



HIMNEY HILL ELEMENTARY

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Principal's Comments:

Safe Arrival



If your child(ren) will be **absent** or **late**, please phone **(604)592-2913**.

Our school has **Voicemail**, so a message can be left at any time of the day or night. We are a very large school, so it is appreciated when parents call and leave a message.

Walking or biking to school is a healthy way to begin the day and it's good for the environment, too!

Newsletter #4

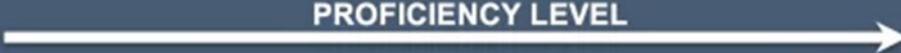
Thursday, December 7, 2017

Dear Parents

As you are aware, teachers across the district have two options for reporting student progress. Some of you will have had access to information about your child's learning progress for some time now, through their Fresh Grade portfolios. Others will have a written progress report coming home on Dec. 12th.

This year, we will be using new performance scale language to assess student learning. We believe that student learning is greatly increased when we describe the learning along with the criteria for different levels of success. This provides students with a clear idea about what they need to do to improve their learning. Using the performance scale language in conjunction with this criterion, helps students to understand where their learning is at any given time and what they need to do in order to improve. We know from research this type of assessment makes a significant difference in student achievement. Some teachers in grades 4-7 may choose to also use letter grades, others have decided that the above descriptors are sufficient to describe student progress in relation to the learning standards in the curriculum

We know sometimes the language we use in education is difficult to understand, so it is our hope that this brief description will help.

PROFICIENCY LEVEL 			
Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student is beginning to demonstrate basic knowledge in relation to the learning standards •Works with ongoing support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student demonstrates some knowledge in relation to the learning standards •Works with some support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student demonstrates good knowledge in relation to the learning standards •Works independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The student demonstrates knowledge beyond the learning standards •Works independently and can support the learning of others
<p>"I am just getting started." "I learn best with help."</p>	<p>"I get some of it." "I am beginning to do more and more on my own."</p>	<p>"I get it." "I can do it on my own."</p>	<p>"I get it and go beyond what is expected of me." "I can teach it to a friend."</p>

Thank you to the 60 plus parents who came out to the parent information meeting held last month to discuss the changes to BC's education including our new curriculum, assessment and reporting practices. Parent teacher conferencing is being scheduled for next week. I encourage parents with questions to please feel free to contact their child's teacher or to contact me directly at colgate_e@surreyschools.ca.

Sincerely,

Elaine Colgate

Winter Concert

A reader's theatre performance of the Christmas Orange, which will include seasonal songs. It will be presented in the gym, "in the round", with Grade 7 student actors in the middle, surrounded by the chorus/audience students in the following divisions. If you are interested in coming to the concert, we encourage you to choose one of the following performances as we are concerned about space.

Wednesday, December 20th 1:00

Divisions 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 25, 29, and 30.

Thursday, December 21st 1:00

Divisions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, (20?), 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, and 28.

Early Dismissal - Thursday December 14th 1:25

Students will be dismissed at 1:25 for Parent Conferencing. Teachers will be providing a variety of conferencing options, assessments, student-led conferences or sending home reports. If you have specific concerns about your child's learning, contact the school to set up an appointment. (604) 592-2913

Upcoming Dates

- Fri., Dec. 8th Pizza Day Lunch
- Tues., Dec. 12th - 1st Reports go home
- Thurs., Dec. 14th - 1:25 Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Thurs., Dec. 14th - 7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting
- Fri., Dec. 22nd - PJ/Santa Hat Day (Last day of school before Christmas Break)
- Mon., Jan. 8th - School re-opens
- Fri., Feb. 2nd - 9 a.m. Ready, Set, Learn
- Mon., Feb. 12th - Family Day (School Closed)

Lost & Found Items

Our lost & found boxes are overflowing with jackets, hoodies & other items of clothing. If you are asking your children "where are your clothes"?! You are welcome to come and check our lost and found boxes before we pack them up and take away.



Kindergarten Registration

Children who will turn five on or before December 31, 2018 are eligible to begin school in September, 2018. **Registration begins Monday, January 15th.** To register your child for Kindergarten, you will need to bring in the following documentation:

- **Your child's birth certificate or passport**
- **Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the child**
- **Proof of address (purchase or rental agreement, hydro bill, phone bill, cable bill)**
- **Your child's record of immunization and B.C. Care Card.**
- **One of the following as Proof of guardianship:**
 - ⇒ **Child Tax Benefit statement**
 - ⇒ **Universal Child Care Benefit Statement**
 - ⇒ **GST Rebate statements**
 - ⇒ **Extended Health Benefit cards**
 - ⇒ **Dental Benefit cards**

If you know a family in our area who has a child turning 5 in 2018, please inform them about this registration.

Boys Volleyball

Mr. Langereis was proud of how far the boys volleyball progressed this year. They exhibited good sportsmanship, and very good team work all year long. Their skills also improved a lot over this volleyball season. **Thanks for the hard work boys! You all should be proud of your accomplishments!**

Chetan Sangha

Prince Dosanjh

Amar Saini

Aryan Gill

Vincent Evero

Fahad Bajwa

Jaiden Dhaliwal

Jacob Dela Cruz

Jovin Heir

Briendel Singh

Rohin Thind

Christian Prost

Gurshan Sran



Girls Volleyball

Mr. Mohammed and Ms. Van Berkel are extremely proud of the growth displayed by the girls volleyball team this year. Our 22 girls were very dedicated and worked hard to build their skills. They created a positive energy by encouraging one another and by helping one another to succeed. They played lots of close games against other schools and pulled off several exciting victories.

Division 1

Marcine Catu

Riya Gill

Syna Goswami

Arsa Grewal

Mirembe Kataate

Avani Mahil

Sara Nagpal

Daveeta Padam

Muskan Sadioura

Tamanna Sandhu

Congratulations on a fantastic season girls!

Division 2

Ravneet Bhangu

Rheanne Eldridge

Priya Gill

Brooklyn Laitinen

Sabrina Padam

Milan Parmar

Division 3

Sophie Bimbhra

Seerat Brar

Risha Khan

Kayla Lee

Eesha Pal

Lylah Redwood

