matter.

FSA Testing

Each year all students in British Columbia in Grades 4 and 7 are given the Foundation Skills Assessments. All students are expected to write these tests, which are made up of reading, writing and numeracy portions. There will be a parent letter regarding FSAs going home with all Grade 4 students soon. SD #73 schools will administer the FSAs between January 16th and February 10th. Individual results will be sent home with all students after they are marked and returned to the school, usually in March.

Art Starts Performance



On January 17th, Arthur Hatton will be hosting our second ArtStarts performance of this school year. We will be visited by **Infinitus**. This is a group made up of 3 award-winning musicians from Canada and the United States.

They will teach our students music listening skills while entertaining them with a performance of music that they are sure to recognize, from TV theme songs to rock n roll favorites!

Cold Weather Clothing

A reminder to parents about helping to make sure their children are properly dressed for outside weather. Winter has just begun, and there is still a lot of cold to come! Students need to be prepared to be outside during parts of the day, and it helps to



have boots, warm coats, gloves and hats. We recognize that sometimes providing this clothing can be difficult for some of our families, but would like to point out that if your kids are attending an SD73 school and your family is struggling to provide clothing for your children there is an organization in Kamloops that can help.

Found4kids collects clothing left in SD73 lost and found bins and washes and organizes them, then makes them available for FREE to families that can use a helping hand. The program is available through a referral system from any SD73 school. So, if you need some help with winter clothing for your children, please see Mrs. Piggin or Mrs. Bradstock in the office for a referral slip. In any case, please send your children to school dressed in the most appropriate clothing you have for the weather. Thank you for your help with this matter!

Grocery Receipts

Please save your receipts when you shop at the Independent Grocery store, and bring them into the school to our drop bins by the office and in the Primary hallway. We are very lucky that for every \$5000 in receipt amounts that we are able to collect, the store will donate \$20 in grocery cards to the school. This helps us to run school-wide and classroom programs that help with such things as providing food for our students. The more you can help, the more we can do! Thank-you!

Have Your Say on Report Cards

On Monday, January 30th, the School District will be holding a parent meeting regarding reporting to parents. The Ministry of Education wants parents to share how they want to learn about their children's progress from Kindergarten - Grade 9. All parents who would like to have input on this important decision are invited to attend. This will take place at the Henry Grube Education Centre from 5pm to 8pm. Please mark this important event on your calendars!

Special Thank You

The staff and students would like to extend a special thank-you to Jeff Radmacher at VersaCold Transportation Services for his generous donation of pancakes and sausages to our breakfast program. We are very lucky to have friends like Jeff!

2017 Kindergarten Registration

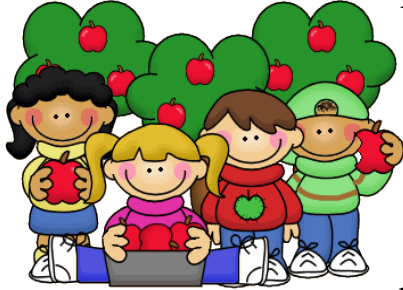
Please take note that Kindergarten Registration dates are scheduled earlier this year, and will take place from February 14th -20th, 2017.

Parents of students who will start Kindergarten in September 2017 are encouraged to attend a

District Information night on February 9th at 6:30 at the Henry Grube Education Centre.

To register new kindergarten students for the fall, please attend your

neighborhood school between 9am and noon, or between 1pm and 3pm from the 14th to 20th of February.



Upcoming Events

January 17th - ArtStarts Performance for students: INFINITUS

January 18th - Hot Dog Lunch

January 20th - Non-Instructional Day

January 30th - Education Ministry Parent Consultation Meeting on Reporting Student Progress - Henry Grube Education Centre - 5pm to 8pm

February 8th - PAC Meeting - "Meet the PAC"- all parents invited. 6pm

February 9th - Kindergarten Information Night HGEC 6:30pm

February 14th -20th - Kindergarten Registration at neighborhood schools- 9am to noon and 1pm to 3pm

PAC Update

Happy New Year from the PAC. We wish all the families a wonderful 2017!

A reminder that our hot dog day is coming up on January 18th. Please watch for an upcoming notice for February's hot lunch from Wendy's on Feb 14th.

The PAC will be organizing a family pizza dinner and school dance on March 9th. Please watch for a newsletter with more details to follow.

Please join us at the next PAC meeting on February 8th for a meet your PAC night and meeting in the school library. You are all welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there. Thanks for your continued support!

Arthur Hatton PAC

Board Notes

**From the Board Meeting of:
December 12, 2016**

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. *Adoption of Regular Public Board Minutes of November 21, 2016;*
 - b. *Revised Implementation Schedule of the Graduation Years;*
 - c. *Naloxone Guidelines;*
 - d. *District Parent Advisory Council Report;*
 - e. *Parks and Recreation Committee Report.*
2. The Board received a beautiful Strings presentation, introduced by Principal Griffith.
3. The Board approved two Out-of-Province Field Trip Requests from Westsyde Secondary School and NorKam Senior Secondary School.
4. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from the International Student Program.
5. The Board received a presentation from Manager Pinette on the *Discover the World of Information Technology* conference.
6. The Board received information on the Kindergarten enrolment schedule for 2017/2018 from Director Smillie.
7. The Board received the School Completion Report, presented by District Principal Brar and Teacher Mr. Lowe.
8. The Board approved the Creativity, Innovation and Curriculum Grants presented by Director Robinson.
9. The Board adopted a revised Board Meeting schedule for 2016-2017.
10. The Board approved revisions to Policy 600.1 Code of Conduct and Policy 612.1 Student Dress Code.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday January 16, 2017 at the Henry Grube Education Centre, 245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops, BC.



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(Kamloops/Thompson)
Student Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence
please call this toll free number
before 8:30am

1-844-350-2647

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