



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

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Welcome to Hague Elementary and a new School Year!

Thank you to SaskEnergy for their sponsorship of our Back-to-School Hotdogs and Hello! With the very capable help of Ken of SaskEnergy taking charge of the cooking, we were able to serve 350 hotdogs in an hour! It was wonderful so see so many families visiting classrooms and meeting teachers and catching up with each other after the summer. Thank you for taking the time to join us for an excellent evening of kick-off and welcome!!

SOCCER KICKOFF

It is time for fall soccer at Hague Elementary! Students in Grade 5 and 6 will be able to sign up to play. The season runs from the beginning of September to the middle of October. The girl's coaches are Mrs. Lavallee and Mrs. MacKay and the boy's coaches are Mr. Nokinsky and Mr. Vikse. There is very little equipment needed to play other than shin pads, soccer socks to cover the shin pads and a good pair of shoes. We look forward to seeing everyone who is interested in learning and developing the game of soccer, sign up for this season. Hopefully the snow will hold off until the end of the season!

A number of games have been finalized. Games are played from 12-1:00, with teams travelling by bus to away games, leaving at 11:15, returning at 1:45. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, September 21 - to Warman
- Friday, September 23 - host Warman
- Tuesday, September 27 - host Rosthern
- Wednesday, September 28 - to Rosthern
- Monday, October 3 - host Venture Heights (Martensville)
- Wednesday, October 5 - to Venture Heights
- Friday, October 14 - division tournament - girls host at Hague; boys to Rosthern.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN / KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to all of our Kindergarten students! Kindergarten 1 (Monday, Wednesday, alternate Friday) students start on Monday, September 12th and Kindergarten 2 (Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Friday) students will start on Tuesday, September 13th.

Welcome to all our Pre-Kindergarten students who will start on Monday, September 19th. Students will attend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:55 to 11:55. We wish all the students a great year at Hague Elementary!

MEET THE STAFF

Janet Jackson - Principal
Nicole Lavallee- Vice-principal
and Learning Facilitator
Chelsea Duncan – Pre-Kindergarten
Haylee Olver – Kindergarten
Debbie Penner – Grade 1
Kyla Siewert – Grade 1/2
Kimberly Liddicoat - Grade 2
Carissa Laughren – Grade 2/3
Nicole Lavallee – Grade 3
Laurie Bent – Grade 3 on alternate days
Kristy Hermes – Grade 3 on alternate days
Dustin Vikse – Grade 4
Jesse Nokinsky – Grade 5
Kirstee Kluk – Grade 5
Heidi MacKay - Grade 6
Heather Graham – Resource Room (.5)

Patricia Wagner - Admin Assistant

Barry Loewen - Custodial
Theressa Wall - Custodial
TBA - Custodial

Debbie Fehr - Educational Associate
Marge Fehr - Educational Associate
Cheryl Giesbrecht – Educational Associate
Deanne Neufeldt – Educational Associate
Mona Reddekopp - Educational Associate
Dorothy Rudolph - Educational Associate

Annette Giesbrecht - Bus Driver
Darrell Giesbrecht - Bus Driver
Glen Guenter – Bus Driver
Loretta Peters – Bus Driver
Rosemarie Peters – Bus Driver
John Thiessen – Bus Driver
Jake Unger - Bus Driver
Dale Wagner - Bus Driver

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

Emergency Protocol drills include fire drills as well as lockdown and hold & secure drills. These are scheduled numerous times throughout the year in all seasons and in all kinds of weather. While fire drills are the most common of these drills, the others remain equally important.

In a **LOCKDOWN** drill, a threat to our safety would be assumed to be inside the building, requiring all students to remain in rooms with locked doors, lights turned off, and staff and students gathered quietly in a corner out of the line of sight through any window. Front entry doors to the school would remain unlocked to allow emergency responders access to the interior of the building.

In a **HOLD & SECURE**, a perceived threat or emergency would be outside the building. This could be something as simple as a loose animal on the playground. In a *hold & secure*, all exterior doors would be locked, preventing the threat from entering the building, all children and adults would remain inside the school, but movement around the inside of the school would generally proceed as normal.

Please note that in continued accordance with the school division's *Safe & Secure Policy*, main front entry doors will remain accessible, but all other exterior doors will be locked daily at 9:15 and will remain locked for the duration of the day. Students, parents, and guests are advised to use the front doors and to check in at the office upon arrival.

PICTURE DAY

Once again Lifetouch will be taking student photos at our school. We encourage all students to have their picture taken as photos are used for various classroom projects.

This year our picture day is on Thursday, October 13th. Kindergarten students attending on Wednesday will have their photo taken on Wednesday, October 12th.

Retake date is Wednesday, November 2th at 9:00 am.

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our parent-student-teacher conferences for grade 1 to 6 will be held on Wednesday, October 5th and Thursday, October 6th from 3:30 until 7:30. If you have a preference for a specific day and/or time please call Mrs. Wagner before Friday, September 16th.

TERRY FOX WALK

Our Annual Terry Fox Walk will be held on Monday, September 19th starting at 1:30. Students will be doing the walk in support of cancer research and are encouraged to bring a loonie or toonie that will be forwarded to the Cancer Society.

Community members and parents are encouraged to join us as we venture around town demonstrating our awareness of the disease and our effort to find a cure. We will be starting and ending at the flag pole in front of the school. Come get some exercise and join us for what always proves to be a great day!

STUDENT PLANNERS

All students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 received a school student planner. We encourage parents to take a few minutes and look through the first few pages of your sons/daughters student planner. It has a wealth of information about our school and may answer some of those questions you may have been wondering about. A school calendar, bell schedule, the restitution behavior program outline, and even our cold weather policy can be found in the planner.

We also encourage you to check the planner for daily information about child's own work or class projects. Please take the time to read it and check for any additional information from your child's classroom or a school announcement. This is a great communication tool between the school and home.

SCHOOL FORMS

Thank you! Thank you, parents and guardians for filling out the necessary school forms. These are again updated forms that the school division has sent out and we appreciate the time you spent in filling them out.

Please make any corrections in the right hand column and remember to sign the form. Thank you for sending them back as soon as possible. We are impressed with your efficiency that allows Mrs. Wagner to enter the student's information into the school data base at the very beginning of the school year.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Thank you! Thank you to all of you that have been contacting the school and making us aware that your child is ill or at different appointments.

Your (our) children's well-being is upper-most in our minds and this communication just adds to the safety and caring that we share for them.

Please feel free to leave a message on our voice mail as it is checked regularly. The phone can often be very busy in the morning and your patience is appreciated.

ELECTRONICS

Students in grades Pre-K to grade 5 are asked to keep all electronics in their backpacks during the day UNLESS requested by the teacher to do otherwise. In some instances, personal electronic devices may be used for in-class activities such as research or current events. However, students at Hague Elementary school have access to iPads for this purpose and as such, are encouraged not to bring personal electronic devices to school, as staff cannot claim responsibility for lost or damaged items.

MICROWAVES

As we predicted throughout the past year in our monthly newsletters, we have been advised the *Emergency Management and Fire Safety* branch of the Government of Saskatchewan is preparing a **School Fire Safety Guide** for school divisions in the province.

In order to address the increasing fire safety risks, schools are advised that microwaves are no longer to be located in classrooms or hallways. Therefore, in compliance with the Government's fire safety guide, microwave ovens at Hague Elementary have been removed from hallways and classrooms, and will therefore no longer be available for student use. We apologize for any inconvenience, but are appreciative of the increased awareness of safety for our school.

PEANUT/NUT ALERT

Please remember that we are a "NUT AWARE" school, as we have several students with sensitivities and allergies to nuts. Please do not send lunch items which may contain nuts. Look for products packaged in a nut-free facility, and choose WOW Butter as a safe alternative to peanut butter for your child's sandwich.

SUBWAY LUNCH

Our first Subway lunch will be on Thursday, September 15th. These Subway lunches will be held on a monthly basis and as a fundraiser for our Grade 5 and Grade 6 students who will be going to Camp Kadesh in June of 2017.

HOT DOG SALES

The school would once more like to do hot dog sales on Fridays. The school is looking for parent volunteers to come in on Fridays at about 10:30 to cook, assemble and distribute hot dogs to the classrooms.

We would like to start on **Friday, September 30th**. However this will depend upon if we get any volunteers. Hot dogs will be \$1.00 and can be ordered in the morning of the hotdog day. Please call Mrs. Wagner and sign up for as many Fridays you would like. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

DRESS ACCORDINGLY

As the cooler weather approaches, we remind students to dress accordingly, as recesses are opportunities to be outside and get some fresh air and exercise. For students' comfort, they are reminded to dress warmly enough for the fall weather.

DISMISSAL

A reminder to all families that our bus students are dismissed at the 3:04 bell. Town students are to remain with their class during this time inside the school (or together with their class outside if they happen to be on the playground at the end of the day).

This includes those students who are being picked up to walk home with older siblings or high school babysitters. Town students, including those being picked up at the classroom by older siblings, are dismissed by safety announcement **ONLY** after all the busses have departed. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our students safe.

BUS DRIVER REMINDER

Families are reminded to please notify bus drivers if your child is inviting a friend who isn't a bus student. It's very important that drivers are able to account for all the children on their busses, including children who may be riding to visit someone on the regular route.

Parents, please remember to make arrangements a day (or more) in advance for your child to have friends over or for your child to be going to a friend's house after school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, September 1, 2016 – Welcome Back! First full day of school for students.

Monday, September 5 – Labour Day – NO SCHOOL

Friday, September 16 – Professional Development/Teacher Prep Day - NO CLASSES

Monday, September 19 – Terry Fox Walk at 1:30

Wednesday, October 5 – Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences – 3:30 until 7:30

Thursday, October 6 – Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences – 3:30 until 7:30

Friday, October 7 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

Monday, October 10 – Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL

Thursday, October 13 – School photos by Lifetouch

Friday, November 11 – Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 14 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

Monday, December 19 – Christmas Concert

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

Tuesday, January 3 – Classes resume for students

Monday, January 30 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

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

Friday, March 24 – Teacher Prep Day - NO CLASSES

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

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

Monday, April 24 – Classes resume for students

Friday, May 19 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

Monday, May 22 – Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

Monday, June 5 – Teacher Prep Day – NO CLASSES

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

I can visualize it

Whether your child is reading or doing math, being able to “see” the material can help her understand it. For example, have her sketch a scene from a story or draw a map of the setting. Or she might use objects to solve a math problem. For $15 \div 3$, she could arrange 15 barrettes into 3 equal groups to find the answer (5).

Update your information

Has your contact information changed since spring? Check that your youngster’s school has your correct home address, phone numbers, and email addresses on file. That way, teachers and staff will know the best way to reach you about school events, concerns with your child, or emergency closings.

Trait of the week

Encourage good character all year long! Each week, vote on a trait to celebrate, such as respect, honesty, or tolerance. Ask your youngster to create a poster illustrating the trait, and hang it up. Then, family members can look for examples and jot them on the poster. At the end of the week, read the examples aloud—and vote on a new trait.

Worth quoting

“If you can dream it, you can do it.”
Walt Disney

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Where can you find hippos?

A: It depends on where you hide them!



Launch into learning

Three...two...one...blast off! It’s a brand-new school year, and your child’s mission is to learn. With these tips, he’ll land in class ready to succeed.

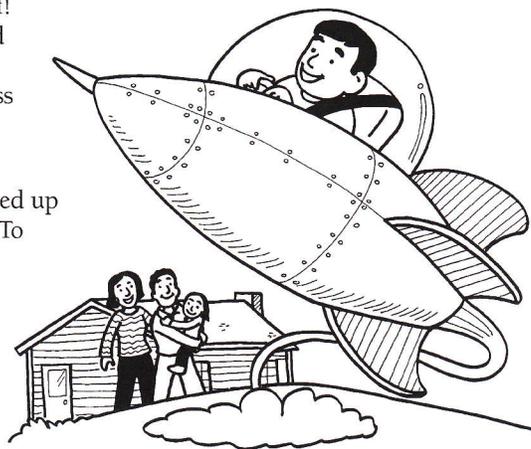
3...Build excitement

Help your youngster get revved up about what he’ll learn this year. To find out what’s ahead, attend back-to-school night, talk to his teacher, and check the school website. Find topics you think will interest him, and read about them together in library books or online.

Look for hands-on opportunities to get him excited, such as visiting a public garden or planting seeds at home if he’s going to study plant life cycles.

2...Set goals

Specific, doable goals are critical to any successful mission. Let your child write goals and “due dates” on strips of construction paper (“I will finish long-term projects one day early so I have time to review them”). He can loop the strips together into a paper chain, then



cut off each link as he achieves the goal. With hard work, he’ll be able to say, “Mission accomplished!”

1...Develop routines

Your youngster will blast off ready to learn if he is well rested, well fed, and active. Set a bedtime that gives him the recommended 9–11 hours of sleep. Make sure he wakes up early enough to enjoy a healthy breakfast. Also, try to see that he gets at least an hour of physical activity a day.♥

In school every day

Did you know that attending school regularly will affect how well your youngster does this year *and* in later grades? Use these suggestions to help her get an A+ in attendance.

● **Stay healthy.** Remind your child to wash her hands with soap and water before eating and after using the restroom or playing outside. Also, work with your pediatrician if your youngster has a chronic condition, such as allergies or asthma, that could cause her to miss school.

● **Address problems.** If your child wants to stay home when she’s not sick, ask why. Talk to her teacher if this happens frequently or if you suspect a bigger issue. For example, struggling with schoolwork and being bullied are two common reasons for wanting to avoid school.♥



Building friendships

Children with friends enjoy school more, develop important social skills, and even do better academically. Here are ways to help your child build and strengthen friendships.

Find shared interests. Suggest that your youngster ask classmates what they do in their spare time and ask follow-up questions to show she cares. (“What’s your favorite skateboard trick?”) Then, she could talk about her own interests, whether she likes solving her Rubik’s Cube or crocheting hats. She and a classmate may discover new activities to



share—which can naturally lead to friendships.

Be a good friend. Talk to your child about what you value in your friendships, and ask about hers. You might say, “I can always count on Debbie at work to help me think of ideas when I’m stuck.”

Perhaps your youngster will say, “Maddie invites me to play at recess even when she’s with the older girls from her class.” She’ll realize which traits she values in a friend, such as dependability and loyalty. Discuss ways she could show those traits, too (helping friends study, making them feel included).

Note: Does your child struggle to make friends or complain she has no friends? Have her teacher recommend a classmate who may be a good match. Then, contact the other parent to arrange a get-together.♥

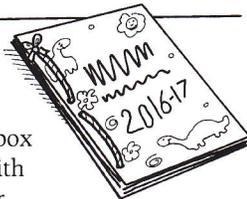
ACTIVITY CORNER

My school-year memory book

Encourage your youngster to create a personalized memory book this school year. It will give him a place to save schoolwork he’s proud of and provide a nice keepsake for both of you.



1. To make the front and back covers, have him cut off the large panels of a cereal box and cover them with construction paper.



2. Let him write his name, the year, his school, and his teacher’s name on the front. He can decorate both panels with stickers or drawings.

3. Hole-punch the covers, thread yarn through, and tie loosely so it’s easy to untie and add pages.

4. As the school year goes on, he might add graded assignments, artwork, programs from plays or concerts, and notes from teachers.

Keep his memory book in a special spot so you can both enjoy looking through it this school year—and beyond.♥

Q & A

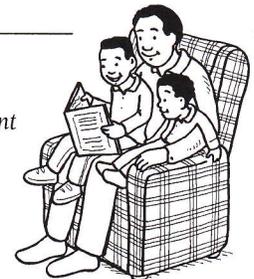
A reading habit

Q: This year, my son has a daily homework assignment to read for 20 minutes. What should we do to make sure this happens?

A: Reading every day is one of the best ways for a child to become a strong reader, and it’s great that you’re eager to help.

Some evenings, you could invite him to read to you. He’ll practice reading, and you’ll get to hear how he’s doing. On other nights, hold family reading time where everyone quietly reads their own books, newspapers, or magazines. Your son might also enjoy reading aloud to younger siblings.

Here’s another suggestion: If you normally read him a bedtime story, try ending your nightly routine by reading one chapter aloud. Does he want to know what will happen next? He can continue reading on his own for 20 minutes to find out!♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Stay safe online

My daughter Sierra brought home an “online safety contract” that listed classroom rules for using the Internet. After we read it together and Sierra signed it, we decided to create our own version at home. We borrowed some ideas from the school form like:

- Keep usernames and passwords private.
- Do not post personal information online.
- Only respond to messages from people you know.

Then, we added a few rules of our own:

- Turn on “safe mode” when using a search engine.
- Do not create social media accounts.

Sierra helped me write out the contract, and everyone in our family signed it. We posted it by our computer as a reminder. While I still supervise my kids online, I feel better having a written agreement as an extra layer of protection.♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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