



June 2019

Dear Families,

What a wonderful year at Harry Hooke Elementary! This was my first year as Principal of our school and the students, staff and parents have been great to work with. Harry Hooke has an inclusive school culture where all students have opportunities to participate in events and activities. I would like to thank our staff and parents for providing so many rich learning opportunities for our students both in the classroom and in the community.

I would also like to thank our PAC for their ongoing support of our school and the amazing events they have made possible this year. The final addition to our intermediate playground was a highlight of the year! We have many parents and grandparents at our school in a variety of roles and your continued support is very much appreciated!

I also want to say thank you to Ms. Di Giovanni for her dedication to our school community this year. She came to Harry Hooke Elementary and lead with her heart and with a passion for learning. Ms. Di Giovanni will be joining the Mission school district next year as the Principal of Stave Falls Elementary. We wish her the best of luck in her new role and know that the staff and students of her new school will flourish under her leadership.

Congratulations to Ms. Keenan for being presented with a 2019 National Inclusive Education Award! These awards are hosted by Inclusion BC, the Family Support Institute of BC and Inclusive Education Canada and honour teachers, support staff and educational leaders, "who ensure that all students, especially those with special needs, are given full access to education and included in all aspects of school life."

Our year is coming to a close but there are still many events coming up in our school and classrooms. I look forward to seeing you in September and wish you a safe and happy summer full of adventure!

Best Wishes,
Laura Brandon
Principal

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Mrs. L. Brandon, Principal

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Upcoming School Events:

**June 11-13 Used Book Sale
in Library**

**June 11- SEL Parent Night
(7:00 pm)**

**June 12- Identity Day
Parent viewing 1:00-2:00**

**June 12-18 Coin Drive in
support of Water Walk**

June 14- Fun Day @ HHE

**June 14- Return Library
Books**

June 19- Water Walk

**June 24- Grade 7 Leaving
Ceremony**

**June 26 – Farewell
Assembly (school wide) –
10:40**

**June 26 – Last Day for
Students – Early Dismissal:
12:00**



Harry Hooge's 2019/2020 School Calendar

Plans are already well under way for our next school year. Attached you will find a calendar and bell schedule with some of the important dates for 2019/2020.



LOST AND FOUND- LAST CHANCE!

Don't forget to check the bin across from the Gym for items that you may be missing. All unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charity on June 26th.

Last Day of School for students

Wednesday, June 26th is the last day for students this year and report cards will be issued at this time.

Dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m. On Thursday, June 27th our staff will be reviewing progress for this year and making plans for 2019/2020. If you wish to contact staff regarding your child's report card or progress, please contact the school on this day.

Planning for September

Plans are in full swing for September. Students born in 2014 are eligible for Kindergarten in September and should have already registered. If you know of someone who has not yet registered their child for Kindergarten next year please remind them to do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Students in Grade 7 have already been enrolled in high school.

Are you moving?

If you know that you will be moving and not attending Harry Hooge for the 2019/2020 school year, please let us know so that we can more accurately plan. **PHASE ONE** of the transfer process has passed. If you are wanting your child to change schools in September, you must come by the office and complete an **Elementary Student Transfer Request Form** as soon as possible. The more accurate the enrollment numbers for the 2019/2020 school year, the easier the process of planning next year's classes becomes. Thank you for your help!

Library News

All library books are due back by Friday, **June 14th**. The library will close on this day and will reopen in September. Please return ALL books and pay for lost books. If you are having any problems with overdue books, please email or come in to speak with Mrs. Bissett.

Used Book Sale

Our school library is hosting a used book sale June 11, 12 and 13th. All books are 25 cents and the library is open for book shopping from 8:15-8:30 and 2:20 to 2:45. Come find some great summer reading!

Wheel Safety

With the spring weather, it's great to see so many students walking and riding to school. **Please ensure your child brings a lock to keep their bicycle or scooter secure at the outside bike racks.** We also want to make sure students are riding bicycles and scooters safely and helmets are required. Students are not permitted to ride their bicycles, skateboards or scooters on school grounds during the highly congested times from 8:00 am - 2:45 pm. We ask that during these busy times, students walk their wheels.

PLEASE USE THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS AROUND HARRY HOOGE

It is important that local traffic and emergency vehicles can drive on 230 Street at all times. Please slow down and park in designated parking areas to ensure all of the families arriving and leaving the school are safe.



Please remember that the parking lot is a single lane of drive thru traffic. If you need to wait for your child, please find a place to park so that the flow of traffic can keep moving. Also, the curb area in front of the school is for emergency vehicles. If you park along this curb **you must remain in your vehicle** so that it can be moved immediately if needed. Thank you to everyone who has been very cooperative and patient in our parking area, as we know that it is quite congested at the beginning and end of the day. Please do your best to smile and stay positive, as we all make mistakes from time to time. With the weather improving please consider parking a little further away from the school and walking with your child(ren) to help alleviate the rush of traffic in the parking lot.

Your Help Would Greatly Be Appreciated by All Staff...

At Harry Hooge we have been working very hard with our students on respect and appropriate behavior in a number of areas of the school. One of those areas is the hallways, helping students to recognize the need to keep hallways as quiet and congestion free as possible so as not to interfere with the learning going on in each classroom throughout the day. Since the weather outside is beginning to improve, it would be great if we could have parents drop off and pickup students at their outside meeting places, as we are finding the hallways quite noisy right after the morning bell and right before pickup in the afternoon, with a number of people congregating in the hallways. For those already dropping and picking up from outside, we truly appreciate your efforts in helping to create an excellent learning environment for our students.

PAC News

Another very busy and productive school year is ending and the PAC wishes to thank the parents of Harry Hooge Elementary for all their continued support and hard work in making our children's school experience fun and memorable. We are very grateful for our dedicated teachers who educate, encourage and inspire their students beyond their call of duty!



Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony

This year's Grade 7 leaving ceremony will take place on the evening of Monday, June 24th. Information will be forwarded to parents and guardians about this event. Our Grade 7 students have been an excellent group of students and we look forward to honouring them!

School Supplies

For the upcoming 2019-2020 school year we will be collecting money for your child's school supplies. We are requesting \$40 per Grade 1-7 and \$50 per Kindergarten student to pay for notebooks, pencils, scissors, glue and any other materials necessary for school work. Collecting funds will allow your child's teacher to ensure the quality of the supplies - no need to buy pencils that won't sharpen properly or pens that won't write. Communal supplies will allow the teacher to purchase extra supplies as needed, so you won't ever have to worry about buying your child new felts half way through the year. These supplies will be less expensive as we will be buying in bulk and your child's teacher will make sure that your child has everything that he or she will need for the whole year. It will also allow the teacher to purchase special supplies for exploring aspects of the new BC curriculum and new projects to support student learning. Best of all, this saves you both time and money.

We hope that by collecting funds we will save you some summertime hassle. There will be a Portal notice at the end of June so parents can pay on the Parent Portal via credit card or by cash/cheque made out to Harry Hooge.

Many classroom teachers also choose to use planners. These will continue to be purchased separately and will be available in the fall for \$10.

Vandals Don't Take a Summer Vacation

With summer fast approaching and as our thoughts turn to enjoying a relaxing, fun vacation, we need to keep in mind that vandals don't take a summer vacation. So please remember to keep watch over our school during the summer months and call the School District's Anti-Vandalism hotline (604-466-4357) to report any suspicious activity that could lead to an act of vandalism. You can also call the hotline if you see a suspicious activity in our community's parks.

"I AM AWESOME" SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Family Education and Support Center is thrilled to present "I am Awesome". This course is designed to help young individuals with communication styles, triggers, "I" statements, looking at their special inner qualities, how to deal with stress and how to be a friend. We believe that if young people today have the knowledge and skills to believe in themselves then their capabilities are endless.

Price: \$86

Dates: July 8-11 2019 Monday- Thursday 8am-12pm

Location: The Family Education and Support Centre 22554 Lougheed Hwy Maple Ridge, BC
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