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Events Coming Up...

Scholastic Book Fair	Jan 30 th –Feb 1 st
Family Day (no school)	February 12 th
Non-Instructional Day (no school)	February 22 nd
Curriculum Day (no school)	February 23 rd
Pink Shirt Day	February 28 th

Administrator's Message

Resiliency is the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. It is a mental toughness and desire to not give up. In our school planning, resiliency is a common theme. Our main goal is "to nurture the resiliency of the students at Arthur Hatton Elementary School, by focusing on school climate improvements, ultimately leading to better overall academic achievement in both literacy and numeracy." For us to achieve this goal we need to be able to give opportunities to students to foster resilience, give them time to practice it and celebrate the moments that resilience led to success. Being able to persevere and keep trying when it feels like everything is against you is really hard, but such an important life skill, not just one we practice at school.

At the school we have many classrooms engaged in various activities that help students practice being resilient by forcing them to try a task over and over until they are able to be successful. Our Librarian, Mrs. Leone, has been going into many primary classrooms and using Blue Bots. The students use codes to make the bots move and sometimes it does not go as planned, so the students start again and try different codes until they are successful. That is a wonderful way to practice perseverance and resiliency. In other classrooms, teachers are doing Genius Hour, Hour of Code and other coding activities. The advantages in these learning situations is that students are engaged in the activity. Teaching students to be resilient is best learned when they can participate in an activity that they are excited about, because even if they don't feel success right away, they are more willing to spend the energy and time to correct themselves and make it right.

At home, have them do an activity with you, whether you are creating, tweaking or fixing, and during the process when something does not go right ask, "What could we do differently that will make this better?" Students do not realize the skills they are developing by learning from their mistakes. We think of mistakes being a negative, because that is what we were taught, but in fact making mistakes is normal and can be a positive. Use this acronym: FAIL = First Attempts In Learning as a reminder of the importance and role mistakes should make in our lives. Resiliency and perseverance are extremely important skills for our students to learn and as they improve they will experience more personal, academic and social successes in their lives.

Library Message

The school will be hosting a Scholastics Book Fair from January 30 to February 1, 2018. Check the posters outside the Library for specific dates and times.

Unplug and Play Week is from January 20 - January 27. Pamphlets will be sent home with students in the next week that will show you the various activities that are being held throughout the city. Every school that participates in Unplug and Play will be entered into a draw to receive a prize. Our goal is to encourage families to find a healthy balance between screen time and active family time. We build literacy skills when we play and learn together. Please encourage your family to participate in Unplug and Play!

Pink Shirt Day Orders

On February 28, 2018 it is Pink Shirt Day. More information about the events occurring on this day will come out in the February newsletter, but we are attaching an order form for you to order your very own pink shirt to wear on Pink Shirt Day in February. Please fill out the order form and return it to the school with the money by January 25, 2018.

Dress for Winter

A reminder to parents about helping to make sure their children are properly dressed for outside weather. Winter is in full force, 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.

Kids Walking Home

As the weather becomes more wintry, students need to take extra caution when navigating the streets and roads around the school and neighbourhood. We have had a few close calls already as the roads become more slippery and icy. Please remind your child of looking before crossing roads and streets, using the sidewalk or walking areas if available and to not run out from behind parked vehicles or take shortcuts across streets.

Also, please have a discussion with your child about the dangers going out onto the ice on the river in winter. We have had many students go out onto the ice after school the past month and we don't want an unfortunate accident happen, that could cause them harm.

Found 4 Kids

We recognize that sometimes providing winter 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. Piggion or Mr. Styles 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!

Kamloops Healthy Weights for Children: Shakedown BC

Kamloops Healthy Weights for Children: Shakedown BC is a provincial program that is run out of multiple sites in British Columbia and sponsored by the Childhood Obesity Foundation and Interior Health. It is focussed on children who are above the >97thile of BMI (Body Mass Index) and above. It helps create a healthy family by not only helping with weight, but self-esteem, exercise, nutrition, etc. They have a Pediatrician, Dietitian, Social Worker and exercise specialist involved who give a well-rounded approach to issues that face families.

Attached to this notice are two forms. If you are interested, please fill out the forms and either fax them to 250-851-7301 or return them to the school and we can fax them for you. If you are wanting more information please call 250-851-7300 or visit their website at www.interiorhealth.ca/showdown.

Head Lice

Over the winter months, head lice outbreaks tend to occur as children wear (and share!) hats and scarves. Please make it a part of your routine to check your children's heads weekly for signs of lice (adult lice, nits attached to the hair follicles, and red areas behind the ears and on the back of the neck from scratching). If you do notice any live lice or nits, begin treatment immediately. There are a variety of treatments available for purchase at the local pharmacy. Reminders to students about NOT sharing hats, toques, scarves, etc., will help prevent the spread. Thanks for your support in this matter!

Parking at Arthur Hatton

Another reminder about where to park your vehicles at the school. The staff parking lot is for employees of Arthur Hatton and guests who work for the district. At no time should parents be parking in the staff lot or using it as a drop off zone. Also, we have designated bus areas. One on Schubert Drive which has signage indicating the no parking zone and one by the yellow gate on Vernon Avenue. The bus zone on Vernon Avenue has three different buses that pick up students at that location and would appreciate that parents not park there after school.

Arthur Hatton Goes to the Movies!!

On December 18, 2017, our entire school went to see the movie Ferdinand. This opportunity was earned by our students because they were able to accumulate enough snowflakes by showing positive playground behaviour. We will continue to address behaviour at our school and encourage students to seek positive reinforcement from adults in the building and to make good positive choices.

There is a feedback survey attached to this notice and we have an online option as well. Simply go to the school's website at www.ahatton.sd73.bc.ca and click on the feedback survey link on the front page. We would like hear what you have to say about this event. At the end of the survey is an option to put your name and phone number to enter a draw for a \$10.00 gift card for Independent Grocer.

Christmas Concert

A huge thank you to Mr. Baker, our music teacher, for making our Christmas concert in December so amazing. It was so great to see our primary students engage in the spirit of Christmas and to see all the parents and guardians of our students fill our gym to watch their wonderful singing and dancing talents.

Gingerbread House Winner!

On behalf of the school, we would like to say thanks to the PAC for providing each class with a gingerbread house for The Coast Hotel Gingerbread House Fundraiser back in December. Mrs. Mulligan's Kindergarten/Grade 1 class finished in third place, congratulations! A special thank you to all the staff, parents and students who helped make this event memorable for our school.

Meals - Lunch Program

Just a reminder to parents, that lunch forms need to be filled out each and every month. Do not assume that your child's participation one month will continue to the next. The payment should be included with the form or arrangements with the administration needs to be made. Please hand in the forms on the date specified as the catering company needs the totals to order the food.

Grocery Receipts

We continue to collect Independent Grocer receipts. For every \$5 000 in receipts, we receive a \$20.00 gift card which we use to support our breakfast, snack and lunch programs at the school. There are bins at either end of the school, or they may be dropped off at the office.

Scent Aware School

An important reminder that we are a scent free school. We have staff members and students who are severely allergic to fragrant smells, cigarette smells, room deodorizer smells, among others. Please try to remember not to wear perfume or cologne when coming into our school.

PAC News

Happy new year from the PAC. Our next PAC meeting is changed to Feb 7th at 6pm in the library.

Smencils will be on sale the first couple weeks of February for \$2 each. Get them while they last. What are they you ask? They are pencils made from rolled sheets of recycled newspaper. Smencils work the same as any regular pencil, but they smell way better, and they're good for the environment too! They will be sold on Feb 6th from recess to lunch in the classrooms and at the snack shack.

January's Dairy Queen hot lunch is on the 25th. Please have forms back by 8:30 am on the 18th

February's hot lunch will be pancakes and sausages on Feb 21st

Please watch for upcoming notices about the Spring Family Dance

Don't forget to check out the Arthur Hatton Elementary PAC Facebook page.

Board Notes

Board notes are posted on the bulletin board located outside the school office. To view the board notes online please use the following link: <http://www3.sd73.bc.ca/> go to Board of Education / Board agendas and minutes.