



# ARTHUR HATTON ELEMENTARY

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## November 2017



Events Coming Up...	
Friday Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Toque and Sweater Day
Sun Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur Hatton Craft Fair
Wed Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Purdy's orders are due
Wed Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	December meal's Menu due
Friday Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary's Deli orders due
Mon Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
Winter Vacation Period	Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> - Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>
Mon Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-opens
Wed Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting

### Safe Arrival

Parents are asked to call the Safe Arrival number (1-844-350-2647) if their child is going to be absent from or late for school. You can call the number at any time the night before, but if you wish to miss the call out program, the system must be notified before 8:30am.



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for quality  
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](http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com)



### Build It Bin

Many of you may have noticed a giant warehouse bin on our school grounds by the back portable. This is our Build It Bin, which will eventually be something the students will have a choice to use during the lunch break. More information will be coming out soon on what we need to fill the bin and the plan is to get the bin starting to be used in the spring.

### 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 does not have signage, but we have three different buses that pick up students at that location and would appreciate that parents not park there after school.

### Kids Walking Home

As the weather becomes more wintery, 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.

### Emergency situations at the school

The school district has introduced new emergency terminology and procedures this year and our school unfortunately has had to perform one of these procedures recently. There has been many discussions about how to effectively communicate what is happening at the school during these times. Often the control is out of the school's hands and we are waiting for direction from other sources, but the school will work diligently to get the correct information out as soon as possible. Please understand that during these situations that your child is safe and secure and they are in the best place possible with adults who have their best interests in mind.

### 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.

## 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 also 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.

## School Daily Schedule

8:20am	Warning Bell - doors open
8:30am	Morning classes begin
9:55am	Recess starts
10:10am	Recess ends
11:50am	Lunch break - Primary classes eat
12:30pm	Lunch break - Intermediate classes eat
12:50pm	Afternoon classes begin
2:30pm	Students dismissed

## PAC News

**Arthur Hatton Annual Craft Fair**- November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Please come out to support this sold out event with 50 vendors of craft and home based businesses. We will also have a concession, 50/50 draw and the amazing crafts made by some of our students.

Orders are due on November 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Purdy's School Fundraiser. Also, please watch out for a Gary's Deli fundraiser form to be sent home and to be returned by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

All parents and Guardians are welcome to join us for the next PAC meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Library.

Please join the Arthur Hatton Elementary School PAC facebook page for more details on our upcoming events.

## Board Notes

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

The best places to find information will be through social media that is given by the school district on Facebook, Twitter and the website. Our school will also try to convey information to the school's PAC Facebook page as soon as we can. It would be great if parents would refrain from phoning the school during these times of emergency so that we can receive important calls that will help us navigate the situation. We understand how these emergencies can heighten worry and anxiety as you will be concerned about your loved ones, but their safety in these situations is our number one priority.

## Lost and Found

Mrs. Macleod's class built a lost and found cart in October and it has made finding clothing much easier. Unfortunately, over the past month the number of items left in the gym, on the playground and in the field has multiplied at an amazing rate. Our cart is now overflowing and we need help from parents to see if their child has missing clothing on the cart. The cart is not a shopping opportunity, but a way of the school getting missing items back to their owners. If you see an item that belongs to your child, please take it off the cart. Some preventative ways of ensuring that your child does not lose their clothing is to put their name on the inside tag or collar.

## Christmas Concert Plans

Our Christmas concert will look a little different this year. We will be having two performances for only our primary students (Kindergarten to Grade 3), and the dates are still to be determined. The intermediate students will be putting on a spring concert later in the year. Once the dates have been determined, we will share those out with the community and in our December newsletter.

## Update on Indigo Chapters Fundraiser

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Arthur Hatton were the hosts at Chapters Bookstore in Aberdeen. Any patrons who shopped in the store and purchased books in the recognition of our fundraiser had 15% of their total sales donated to our school. We earned a total of \$19.00 that night which will help us purchase books for our library.

We also have an online fundraiser still in progress until December 22. Please use the link: <http://bit.ly/2yipYss> to visit our site and buy gift cards. 20% of the sales will go to our school so we can purchase books for our library. Share this link with as many people you know, it is a great gift idea for Christmas or for the love of reading.

## Found 4 Kids

Found 4 Kids is an organization in Kamloops, BC that supports Public Education by providing school appropriate clothing at **no cost** to children in need. If you are interested in using this program, please stop by the office and ask for a coupon. The coupon is good for one family admittance. After you request a coupon from the office you will contact Found 4 Kids, which is located in Sahali Mall, and book an appointment either by email at [found4kids@gmail.com](mailto:found4kids@gmail.com) or call Dianne at 250-554-3654.

## 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. December forms will be going home with students next week.