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Administrators' Message

Learning to read and write happens at school AND at home.

You can help your child to learn about himself or herself and the world through reading – by spending time talking about what you are reading together. Here are some simple strategies you can try:

• Asking questions:

When reading with your child, ask such questions as “Why is this happening?”

“What might happen next?”

“Does this make sense?”

“Was it fair when ...?”

Such questions help children make connections between parts of a story.

• Reading “between the lines”:

To make inferences – to discover meaning that is not directly stated – your child needs to learn to use information both from the story and from his or her own knowledge and experience. This strategy of reading “between the lines” involves gathering clues and using them to “create” meaning.

• Putting it all together:

You can encourage your child to put it all together first by talking about all the information he or she has read, then summarizing the important points and putting those points together like pieces of a puzzle.

• Figuring out difficult words:

Allow your child time to figure out what a word might be or to recognize a mistake. If a mistake doesn't affect the meaning, let it go. Your child can use various tactics to figure out a word he or she doesn't know:

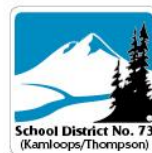
- Sound out the word.
- Look at the pictures.
- Divide the word into smaller parts.
- Reread the words before and after the difficult word.
- Skip over the word for the moment and read on further.
- Talk about what he or she has read so far to check understanding.
- Ask a brother or sister for the answer

Try to read with your child every day. All family members can help. (It's like breakfast – it shouldn't be skipped!) It is the single most important thing you can do to help your child learn to read and write and to succeed in school. Children who are read to when they are young are more likely to love reading and to be good readers

when they are older. Start reading when your child is very young. There is no downside!

Parent Contact Information

It happens more than you'd imagine. We need to contact a child's parent for any number of reasons, but when we go into the computer system with all of the information like phone numbers, we soon find out that these numbers are no longer valid. In the best of circumstances it's a minor inconvenience, and one we can figure out given time. But what about in other circumstances? From time to time we do encounter emergency situations, where it is important to be able to reach parents/guardians immediately. If phone numbers are not current - what then? **PLEASE** make sure that the phone numbers we have to contact parents, guardians and alternative are current as of right now. If your number has changed in the last few weeks or months, or you have recently moved, call Mrs. Gilbert and give her your new contact information. We'd rather have it twice than find out we don't have it at all just at the moment we need it the most! Thank you for your cooperation!



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public education.”

School District No. 73
(Kamloops/Thompson)

Student Absence Reporting

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

1-844-350-2647

or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com



Safe ARRIVAL

Safe Arrival

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must to be reported by 8:30 am by calling 1-844-350-2647 or by visiting ktsd.schoolconnects.com. Please do not call the school directly. All absences or late arrivals that have not been reported before 8:30 am will initiate the School District's safe arrival system to call home and cell phone numbers up to 5 times until a parent is reached and a response is given. This will be put into effect on Monday, November 7th.

School Supplies

Please check to see that you have remembered to pay for your child's school supplies for 2016/17. These supplies have come out of our regular school budget and if our costs are not covered by home payments, then the school has used money that might otherwise be used to cover things such as art supplies, textbooks, field trips and/or photocopying. If you are finding it difficult to pay

for school supplies, please speak with Mrs. Gilbert in the office, and we will try to work with you to find a way to manage; perhaps a payment plan can be set up or a way to raise the funds can be discussed. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Cooler Weather Reminders

Please work with your child to help them be prepared for spending their break times outdoors. Students are outside in the mornings before school, during recess, and during lunch. Hats, gloves or mittens are definitely musts! We would ask that all children also have boots to wear outside, and appropriate shoes to change into for wear inside, including in gym classes. It would also be helpful for them to have layers that they can add or remove according to inside and outside temperatures. When/if the weather becomes really extreme, we will judge on a day by day basis as to a day is an inside or an outside day. Thanks for helping!

Student Conflict and Bullying

When a child is having a problem with his/her peers, it can be difficult for parents to know what is really happening - peer conflict, mean behavior or bullying? Each type of behavior must be handled differently, to keep students safe and help them learn to get along with others. Please be assured that all staff at our school work with our students to help them learn the differences between these behaviors, and to deal with all of them appropriately.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found bins (located outside the gym near the front entry way) are ALWAYS full!! Every month or so, we empty them out, and place all items on tables. Teachers have students check for items that belong to them, students are reminded in announcements to check for any items they may have lost, and reminders are placed in newsletters. After a couple of weeks on display, what is left (and there is ALWAYS something!), is bagged up and donated to *Found for Kids*. PLEASE if you notice that your child has something missing, come to the school as soon as you can to check for whatever it is. We would love all items to be returned to their owners, but must rely on the students and their parents to make this happen! Thanks for helping us out with this!

Grocery Receipts

Please save your receipts when you shop at the Independent Grocery store, and bring them into the school to our drop bins at 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!

Come Read With Me

This is a program for parents and caregivers of Grade 1 students. It is offered as a way for parents to learn how to support their young and developing readers at home.

There will be a facilitator there to share some great ideas, and parents will get a chance to do some fun reading activities with their children as well. We highly encourage all Grade 1 caregivers to attend this session if at all possible. If it's not possible, you are welcome to send a grandparent, aunt/uncle, in your place. Hope to see you all there!



News from the PAC

Please join us on November 20th from 10:00am – 2:00 pm for our 1st Annual Craft Fair. The PAC will be running a concession to help raise funds for the school. If you would like to volunteer to help please email arthurhattonpac@hotmail.com. We invite you all to come and support your school. More details are available on the PAC bulletin board in the Intermediate hallway just outside the office.

Please watch for upcoming fundraisers including:

- Gary's Deli meat orders
- Delicious Chocolate Bars.
- Panago Pizza lunch



Internet Safety

The Beattie PAC will be hosting an information session on Internet Safety-What Parents Need to Know on November 17th from 7-8 pm. Learn more about internet safety presented by School Resource Officer Cst. Winkels. Covering: current trends in social media for youth, conversations to have with your children regarding appropriate social media use, what to do if your child (or yourself) is being harassed online. Questions following the presentation. Please call Beattie Elementary at 250-374-0608 to confirm your attendance.

Washing Machine

Arthur Hatton is in need of a washing machine. If you have a working washing machine that you no longer use and are willing to donate to the school please contact Mrs. Pigin or Mrs. Bradstock.

Upcoming Events

- November 10th - Come Read With Me – Grade 1 Parent Workshop 8:30-9:45 am
- November 10th - Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am
- November 11th Remembrance Day- No School
- November 16th – Individual Photo Retakes
- November 20th - PAC Craft Fair - Gym



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: October 24, 2016

1. The Board recognized Teacher Katie McCormack who received the Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award from the BC Association of Math Teachers.
2. The Board received an update from Danalee Baker on the progress of this year's United Way Campaign. School District No. 73 was recognized and presented the Quantum Leap Award for the outstanding contributions employees of the District made to the campaign last year.
3. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Teacher Theresa Hafeli and Student Katlyn Sangha on the Google Classroom project.
4. The Board received a report on the final results of the 1701 Echo Report received from the Ministry of Education.
5. The Board received an updated report on Class Size and Composition.
6. The Board received an update on the District's School Enhancement Program submission and the funding that will be received from the Ministry of Education for the flooring project at Brocklehurst Middle School.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Chase Secondary School, 420 Cottonwood Street, Chase, BC.

YOUR KIDS' PROGRESS Have Your Say on Report Cards

British Columbia's new school curriculum is making sure students are ready to succeed in our changing world. The Ministry of Education wants parents to share how they want to learn about their child's progress from kindergarten to Grad 9. Everyone welcome.

ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING TO LEARN MORE

Details:

**HENRY GRUBE EDUCATION CENTRE
245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops, BC
MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2017
5 pm – 8 pm**

*For more information please visit:
engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/*

