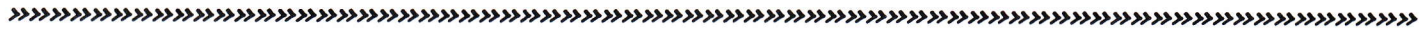


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November 2017



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, November 1 – Poinsettia order forms go home and due back by Thursday, November 16

Wednesday, November 1 – Lifetouch photos are due for parents that are ordering pictures

Thursday, November 2 – Subway order form goes home and due back Wednesday, November 8

Wednesday, November 8 – Re-take day for student pictures by Lifetouch at 1:00

Thursday, November 9 – NO SCHOOL – day off in lieu of evening conferences

Friday, November 10 – NO SCHOOL-Remembrance Day-take a moment to remember our Veterans and Troops

Monday, November 13- NO SCHOOL – Professional/Prep Day for staff

Wednesday, November 15 – Pizza Hut order form goes home and due back by Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 16 – Subway Lunch

Thursday, November 16 – Poinsettia orders are due (more information in this newsletter)

Monday, November 27 – Subway order form goes home and due back Friday, December 1

Wednesday, November 29 – Pizza Hut Lunch

Thursday, November 30 – Progress Reports go home

Thursday, December 7 – Subway Lunch

Wednesday, December 20 – Christmas Concert – 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Friday, December 22 - Last school day for students

DRESS-UP WEEK

Our elementary students have been invited by the high school to participate in dress-up activities. Week of October 30 to November 3.

Monday, October 30 – Jersey day – wear the jersey of your favourite team

Tuesday, October 31 – Costume day - **Please note** that students who choose to participate in dress-up may do so for **the afternoon**. We expect dress-up to be school appropriate and free of depictions or representations of weapons, violence, blood, gore, or other features not appropriate for the elementary school environment.

Wednesday, November 1 – Pajama day

Thursday, November 2 – Occupation day – dress up as someone in your dream job would

Friday, November 3 – Panther Pride day – wear Panther gear / school colours



This year we will be recognizing Remembrance Day by holding an assembly on Wednesday, November 8th. The assembly will begin at 10:30 and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Students will receive a poppy to wear and we encourage students to bring a donation for the Royal Canadian Legion. We will accept donations until Friday, November 17. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNICATIONS

Families are reminded to please make arrangements for their children's play dates, birthday parties, and other social engagements prior to the event. These arrangements are best made at home. Use of the office phone by students is for emergency purposes in the event a child is injured or ill. Changes to students' after school schedules should be made by students and parents before or after school. If these changes require a change to bussing arrangements for your child, please **ensure you notify your child's bus driver** to avoid confusion.

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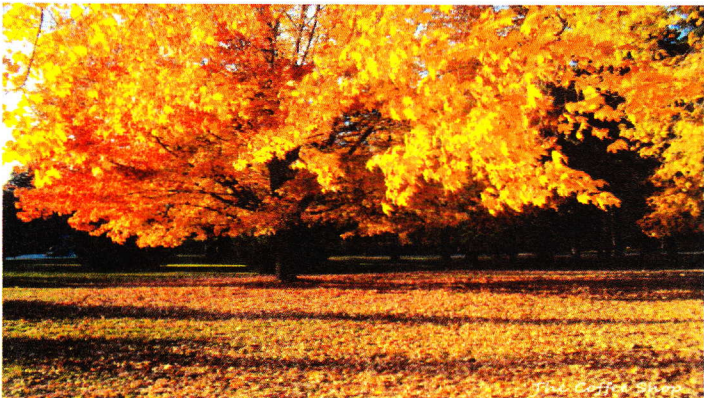
If students or parents have concerns or questions about an issue at school, please follow this communication process:

The classroom teacher is to be the first person to hear and address any concerns from a student or parent.

If the issue cannot be resolved with the teacher, the principal is to be contacted.

If the matter remains unresolved, the parent may request a meeting with the Director or designate (Superintendent).

The parent may also request a hearing with the Board of Education to further appeal the decision.



FALL WEATHER

As the weather turns cooler, students are reminded to dress more warmly for the fall temperatures. Recess provides an opportunity for fresh air and exercise. We want this to be an enjoyable time for students, and one way to ensure that is for them to be dressed appropriately against the chill that's creeping in to our fall days.

BUS BEHAVIOUR

Following Bus Driver Appreciation Day on October 16, Hague Elementary and High School administration, and our division's conveyance safety officer, held our annual meeting with the drivers. Arising from that discussion, and by way of reminder for our bus families, please be mindful of the following to ensure safety for all of our children:

- Please contact your bus driver if there are any changes on any given day to the normal bus routine for your child(ren).
- Guest riders (i.e. birthday party guests or friends visiting a bus student's home) are only permitted at the driver's discretion. These arrangements should always be made ahead of time by the host parents with their children's driver.
- Students are to remain seated **AT ALL TIMES**. This is a matter of safety for themselves and for others in the event the bus needs to make a sudden stop or turn. This also creates incidents of distraction for the driver whose attention is taken from the road, creating further risk.
- Excessive and sudden outbursts of noise (i.e. shouting) are a serious safety concern, as they create distraction for the driver, putting all riders at risk. Students are reminded that horseplay and yelling/shouting/screaming are distracting for their driver.
- Eating is not permitted on the bus. This is to ensure children are kept safe from exposure to allergens and also to avoid choking hazards.

In individual cases where disruptive behavior persists, creating ongoing risk to the driver and children, the driver will contact the parent and also consult with the school's administration team. In the event that a change in behavior is not apparent, the child may be denied bus transportation until a meeting can be arranged and a plan created for greater success for the child in transit.



"Riding on a school bus is a privilege, not a right. We expect excellent behavior and cooperation from students on our buses, just as we do in our classrooms. A student who fails to abide by the rules, or who misbehaves on a bus, may be denied bus transportation. As well, inappropriate language will not be tolerated. After consulting with the bus driver, the principal may suspend a student from riding the bus for up to three days per incident. In the event that the principal recommends a suspension exceeding three days, the Director of Education, or designate, will decide on appropriate action to be taken in accordance with *Administrative Policy No. 409*."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Hague Elementary school will present its Christmas concert December 20 with performances at 10 AM and 6:30 PM. This year's Christmas musical is entitled *Christmas in the Country*. It's Christmastime in Custard County and all is calm, all is...chaos! Snooty cousin Thomas is coming from the city to visit and that doesn't "set" too well with cousin Rachel, who's a bit tired of hearing about life in the big city from him. The church Christmas pageant is in trouble as well and nothing short of a miracle can bring harmony to Custard County this year. Mrs. MacKay and Mrs. Kluk are directing the drama portion with their grade 6 students, and each of the other classes Grades 1 through 5 will provide a piece of music. As in the past, our Kindergarten students will once again be on stage as the Nativity scene to close the performance.

Should you have any questions about details of the script or wish to read it, please contact Mrs. MacKay or Mrs. Kluk. If you have questions about the music or wish to listen to it or to review the lyrics, please contact Mrs. Jackson.

Classes look forward to beginning their Christmas singing practice in November.



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Hague Elementary School Community Council will be selling poinsettias as their fundraiser to help offset the cost of various school projects such as purchase of books for classroom libraries, providing books for our Kindergarten students when the teacher makes home visits, family BBQ in June, and pancake breakfast to kickoff Scholastic Book Fair.



There is a choice of pink, red or white poinsettia for \$15.00.
The 22" Berries and Bows Wreath for \$30.00.
Back again for this year is the 10" Holiday Planter for \$30.00.

Description of these items can be found on the order form that will be sent home on Wednesday, November 1st. If you did not receive a form and would like one, call Mrs. Wagner.

Deadline for orders to be in is Thursday, November 16th. Delivery should happen the first week in December well in time for the Christmas season. We will inform parents by sending an e-mail message, a note in the student planner or check the website.

BOOKFAIR-PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the pancake and sausage breakfast on Tuesday, October 17. It was so great to see families enjoying breakfast together before browsing the book fair. We sold approximately \$5400.00 worth of merchandise, earning \$2000.00 for our school to purchase more books for the library.



Hague Elementary staff and students send a huge bouquet of thanks to parents, Sanne Gillingham, Sally Wall and Kathie Derksen who volunteered their time to help with our book fair and pancake breakfast. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

HAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE - 2017-2018

- Students may leave their back-packs in the entrance and go out to play.

8:47 – Students and teachers go to their classrooms.

8:52 – Classes began.

10:45 – 11:00 – Students are required to go out for recess.

12:10 – 12:55 – Lunch/noon break.

12:10 – 12:30 - Students are expected to sit for at least 15 minutes.

12:30 – Students must go outside.

12:50 – Students come in for classes.

12:55 – Classes begin.

3:04 – All bus students are dismissed.

3:11 – Buses leave, and town students are dismissed by a safety announcement.

***** Bus students who are not catching the bus must remain in the classroom with the town students, unless they are picked up inside the school by an adult.**



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SHORT NOTES

Practice patience

Patience is a lifelong skill that will help your youngster in school—and in life. The key is knowing how to pass time pleasantly while waiting so he doesn't feel anxious or frustrated. Together, come up with special "waiting activities" like saying the alphabet backward or counting down with the crosswalk sign.

A future job

Help your child make the connection between school and the career she could have someday. Point out workers using school subjects like a nurse writing on a chart or a TV weather forecaster describing a cold front. Also, friends and relatives might tell your child what they studied in school and how it's related to their jobs.

See that illustration?

Understanding the meaning of images in books, magazines, and newspapers will boost your youngster's reading comprehension. To build *visual literacy*, ask your youngster to explain what's happening in illustrations and graphics. He might even enjoy making up his own captions.

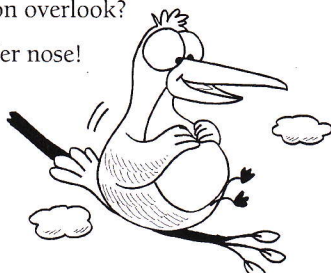
Worth quoting

"Adventure is worthwhile in itself."
Amelia Earhart

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What does even the most careful person overlook?

A: Her nose!



Doing my own homework

When your child is the one responsible for her homework, she will form good habits that will benefit her throughout her school career. Use these tips to help your youngster be independent at homework time.

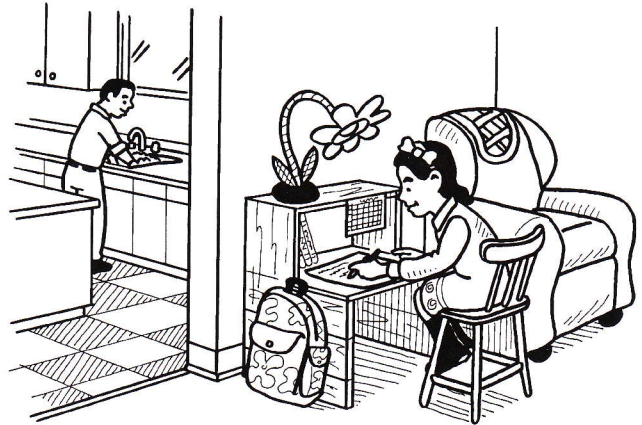
Your child's job: Let her choose a usual place and time for homework.

That will make her more likely to stick with her routine.

She may want to work at the kitchen table after school or at her desk after dinner.

How to help: Make sure your family's evening activities don't interfere with homework time. From time to time, ask your youngster whether she needs more supplies, such as pencils, erasers, markers, or glue.

Your child's job: She should tackle homework on her own. Not only will this help her learn, it will also show the teacher how well she understands the material.



How to help: If your youngster gets stuck, suggest that she reread the directions or look for similar examples in her book. Offer to play study games with her. Also, check to see that her homework is finished.

Your child's job: It's up to her to hand in completed work. She can find a way to remind herself, maybe by posting a note on her backpack.

How to help: Together, choose a visible spot to keep her backpack and anything else she needs for school.♥

An attitude of gratitude

Around Thanksgiving, people often talk about what they're thankful for. These activities can inspire your youngster to express gratitude now—and all year long.

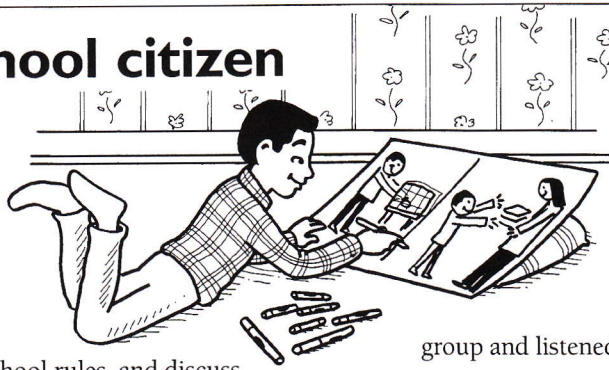
On the calendar. Brainstorm categories of things to be grateful for, such as people and nature. On a calendar, list one category per day for a week. Then each day, have family members name something they're grateful for in that category (a healthy grandparent, a beautiful fall day).

Behind the gift. When your child receives a gift, ask him to think about what the giver put into it. For instance, if his aunt sends him a sweater that he doesn't like, he might say it was nice that she took the time to find out what style is popular with kids his age.♥



Be a good school citizen

Your child can make his school a better place to learn and play by following school rules and being considerate of his fellow students. Encourage him to be a good school citizen with these ideas.



Follow rules

Have your youngster name school rules, and discuss what would happen if they didn't exist. What if no one had assigned seats? (People might waste time deciding where to sit.) What if students could run in the hallways? (They might get hurt.) He'll see why it's important to follow the rules—just like people must obey laws.

group and listened to others without interrupting.

Be considerate

Part of good citizenship is treating others the way you want to be treated. Ask your child to share examples of considerate things he did today. Maybe he got off a playground swing so another student could have a turn. Or perhaps he waited quietly before speaking up in a

Do your part

Every school citizen has an important role to play, and helping teachers and classmates is a part of that role. Suggest that your youngster draw himself doing classroom jobs like feeding the class guinea pig or delivering papers to the office.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Sparking curiosity

My daughter Hailey used to be curious about everything from whether butterflies dream to why she has curly hair. As she grew older, she didn't ask as many questions. I wanted to keep her curiosity alive—so I decided to start asking *her* questions.

For example, when we saw ants carrying big leaves, I wondered aloud how they can hold stuff that's bigger than they are. Hailey looked it up, and she was proud to teach me that ants' muscles are thicker than ours compared to their body size. And these muscles don't have to support much body weight, freeing them up to hold other things.



Hailey enjoys telling me facts I don't know. We are both learning new things, and she's discovering that you're never too old to be curious and ask questions!♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Design a city

If your youngster could create her own city, what

would it look like? Suggest that she pretend to be an urban planner. She'll use thinking, planning, math, and engineering skills as she follows these steps.



1. Pick a location. Have your child decide where her city will be located. It could be near an ocean, in a desert, or even in outer space.

2. Add services. Encourage her to consider where people will live, work, grow food, and spend free time. Also, how would they get around? They might travel by car, subway, bike, hovercraft, spaceship—or use an entirely new form of transportation.

3. Make a plan. Let her draw a map of her city, revising it until she's satisfied.

4. Build and play. Suggest that your youngster make a model using household materials (construction paper, empty boxes, paper towel tubes, plastic cups, string). She can see how her city functions by adding toy people, animals, and vehicles.♥



A successful parent-teacher conference

Q: I'm attending the parent-teacher conference for my son this month. How can I get the most out of it?

A: First, write down what you want to say before you go. List any questions you have. Also, include information to help the teacher learn more about your child, such as the kinds of books he reads or activities he's involved in.

Then, be sure to arrive on time, and set a friendly tone by mentioning something

your son likes about school. Example: "Dylan loves science. He especially enjoyed learning about polar bears."

Listen closely to find out where your youngster is doing well or where he needs to improve. Ask how to support his learning at home—perhaps by helping him review math facts.

Finally, agree on how to follow up throughout the school year so you can stay connected and help your child do his best.♥



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