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Principal's Message

I want to start this newsletter by saying how grateful I am for the vibrant and caring school community that is Arthur Hatton School. As you may know, I have been on medical leave for several months, and returned to work after spring break. It has been a challenging time for me personally, but throughout my time off, I was grateful for the ongoing commitment and dedication of the school staff in my absence. I never once worried about how things were going at the school! Thanks to all of you who have taken a moment or two to welcome me back. I am truly enjoying being back at work, and have gained a new perspective in appreciation for life and health and being a part of this special community!

Scholastic Book Fair



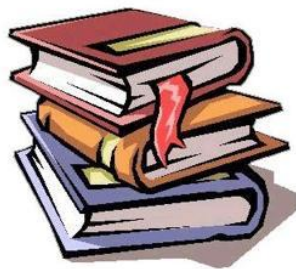
The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our library. The book fair will be open for 3 days only!

Wednesday, May 25 8:30-3:30
Thursday, May 26 8:30-3:30
Friday, May 27 8:30-3:30

Mark the days on your calendar!!

Battle of the Books

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent performance at the recent Zone **Battle of the Books** literacy competition.



Grade 3/4 Team members were Jordan Ness, Isabel Sales and Keira Moss.

Grade 5 Team members were Kaylee Moss, Justice Ness, Hayden Poole and Ethan Walsh.

The students worked **very** hard to complete all their fiction reading and attend practices. Well done teams!

Young Authors

Congratulations to Rachel Mayerhofer and Tayler Sanford, both grade six students who recently participated in the district young authors' conference at TRU. We applaud the efforts of these talented young writers this year!



We are really looking forward to our Welcome to Kindergarten orientation that is taking place this Thursday morning. All kindergarten parents will be contacted prior to the first week of school in September regarding a gradual entry schedule for the beginning of the year. In the meantime, please continue to check our website and read our newsletter going home in June. All newsletters are posted on our site. If for some reason you missed out on this week's orientation, please contact me so that we can set up a time to meet and provide you with the resources that were given out on that day.

Welcome to Kindergarten for 2016-2017 students and their parents will take place on Thursday, May 12th from 9:00 – 10:30 am.

PAC Meeting

Our Parent Advisory Council continues to meet faithfully once a month, and have recently agreed to provide funding for a number of projects and resources that are needed at the school. This year's PAC chairperson and vice-chair, Donna Northcote and Susan Yackl, have been committed to supporting our students for the past several years, but will be stepping down from their positions at the end of this school year. We are very grateful for their tremendous service over this time, and look forward to some new parents to step up and take their place. The PAC will be meeting again this Wednesday, at 8:45 am in the school library. ALL parents are welcome to join us. It's a great opportunity to get involved in things that are happening at Arthur Hatton!

Intermediate Track and Field Meet

Last Friday, all of our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in our annual track meet. We will be using the results from this meet, as well as student performance, behaviour, and attitude overall, in order to determine who will be representing Arthur Hatton at the upcoming **Zone 3 track and field** meet, which is being held at **Hillside Stadium on May 17th**.

Dates to Remember

Monday, May 16th	District Non-Instructional Day
Monday, May 23rd	Victoria Day
Wednesday, May 25th	Class Photos
May 25th – 27th	Book Fair
Thursday, June 29th	Last Day of School

Plans for September

As we plan for the upcoming year, it is important that we know, as best we can, which students will be joining us in September, and who will be leaving us. Please inform your child's teacher and the office if you have plans to move. If there is any information you have that might help us in determining your child's placement in September, I would encourage you to put it in writing in a letter to me and leave at the office. I cannot guarantee requests will be honoured, but they will be given consideration as we look at the learning needs in each classroom.

Entry and Exit

I just want to remind all students and parents to use the doors that are closest to your child's class when coming to the school in the morning, and when leaving school at the end of the day. I have noticed an increased number of families coming in through the front doors at the beginning of the day. As there is no parking provided for parents in the staff parking lot, I kindly request that you park in the designated area on Schubert Drive for drop off and pick up. Thank you for your consideration with this!

Scent Free School

There are staff members at our school who are extremely allergic to all scented products. Please respect the scent-free environment of our school and all District #73 schools by refraining from wearing any scented perfumes, colognes, hair sprays, etc. Thank you!

Lost and Found

The bins in the hallway are near to overflowing now. Please take a moment to claim any items that belong to your children. All unclaimed items will go on display towards the end of June, and will then be donated to charity.



Lunch Program

Each year we produce over 18,000 lunches. They cost close to \$4.00 per lunch and we collect very little from the users of the lunch program. Your support is needed and needed now. When you fill out the monthly order form PLEASE include some money, our well of money is drying up. We hope to be able to provide meals up to and including June 29th. If we do not get some more financial support from the users we may not make it to June 29th.



Positive Behaviour

Our school has a team of teachers that meet on a regular basis to plan special events and activities that support a positive, safe and caring learning environment. This year, with the help of our students, we have created a new school matrix that outlines expected behaviour in all aspects of the school. Each behaviour falls under the category of Responsible, Respectful, and Resilient. I have included a copy of part of the matrix on the next page of this letter, and you will be able to find it as a link on our school website as well. Each day we review parts of this matrix with our students, and we have planned some special events to support the matrix as well. For instance, just recently we had a 3 week "blitz" during which staff handed out "gotcha" slips to students for following expected behaviour in the hallways. This was kicked off by a terrific video which highlighted our Grade Five and Six students "doing the right thing" in various areas of the hallway. Students were challenged to fill up the gotcha tree in hallway next to the gym. As a reward for accomplishing the challenge, the entire student body was given an extra afternoon recess! We are now in the midst of a new challenge that supports expected behaviour outside and on the playground. You will see gotcha flower stems all over the school. If all of the stems are completed with petals by May 20, there will be an extra recess AND freezie for everyone!

	Responsible	Respectful	Resilient
<p>Playground</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use equipment properly, safely, and with care • Play safe and in designated areas • Rocks, sticks, snow stay on the ground • Bottom, not feet, on the seats • Take turns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe play-hands, feet, body to yourself • Wait your turn patiently • 3 people max on tire swing, take turns • Say sorry if an accident happens • Use kind, encouraging words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say stop if someone is doing something unexpected • Keep on trying. Show Courage • Get a school adult if you need help • Be patient while waiting for your turn • When things go wrong, be strong, stay calm, and get along
<p>Field</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the rules of the game • Return equipment and toys • Appropriate language • Stay inside the fence and play in designated areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe play-hands, feet, body to yourself • Invite others to play • Take turns • Listen to adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep trying • Keep a positive attitude, win or lose • Take a break if you need it • Be a good sport, encourage others