

HJORTH ROAD ELEMENTARY

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HJORTH ROAD NEWS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This newsletter will provide you with some important information as well as upcoming events during the month of December.

Parents coming into the school **must check in at the office to sign in and get a Visitor Badge**. There are **no exceptions**. All staff must wear Identification Badges and we require any visitors to also wear badges. This is for everyone's safety and to ensure classroom instruction is not interrupted. Please **do not go straight to your child's classroom without checking in at the office and without a visitor badge**.

Staff Parking lot – Thank you to all of our parents for following our parking lot guidelines. This helps in keeping all of our students and staff safe as well as making sure our staff have a place to park their cars. The parking is only for staff members. Please continue to park along the streets if you are driving your children to school. There is **no parent parking in the parking lot**, except for those who have children with mobility concerns. Walking your children to school is always a great way to get exercise, get fresh air, and spend that time with your kids.

Getting to school on time – **All students need to be at school between 8:20am – 8:30am**. There is no supervision outside until **8:20am** so please do not drop off your children before that time. Remember being late to start school affects your child's learning and confidence, and does not set a positive example of an important life skill.



Reporting attendance – If your child is going to be absent, please continue to call the school and **press 1** to reach the automated system to leave a message there. You can also e-mail the office at hjorthroadabsentee@surreyschools.ca.

Thank you for this consideration.

Communicating Student Learning: Report cards will be coming home on **December 20th**. It is very important that all parents are reading them through and discussing with their children. Some classroom teachers are using the digital format called Spaces. Spaces is an ongoing portfolio that parents are expected to go through regularly. Teachers put in a lot of time to add information onto Spaces, so I just want to remind parents about this. If you are unsure, please contact the classroom teacher.

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) – We will have a PAC meeting next week on **Thursday Dec. 7th at 6:00pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome. Remember, all parents that have children in the school, automatically become a member of the PAC. We will need to get some people to volunteer for the Positions to form the Executive. A newsletter was sent out yesterday via email to provide detailed information about PAC.

We will be going outside at Recess and Lunch! Our West Coast weather has arrived and with it comes the reminder to all families to ensure that students are dressed for outside play. Umbrellas, boots and water-resistant jackets are necessary for recess and lunch play outside. If your child is a “puddle jumper”, please send along a set of dry clothes to be stored in the classroom. Gloves, mitts and warm jackets are also important when it’s cold.

Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit – Our annual Santa visit is happening again! On **Tuesday, December 5th**, families are invited to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus and get a family picture taken. A notice has been sent home. We will be organizing this event a little differently this year, and families will have certain times for their picture to be taken. Please return the form back to the classroom teacher as soon as possible so you don’t miss out! Once you get your time for photos, please only arrive at that time.



Winter Concert: On **Thursday, December 21st**, all Hjorth Road students will be performing at **1:00pm**. Parents are invited to attend. More information will be coming home soon.

*Sock
it to
Winter!*



SOCK DRIVE!

Division 1 has been learning about Social Action projects. A Social Action Project is something that engages students to act on their beliefs. We have come up with the idea of running a Sock Drive here at Hjorth Road for the week of December 4th to 8th. We have had discussions around the need for dry, warm feet in the winter season. Students are asking for donations of new, unused (**adult size**) socks and cash. All socks donated will be given to The Lookout Society shelter which is in our neighbourhood. If you do not have new, unused socks at home, please consider sending \$1 or \$2 with your child December 4th to 8th. Any money given will be used to purchase socks to donate.

Thank you for your support!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 5

Thursday, December 7

Friday, December 8

Thursday, December 14

Monday, December 18

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Wednesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 20

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

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Grade 6 Immunizations

Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

PAC Meeting @ 6:00 - pm School Library

Div. 2 - Fraser River Discovery Centre Field Trip

Div. 10 & 11 - Vancouver Aquarium Field Trip

Wear a hat day (Christmas, Winter, or any style!)

Div. 1,2,3 - Vancouver Aquarium Field Trip

Blanket and Teddy Bear Day

First Term Report Cards go Home

Winter Concert - 1:00 pm (School Gym)

Wear red, white, or green

Grade 1 to 7 - Landmark Cinemas Field Trip

WINTER BREAK

Monday, December 25 to Friday, January 5, 2024

Schools Re-open on Monday, January 8, 2024

