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### Message from Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Edstrom

The weather is starting to change and soon we will have our first snowfall of the season. As this occurs, we shift into winter mode at the school. We are still trying to get the students out as much as possible and using the outdoors in their learning whenever we can. As such, please make sure your students are well prepared with winter coats, mitts, toques, and a pair of indoor shoes for when they come in. If you need a jacket, please let the office know.

At the school we are continuing to work on our school goal which is: **At Arthur Hatton, we will create a positive school climate that leads to a culture of resiliency focusing specifically on:**

- **Increasing the number of students who are proficient in Numeracy**
- **Increasing the number of students who are proficient in Literacy**

It has been so rewarding to go into the classes and see the great effort and work that the teachers are putting in to help meet our shared goal. We are continuing to use the Primary Reading Assessments to see our student's growth and using our Levelled Literacy Intervention kit during guided reading to support our students reading development. It is a pleasure to watch your children learn and grow throughout the year.

A big thank you to Ms. Zander's class for planning and presenting our Remembrance Day Assembly. We appreciate your leadership. Thank you to Mr. Denby, Ms. Sweeney, Mr. Kellam and Mrs. Fehst for hosting intramurals and volleyball sessions during lunch hours. Thank you to Ms. Silva for facilitating our Halloween dances. Thanks to everyone for participating in our Pumpkin Carving Contest. Thank you to all our dedicated staff who continue to plan engaging learning opportunities for our students.

Thank you to our parent community for your continued support in helping your children wear masks daily to school. If you need a reusable mask, please contact the school office, as we have some available. We fully appreciate your efforts in continuing to complete daily health assessments with your children prior to each school day. Thank you for your support.

### Upcoming Dates

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day No School  
Dec. 6 Professional Day No School  
Dec. 18 Winter Holiday Begins  
Jan. 4 (Tues) School returns



### Homereading

Please review the information below about reading at home with your child.

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.

### Parent Contact Information

It happens more than you would imagine. We often need to contact a child's parent for various reasons, but when we access the computer system with all contact information, we often discover that the listed phone numbers are no longer valid. From time to time, we do encounter emergency situations, where it is important to be able to reach parents/guardians immediately.

**PLEASE** make sure that the phone numbers we must 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 Ms. Hicks, and give her your new contact information. We'd rather have it twice than find out we don't have it at all just when we need it the most! Thank you for your cooperation!



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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)

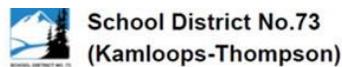
"Working together for quality public education."




### 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](http://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.

### School Cash Online



Please register your account if you haven't already done so. receive an email to add their All other guardians must be invited by the primary guardian this site.

### My Students

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Example Student 1 [Pay Items](#) | [Remove](#) | [Share Access](#)  
Guardian  
School Board Office

Example Student 2 [Pay Items](#) | [Remove](#) | [Share Access](#)  
Guardian  
Henry Grube Education Centre



### School Supplies

Please check to see that you have remembered to pay for your child's school supplies for 2021/2022. If you are finding it difficult to pay for school supplies, please speak with Ms. Hicks in the office, and we will try to work with you to find a way to manage; perhaps a payment plan can be arranged. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

### 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 can 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!

### News from the PAC

The next PAC meeting is on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the library. Please feel free to attend! Please watch for upcoming fundraisers including Gary's Deli meat orders and Purdy's Chocolates. Order forms are coming home soon.

