

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fall has arrived!

As we enter November we celebrate the success of our students from the month of October leading into November.

On October 2nd and October 3rd our Indigenous students participated in an Aboriginal Transition Retreat at Xa:ytem Interpretive Centre aimed at providing Elementary/Middle School transition support. Congratulations to Ms. Silver for her presentation and participation during this event. Thank you to all students who participated as well as Rachel Schooner, Jenny Snow and Jasmine Wells our Aboriginal Liason Workers for ensuring the success of this retreat.

On October 22nd, Hatzic staff and students participated in the *Drop Everything and Read Challenge* to promote the importance of reading. HMS had 514 staff and students simultaneously participate and read for 20 minutes. Thank you to Mrs. Johnston for overseeing this challenge and thank you to all participants.

The Mission Public School District has recently made changes to the garbage, recycling and composting program. Although HMS has a well-established program we will now extend the program to have multiple stations throughout the school with five receptacles for sorting of all waste. Given the strength of our current program we are extremely confident that the school will make the transition smoothly. Special thanks to Ms. O'Grady, the Environmental Club and our custodial staff for their continued efforts to keep our school looking pristine while being ecologically responsible. Also, thank you to Mrs. Aldridge, the Performing Arts students and Ms. O'Grady for providing an educational and entertaining presentation on the new program.

Halloween spirit week was of great success. Many students participated with enthusiasm in the pumpkin carving contest, Halloween dance and fashion show. Special thank you to Mr. Vos and all the leadership students for making the week a success as well as all students for participating and showcasing our school spirit.

As we conclude Term 1 we remind parents that Friday November 9th will be a ½ day Assessment day with a dismissal time of 11:36am. As well, we will have our school Remembrance Day assembly presented by Mrs. Aldridge and all Performing Arts students. School will not be in session Monday November 12th.

Wednesday November 14th Grade 9 students have the option of participating in *Take Your Kid to Work Day*. A reminder to please have students return permission forms as soon as possible to inform the school if they are participating.

Report Card pick up and Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place Thursday November 22nd between 3:30pm - 5:30pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm with a dinner break between 5:30pm and 6:00pm for all staff. Students will not be in session Friday November 23rd as this is a non-instructional day.

We would like to thank our parents for following the parking guidelines of Hatzic Middle School and refraining from parking by the flagpole or driving in or out of the north side of the building to pick up and or drop students off. Both areas are reserved for emergency vehicles or district staff.

Thank you again for supporting our Hatzic Middle School community.

All the best,



M. Gabriele



L. Vetter



R. Vos



As you may be aware, the purchase, possession and/or use of cannabis for recreational purposes will no longer be illegal.

Cannabis Legalization Effective October 2018



The federal [*Cannabis Act*](#) received Royal Assent on June 21. The Act will make it legal for adults to purchase, possess and grow certain amounts of cannabis in Canada effective October 17, 2018.

The BC government's [*Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*](#) and [*Cannabis Distribution Act*](#) regulate how cannabis will be sold, distributed and consumed in British Columbia once legalized. The legislation includes significant restrictions aimed at preventing access to cannabis by minors under age 19:

- Cannabis cannot be consumed in or on school property or within a prescribed distance.
- Cannabis cannot be smoked or vaped anywhere where tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, including a workplace, vehicle, playground or outdoor park, sports field, skate park, or other places where children commonly gather, near entry/exits, or at a bus stop. *Note: use of tobacco on school district property is prohibited.*
- Cannabis cannot be sold, supplied, or allowed to be consumed by minors, in addition to a variety of other measures to prohibit and prevent access of cannabis to minors.

More information about the legislation and other provincial government resources are available [here](#).

While the legalization of Cannabis may be a progressive policy for Canada, it does not alter the School District's responsibility for providing a safe environment for students and employees. As such, purchasing, possessing or using cannabis on school district property is still not acceptable, in the same manner that possessing or using alcohol or tobacco on school district property is not acceptable. In addition, being under the influence of cannabis, alcohol, illegal drugs, or even prescription drugs can impair a worker or students ability to function safely; attending work or school while impaired is not acceptable.

Project of Heart

Last week our 'Project of Heart' was permanently placed above our cafeteria for all to view. This is our whole school project where Hatzic Middle School students and staff learned about the Canadian Residential School system and the impact on Indigenous peoples. The tiles on the hearts are our written messages to the **thousands of Indigenous children** who attended and died as a result of the residential school experience.



Hatzic Environmental Team

Our Hatzic Environmental Team are Maddy Reist, Emily MacDougall, Avery Trottier and Mia McDonald. These students collect and sort all the recycle at our school which is a huge job considering our large school population. The students do all our recycling after school hours and on a voluntary basis. All money from the recycling is used to co-create an annual garden project and maintain our many gardens at Hatzic. If you ever see them working, please give them a 'High Five' as they do a tremendous job in contributing to our school community! Also, if you would like to donate can, bottles or juice boxes we are happy to have them. ☺



News from the Library

The library has been a very busy place as students have been signing out books, playing board games, reading in our comfy reading chairs and building on the Lego wall.

Just like last year, the Library is hosting several exciting challenges:

1. **20, 30 & 40 Book Challenges:** Last year's 30 Book Challenge was such a success that students have asked for more! Students are challenged to read 20, 30 or 40 books from September 10 – June 14. Challenge cards are in the Library and many students and staff are participating and sharing their love of books and reading.
2. On October 22, Hatzic Middle students and staff participated the Provincial Drop Everything and Read Challenge. For 20 minutes, 514 staff and students dropped everything and read during Block 3.



Mr. Greaux reading with his English 7 class

3. **Lego Challenges:** Each month there are 6 challenges posted on our Lego wall and students have been busy imagining and creating. Here are some of their Halloween creations:



4. **Guess the Weight of our Library Pumpkin: Rainbow Noodle.** The student who comes closest to the weight of the pumpkin will win a \$20.00 gift certificate to spend at our upcoming Scholastic Boo Fair. Special thanks to our creative decorators: Milada, Celina & Amy!



5. **Scholastic Book Fair November 19-22.** The Library will be hosting another book fair to raise funds for the library. The Book Fair will be open for students at lunch time and it will be open during Parent Teacher Interviews on November 22. Please come out and see the exciting new titles and start your Christmas shopping early!

Performing Arts News

November 9th, 2018 Remembrance Day Assembly in the morning. First assembly is 9am – 10 am and the second assembly is from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.



Rotary Carol Festival at the Clarke Theatre at 7 pm. The grade 8 & 9 chamber choir will be performing alongside district elementary schools and community groups.

Aboriginal Education Department

This year is off to a fantastic start with many events and activities. The annual Orange Shirt Day march was a great success. Students paid their respects and honored residential school survivors. The IYAQT trip to Xay:tem was full of culturally rich lessons and activities and was enjoyed by many students. Students also participated in Sto:lo New year festivities at Seabird Island Community School. They learned to play Slahal and saw traditional singers and dancers. Next students will be participating in the Leadership Conference and We Day. Enthusiasm and excitement beam from our students this year and we have a lot more coming up.





Mission Library Teen events for November and December:

Coding with Scratch

Monday, November 19, 3:15-4:45 pm

Program your own sprite and create unique animations using Scratch, the MIT-developed programming platform. Learn the basics of Scratch coding and let your imagination do the rest. Bring your own laptop or use one supplied by the Library. Registration required. Ages 12+.

Beaded Christmas Ornaments

Saturday, Dec 1, 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Make a beaded Christmas ornament with Marne Ferris, from Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Education, SD #75. All supplies provided but registration required. For Ages 12-18.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Craft

Saturday, Dec 8, 2:30-4pm

Get ready to make your very own ugly Christmas Sweater! You provide the sweater, we'll provide the ugly. Ages 12 to 18. Registration required.



October 11, 2018

To Whom It May Concern

One month from the date this letter has been written an important community event will take place throughout our country. It is Remembrance Day

The Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign collects donations from the community through the sale of poppies and wreaths. The money collected also goes to Veterans, bursaries and many more worthy causes within our community.

We are asking that when you send your child to school please send a donation towards the Poppy fund. It would be appreciated and needed by your community. Please Do Not Open Poppy Boxes Thank you

Sincerely

Polly Mann
President
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 57