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### Administrators' Message

Here we are again - 2 months left in this school year! Time really does go by quickly! And just to make it even more fleeting, at this time of the year, we are starting to think about what next year will look like! There will be more information coming in the newsletter at the beginning of June - stay tuned!

Welcome to Kindergarten will be taking place on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and will be a chance for all of next year's K students to come in for a visit to the school, meet some of our staff, get involved in some activities, and take home a cool gift bag! If you know anyone who has a K student next year who has not registered them yet, we would love to see them so we can invite them to our Welcome to Kindergarten day!



### School lunch program

Parents need to remember that there is a \$4 cost per lunch for our school lunch program. Every month that lunches are ordered, it is important to send a payment in with the order form. If you would like to discuss delayed or partial payments due to financial hardship, it is very

important that you make arrangements to speak to Mrs. Piggion or Mrs. Bradstock about doing so. We certainly understand that there could be times when it is difficult to pay the full amount, and we can often make accommodations when asked to do so. Please ask when you need help, and send payment for the lunch orders when times are not as tight. Thank you for your help with this matter.

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 are sensitive. Please help keep Arthur Hatton a healthy place for everyone and remember to keep perfumes, fragrances, and aerosol deodorants at home!

### Battle of the Books

Our Grade 6 Battle of the Books team this year was made up of Ethan Walsh, Justice Ness, Kaylee Moss, and Kaytlin McBride. These students represented our school at the Zones on April 14<sup>th</sup>. They put in an amazing effort this year, coming first in the zones, and earning themselves a place in the District meet on April 21<sup>st</sup>. At the Districts they continued to impress, and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> there, missing out by only a single point in the end! Congratulations to these students, and their coach, Ms. Carter!

There was also a team of Grade 3/4 students: who participated in the zone competition. Though they did not move on to the Districts, they did very well, and made their coach and the rest of the school very proud.

### Young Artists

On May 4<sup>th</sup> three budding artists from Arthur Hatton were invited to attend the Young Artists' conference in Kamloops. The chosen students were Eve Carlick, Aaron McGrath, and Cayden Andrew. These students had the opportunity to take art workshops, learn many new techniques and try out some new ideas! Thanks to Ms. Ross for all of her hard work in organizing this opportunity for our students.

### Young Authors

Kudos to the students who participated in the Young Author's Conference this past Friday (May 5<sup>th</sup>). With imagination, skill and perseverance, students submitted their stories which earned them a spot at this year's Conference at TRU. Participants spent the day with other District young authors to learn some "tricks of the trade" with selected known authors and returned home, inspired to write on! This year's writers were: Ethan Walsh, Rylee Lake, Kynann Koffi and Justice Ness. Thank you to Ms. Zander for organizing this opportunity for our students.

### Track and Field

Track and Field was a challenge this year with all of our rainy weather. The first date for our school meet was rained out, but the weather cooperated on May 9<sup>th</sup> and we were able to spend the day running, jumping, and generally testing our skills on the field. The students had a great time, and showed some amazing skills! Students that met the standards for zone competition will go on to take part in the Zone 3 Track Meet, at Hillside Stadium in Kamloops, on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Permission slips will be sent home as soon as all the paperwork is finalized on our end. After the Zone meet, some students will also qualify for the District Meet, which will take place on May 26<sup>th</sup>, also at Hillside Stadium. More information will be sent home with students as needed.



### Grade 4 Trip to McQueen Lake

Mrs. Parker's Grade 4s are off on their field trip to McQueen Lake. They will spend 3 days and 2 nights in outdoor education pursuits. It's an amazing trip, complete with sleeping in cabins, hiking, orienteering and many other activities. We're looking forward to their reports when they return on Friday afternoon!

### PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the library at the school. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting.

The PAC is currently looking for volunteers to help with events at the upcoming June BBQ and fun fair on June 23rd from 4-6:30pm. If you can help out on that evening, or would like to know more about the event please contact the PAC with an email to: [arthurhattonpac@hotmail.com](mailto:arthurhattonpac@hotmail.com). In addition, there will be a form sent out along with the newsletter that you can fill out and return to the school for the PAC.

The next PAC hot lunch is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Events**

May 15<sup>th</sup> - Non-Instructional Day - No School for students

May 16<sup>th</sup> - Salmon Release - Zander/Pratt/Mulholland

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Zone 3 Track Meet

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Welcome to Kindergarten

May 17<sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting - 6pm - Library

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Victoria Day (no school)

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Class Photo Day

May 25<sup>th</sup> - District Long Distance Races

May 26<sup>th</sup> - District Track Meet

## **Board Notes**

### ***From the Public Board Meeting of: May 8, 2017***

1. The Board approved a Consent Agenda with the following items:
  - Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
  - Policy Committee Highlights
  - Education Committee of the Whole Highlights
  - Safe Grad Activities for 2017
  - *Notice of Motion* - Policy 1103.2 Maintenance of Order
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Sun Peaks Elementary School Principal Catherine Gorman and Teacher Tessa Watson on Heritage Fair Stamps and Projects. The Board also heard from a Grade 7 Sun Peaks Elementary School student who spoke on his experiences and the benefits of living in and attending school at Sun Peaks.
3. The Board received a presentation from Disability and Attendance Manager Darlene Doricic relating to Mental Health Week and the "*Not Myself Today*" Campaign.
4. The Board approved the 2017-2018 Annual (Preliminary) Budget Bylaw.
5. The Board received the Summary Capital Facilities' Report for September 2017.
6. The Board received the Long Range Facilities' Process Report.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 29, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.