

June 1, 2016

Welcome to Kindergarten in September 2016!

The 2016-17 kindergarten students and their families have been invited to a special event on **Friday, June 10, 2016, from 1:30-2:30 pm.** All families registering K students at HHP next year should have received a notice about this event already.

This event will be familiarize all with the Kindergarten meet all the wonderful to expect September. Come meet Ms. let your children play, Kindergarten package



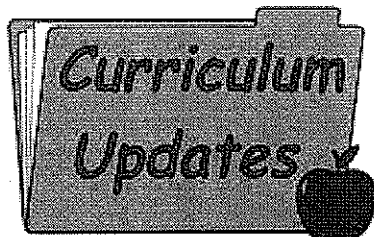
in the kindergarten class at HHP to Kindergarten students and their families, classroom and staff, and for teachers to children. It will also let parents know what 2016 to look like for their children. Denning, see the Kindergarten classroom, have snacks, and take home a of information and goodies!

Head Lice –what we do to manage it at HHP

There have been a few frequent questions asked concerning head lice checks. Head lice is a common issue in every elementary school. At HHP, Cherie Thomas, Educational Assistant, does monthly checks in every classroom. Checks are not done for the months of December and March, as we have Winter Break and Spring Break in those months. To date, six checks per classroom have been done. If a student is found to have louse, live eggs or dead eggs a letter is given to the child to take home. If, during the check there are no signs of louse or eggs, then no letter goes home. As a precautionary step, it is a good idea for all parents to also check their children for lice on a regular basis. If parents have questions about their child's head checks please contact Cherie Thomas at the school.

A new Curriculum for BC schools this September

The provincial government has been working with educators throughout the province for several years to update the K-12 curriculum to reflect changes in our society. The proposed changes that come into effect this coming September, focus on learning a set of broad skills needed by all "educated contribute to curriculum is content and about the in BC and curriculum. Of language haahuupayak



citizens" in order to fully participate and society. One of the key features in the new the increased integration of First Peoples perspectives in the entire K-12 system. Learning history and contributions made by FN peoples Canada is woven throughout the entire course, FN perspectives in history, culture and teachings have always been the focus at school. What we are now in the process of

doing is to reflect on how we can extend and enrich what we already do. This process of review, revision and extension will continue as we move forward. Thank you to Irma and Irene Robinson for sharing their valuable perspectives, personal stories, insights and contributions. What remains the same in the new curriculum is a continued focus on foundational skills of reading, writing, oral expression and numeracy at every grade level.

Events and Year End Fieldtrips

June is a very a busy time of the year with lots of events and fieldtrips planned. While more details regarding each fieldtrip will be sent home by the classroom teachers, here are the dates of events and fieldtrips known so far.

May 31	Gr, 7 class to BC Royal Museum in Victoria to see early civilizations exhibit and take in the I Max movie
June 1 st	Neill Band performance at 1:30 pm
June 2-3 rd	Gr. Seven class on survival skills outing
June 3 rd	District Track Meet at Bob Dailey stadium 9:30-2:30 pm
June 6 th	Salmon Ceremony by the river at 1-2:30 pm
June 7 th	Sports Day starting at 11: 00 am
June 8-9 th	Grade 5/6 students to Diifidaht Paddle Days
June 16 th	Grade 4/5 class to Rathrevor
June 17 th	Grade 7 School leaving ceremony at HHP
June 21 st	K, Grade 1 &2 classes to Rathrevor for Beach Day year end fieldtrip
June 23 rd	Year end awards assembly
June 23 rd	Final day for students
June 23 rd	Report Cards home with students
June 24 th	School closes for the summer

Congratulations to former HHP Scholarship/Bursary Winners

Nancy Sam and **Latrell Seitcher**, are two students who attended HHP at least three years and will be graduating from ADSS this June. Each is scholarship/bursary to continue with their post-awards ceremony at ADSS will be on June 8 at 7 Desjarlais will present the awards. Both students register at NIC this coming September. Nancy recipients of this new award approved by the meeting this past February. This award will now be awarded annually to two deserving grade twelve ADSS students who attended HHP for at least three years. We congratulate Nancy and Latrell and wish them much success in whatever education and career path they may choose.



We count Attendance and good attendance counts!

Our efforts to improve attendance rates are showing results. 45% of all our students had less than 10 school day for the first eight months of the year. This is something to celebrate! Thank you parents for assisting your children to be in school! You are letting your children know that you value school and their education. Also to celebrate is the fact that 58% of all school days during the first eight months, students miss more than 10% of school, impacted. Our school wide efforts are to attendance above that threshold. We will families whose children do not have whatever support we can. Good school on time. The morning is the best academic learning. Since the important core subjects such as math and reading are taught first thing in the morning, students who are frequently late miss out or really important time.



Registration for September 2016 –now is the time to do this!

We would like to remind parents that **spaces are very limited at all grade levels** for next year. Please don't delay to register your children if you are thinking about HHP as the school for your children to attend next year. Please call Principal Gio Mussato at the school if you have any questions. **HHP is a fully accredited independent school offering an outstanding culturally-based academic curriculum that meets all BC Ministry of Education standards. HHP welcomes all students and does not have any registration fees.**