

HAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- KNOWING AND GROWING - CARING AND SHARING -

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SCHOOL EVENTS AND THE EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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As Christmas season and our school's concert approach, we wish to remind parents and students to exercise caution and discretion when taking photos and/or video & audio footage of school events. We recognize that it may be difficult to take pictures of only one's own child(ren). We remind parents and students that posting photos or video of other peoples' children to social media or sharing them electronically in any way is in contravention of school division policy and acts against other families' rights to privacy for their children. Please restrict use of photos and video to personal use only.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Hague Elementary school presents its Christmas concert December 19th with performances at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Doors will open 30 minutes before each performance.

This year's Christmas musical is entitled *Christmas Chronicles*, the story of The Bethlehem Chronicle, a newspaper in big trouble! If subscriptions don't increase, the paper will be shut down forever. Now it's up to Scoop Early, Sally & Susie O'Callahan and Rock Gibraltar as they search for the biggest news in Bethlehem to help save the paper. Add a heavenly host of angels and shepherds and you've got a miracle at just the right time! Should you have any questions about this script, or about the music or the message delivered by the performance, please contact Mrs. Jackson at the school.

Students who are preparing Christmas music as part of their piano lessons will be providing prelude music. Students in Grade 1 to Grade 3 will play prior to the morning performance, and students in Grades 4 through Grade 6 will play prelude before the evening performance.

As part of the Christmas concert, and in keeping with the theme of giving and sharing, we will be taking a silver collection. This financial donation will be given to Hague Ministerial for use in supporting the local Christmas hamper project.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Hague Elementary staff and students will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items throughout the month of December. This food will be given to the Hague Ministerial for local Christmas hampers which will be delivered locally at Christmastime. Donations can be dropped off at the school from December 1st through December 21st.

- whole grain pastas and cereals
- canned fruits and vegetables
- canned meats and beans
- 100% fruit juice
- hearty soups and stews

HAGUE ELEMENTARY CHOIR

Choir practices have begun and are in full swing. Our choir will be performing at the Rosthern nursing home and at Diamond House in Warman on December 13 in the morning, followed by an afternoon of Christmas shopping at Lawson Heights Mall.

PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Win a trip and support your school!



Our Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation is holding its second annual Trip a Month Raffle to raise funds to support innovative programming in Prairie Spirit schools.

For every \$100 raffle ticket sold through your school, the school will receive \$30 to support innovative student learning initiatives.

Details are as follows:

- There will be 12 draws for a \$2500 travel voucher (*winners can choose their own destination!*)
- EVERY ticket is in for EVERY draw (*12 chances to win!*)
- Only 1000 tickets will be sold (*great odds!*)
- Draw date: January 26, 2017
- Trip details will be finalized with Gateway Travel in Martensville

**To purchase a ticket with cash or by cheque,
please contact the school office.**

**To order online and for more information
(including Rules of Play), please go to:
www.prairiespiritschoolsfoundation.ca**

**Prairie Spirit Schools
FOUNDATION**

With its mandate to support innovation in public education by funding a range of experiences that help students realize their potential, the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation provides donation and investment opportunities for projects and partnerships which would not otherwise be possible and which will enrich learning opportunities for our students.

Grade 6^M-3^L Air Bands
Grade 3 and 6 Students ASSEMBLY
pretended to sing and dance
at their air Bands assembly
on Wednesday, November 23,
2016. It was in the big Gym
at Hague Elementary School. We
wanted to present singing
and dancing and moving around
on the stage together because
we are care partners. It is
fun to dance and sing and
it was in our curriculum.
The whole school came out
to watch and so did parents
and friends. By Emma

2016/2017 SCHOOL SKATING

We are starting school skating on Friday, December 2nd with an all-school skate at the local rink. We would appreciate if as many parents as possible would come and help tie skates when their children are skating. Thank you!

10:00 - 11:00 - Grades Kindergarten, 1DP and 6HM.

11:00 - 12:00 - Grades 2/3CL, 3NL, and 4DV.

1:00 - 2:00 - Grades 1/2KS, 2KL, 5JN and 5KK.

Just a friendly reminder for the skate-a-thon and school skating that according to Prairie Spirit School Division Policy, helmets are mandatory for students. We encourage students to bring their own helmets. Bicycle helmets are not approved for on-ice use.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 9, Hague Elementary along with the High School had their Remembrance Day ceremony. Six students were picked to talk about the soldiers' lives, and the strength and outcome of battles. We wore poppies to help us remember the soldiers that fought in WWI and WW2 and the Korean War. We thank all the parents and students that attended the ceremony.

By Karla

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday, December 2 - Hotdog Friday

Thursday, December 8 - Subway Lunch

Friday, December 9 - Hotdog Friday

Friday, December 16 - **NO HOTDOGS**

Monday, December 19 - Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 22 - Monday, January 2, 2017 - Christmas Break

Tuesday, January 3 - Classes resume for students

Thursday, January 12 - Subway Lunch

Monday, January 30 - Teacher Prep Day - NO CLASSES

Thursday, February 9 - Subway Lunch

Monday, February 20 - Family Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 21 - Friday, February 24 - Mid-term Break - NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 27 - Classes resume for students

Thursday, March 9 - Subway Lunch

Friday, March 24 - Teacher Prep Day - NO CLASSES

Monday, March 27 - NO SCHOOL - Day off in lieu of evening conferences

Thursday, April 13 - Subway Lunch

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 17 - Friday, April 21 - Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 24 - Classes resume for students

Thursday, May 11 - Subway Lunch

Friday, May 19 - Teacher Prep Day - NO CLASSES

Monday, May 22 - Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL

Monday, June 5 - Teacher Prep Day - NO CLASSES

Thursday, June 8 - Subway Lunch

Wednesday, June 28 - Last day of school for students-Progress reports go home

Thursday, June 29 - Teacher Work Day // Friday, June 30 - Teacher Prep Day / School Year Ends

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SHORT NOTES

Weather emergency kit

Let your youngster help you prepare for winter emergencies. Brainstorm what you might need if the power goes out or if you're stuck inside during a snowstorm. *Examples:* Flashlights, batteries, bottled water, canned goods, first aid kit. Together, put the items in a box and find a safe place to keep it.

Thinking games

Stretch your child's thinking skills by playing Fortunately, Unfortunately. One person states a good event ("Fortunately, all the stoplights have been green"). The next player says a silly, but related, "bad" event ("Unfortunately, the law changed, and green means Stop"). Continue until you get stuck—then start over.

Your child's digital footprint

It's tempting to post cute pictures of your youngster or tell funny parenting stories on social media—but first consider his feelings. And since his online trail will stick with him forever, think about how he'll feel when he's older. Get his permission before posting, or let him decide who will be able to see it (say, only relatives).

Worth quoting

"Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow-ripening fruit." *Aristotle*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why did the girl wear one mitten and one boot?

A: Because she heard there was a 50 percent chance of snow.



Connect reading and writing

Reading will make your child a better writer—and vice versa. That's good news, because both will help her do well in every subject. Here are ways she can explore the link between reading and writing.

Try genres

Introduce your youngster to a wide variety of books, from fairy tales and science fiction to graphic novels and biographies. Reading different genres will give her more options to think about—suggest that she branch out and try writing in one of those new genres.

Collect "gems"

Have your child keep a notebook of her favorite parts of stories. She could choose interesting words or lines. She'll get in the habit of paying close attention

to the language that writers use, which will give her ideas for her own writing.

Review books

Your youngster could be a budding book critic and write reviews about what she reads. She'll practice opinion writing and deepen her reading comprehension as she summarizes the plot. Encourage her to include details and quotes from the book to back up her opinions. ("The main character showed empathy when he said, 'I know what it's like to be the new kid in school.'")♥



Volunteer success

Whether you're volunteering in your youngster's school or from home, consider these tips.

Contact the teacher. Let him know you'd like to help, tell him when you're available, and find out what he needs.

Follow the rules. Ask questions if you're not sure what's expected. For instance, are home-baked goods acceptable, or do treats have to be store-bought and sealed, with ingredients listed? Are younger siblings allowed to come along? What are the guidelines for keeping student information confidential?

Enjoy the experience! Volunteering is rewarding for parents, teachers, and students. Know that you're making a difference, and talk to your child about how you're helping out.♥



A dependable child

Kyle's parents count on him to walk his little sister home from school. And Jamal's parents know he'll remember to set the table without being asked. These parents are raising dependable youngsters—and you can, too, with these suggestions:

- Talk to your child about who depends on you. You could say, "My company relies on me to be on time, so I have to leave for work now." Your youngster will see that being dependable is a part of life.



- When you need your child to do something, let him know you're counting on him. He'll be likely to meet your expectations if you say something like "I know I can depend on you to feed the dog."

- Show your youngster how good it feels to follow through when someone is relying on him. You might have him sign up to

work with a student who is learning English or who needs extra help with math. Use encouraging comments such as, "I know Julian looks forward to seeing you every day," or "I bet David is learning a lot from you."♥

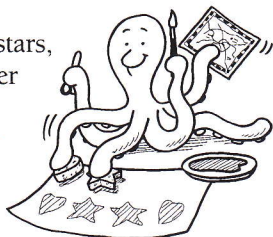
ACTIVITY CORNER



DIY wrapping paper

Let your child design homemade wrapping paper—and show thoughtfulness by personalizing each person's package. Try these ideas.

Sponge stamps. Help your youngster cut apart large brown paper bags. Then, she could cut sponges into stars, hearts, or other shapes, and dip them into paint. Suggest that she stamp them onto the paper in a pattern (heart, star, star, heart, star, star).

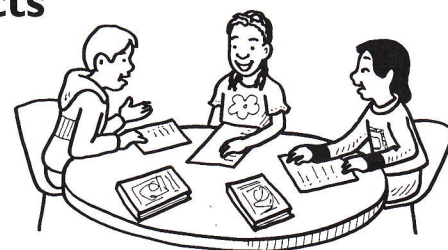


"Mapping" paper. Have an old atlas? Your child might cut out maps and tape them together to make sheets of wrapping paper. If she's sending a gift to a relative in another state or country, she could select a map of that place.

Artwork. Who wouldn't love to receive your youngster's original artwork? Ask her to wrap a few gifts in her own paintings or sketches.♥

Navigating group projects

Learning to work on assignments as a group is an important part of school. Share this advice for helping your youngster succeed with projects and presentations.



Get input

Everyone in the group should give input. Your child might get quieter members to express their opinions by asking, "Which format do you like for our presentation?"

List duties

At the first meeting, one person can write and distribute a list of responsibilities, including due dates for each task. That way, everyone will remember what they're supposed to do.

Update each other

During follow-up meetings, group members should give updates on their progress and brainstorm solutions to any problems. If anyone is falling behind, other members could offer support or ideas.♥

Q & A Be your own "CEO"

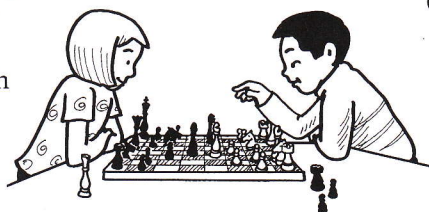
Q: I've been hearing a lot lately about executive function skills. What are they, and should I be helping my son work on them?

A: These skills let your child manage himself, like an executive overseeing the operations of a company or an air-traffic controller directing flights for landing. A student with good executive function skills is able to juggle tasks, plan

ahead, stay organized, and make decisions about his actions.

You could help your son sharpen these skills with strategy games. For example, chess is ideal because players must plan several moves in advance and consider multiple possibilities. Or try 20

Questions, since players have to keep in mind answers to all previous questions as they decide what to ask next.♥



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