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Principal Letter

Dear Hazel Dell Families:

March is Lucky Attendance month at Hazel Dell! Each Monday, we are having attendance spirit days. On Monday, our students wore superhero T-shirts to show their attendance pride. Next Monday, students will have a Twin Day. Each Monday is a new spirit day. At the end of the month, we will celebrate with an extra recess for students who achieved their goals. Students are also receiving random prize patrol visits for their attendance goals. We are looking to make up lost learning time with the flu season and the measles outbreak earlier this winter.

On March 12th from 5:30-7:00, we are having Reading Night at Hazel Dell. All students and families are invited to attend. We will be giving parents the most recent i-Ready scores and then families can visit classrooms to get take-home materials, at no cost. The Fort Vancouver Regional Library will be here with some free books and ideas for spring and summer reading. We hope you will attend this fun event. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character for the event, if they choose.

We just ended the 2nd Trimester and report cards go home on March 15th. We have twelve weeks left in this year and many more things to learn. If you have questions about your child's report card, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher. Parent conferences are scheduled for April 18th and 19th. If your child is struggling in any area, that is a great time to connect with the teacher.

Thanks for all the support. We have had a great year so far and are looking forward to Trimester 3!

Mrs. Irwin



- 8 Popcorn Friday! 
- 11 Early Release 2:10pm
- 12 **Reading Night**
5:30-7:00
All students and parents are invited!
- 15 Report Cards go home
- 18 Early Release 2:10pm
- 18 Girls Basketball
Skilleree @ LakeShore
- 19 Boys Basketball
Skilleree @ LakeShore
- 20 Spring Pictures
- 22 5th Grade Success
(Suitcase) Project
1:30—2:30pm
- 25 Early Release 2:10pm
- 28 Enrichment Fair!



- 1-5 Spring Break
- 8 Early Release 2:10pm

Happy Spring Break

April 1-5



Weather Related Closure Information

School closure and/or delay decision are made as early in the morning as possible. A top priority in making the decision to close or delay schools is the safety of students and employees. If schools are closed or dismissed early, after-school and evening activities also will be canceled. Community use of schools will be canceled only if schools are closed.



If no information regarding school closures is reported, then schools are open and on regular schedules.



There are several ways to get school closure information:

- Go to the VPS homepage at www.vansd.org
- Go to FlashAlert at <http://flashalert.net>
- Subscribe to receive free email and text announcements about school closures: go to www.flashnews.net to sign up.
- Download the free Vancouver Public Schools mobile app to your smartphone or tablet, <http://www.vansd.org/mobileapp>.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see our school closure posts: www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools.
- Call the District's Snow/Closure Info line at 360 313-1401. General Information at 360 313-1000, or the automated information line at 360 313-1234.
- Check radio, television and newspaper websites.
- Only if schools are closed early during the school day, the district will send automated phone calls to families.



Health Room

Our cupboards are bare! With 400+ students, we have a lot of pants that go home and not returned. Please wash the clothing and have your child bring them back to the Health Room. Thank you.



Attendance Counts!

Please make a note of Hazel Dell's email address. The email address is hazeldell.attendance@vansd.org. Please remember that when a student is absent parents have three (3) school days to excuse the absence.

Excusing an absence can be done via either email or by calling the attendance line at 360 313-1416.

If your child arrives after the bell rings, please walk him or her into the main office and sign them in so that we know they have arrived. This year, an arrival up to 30 minutes after the bell rings will be marked as a tardy. An arrival more than 30 minutes after the bell rings will be counted as an absence.

Teacher Qualification Notice

In an effort to keep parents informed of the qualifications of teacher, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) allows parents to inquire at school whether their child(ren)'s teacher(s) have met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject taught. Parents may inquire whether a teacher is under emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and they may request information about undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration. Parents can also ask about paraprofessionals working with your child in reading, writing, and/or mathematics. We can tell you whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional and whether he/she meets state qualifications and/or licensing requirements.

Vancouver Public Schools annually conducts an audit of teacher assignments to assure that no teachers are assigned to areas for which they do not meet Washington State certification and/or endorsement requirements. Only on rare occasion does the District seek a waiver to certification. When this does occur, it is typically for a teacher who is within a few credits of completing the endorsement and is actively working on such completion.

Cell Free Zone

Please ensure that cell phones are turned off while in the cafeteria to help our students who are eating breakfast or lunch learn good cell phone etiquette.

Remember that cell phones are to remain turned off in the classrooms to maintain focus in their learning environment.





Pollution prevention help needed!

We depend on clean streams, rivers and lakes for swimming, fishing and wildlife habitat. Today, the biggest threat to the health of our waterways comes from pollutants left outside that get picked up by stormwater. Many of these pollutants come from everyday activities such as lawn care, having pets, driving and home improvements.

Here are three easy things you can do at home to prevent pollution from reaching our streams, rivers and lakes.

Scoop it, bag it, trash it. Stormwater carries pet waste left on the ground to storm drains, which discharge to waterways, untreated. Fecal coliform is one of the top water pollutants in local streams, and pet waste left outside is a main contributor. Pet waste also harbors harmful organisms that can persist for months, such as E.coli, hookworms and giardia. Take the Canines for Clean Water pledge at www.cleanwaterdogs.com, and Clark County will send your pooch a free bandanna.

Don't drip and drive. Fix that leak! Vehicle fluids are toxic to humans and fish, and even small drips matter. A study of Puget Sound found that more than 66 percent of oil pollution came from small vehicle leaks and drips. Every time it rains, those drips are carried to storm drains before emptying into our streams, rivers and lakes. Fixing leaks will keep your car running well and reduce water pollution. Get a free leak inspection and up to \$50 off leak repairs at www.fixcarleaks.org

Practice earth-friendly yard care. Using fewer fertilizers and pesticides is good for your family, your pets and our waterways. When over-applied or spilled on hard surfaces, fertilizers and pesticides are carried by stormwater to our streams, rivers and lakes. Nutrients in fertilizers cause potentially toxic algae blooms that also deplete dissolved oxygen needed by fish. Always read the label and use only as directed. Sweep up spills rather than washing them away. Find more earth-friendly yard care tips at www.stormwaterpartners.com

Changes in Go Home Plans

Just a reminder that we cannot take go home changes over the phone.

All changes must be in writing! You can 1) send a note with your student; 2) come into the office and write a note, or 3) email us at hazedell.attendance@vansd.org

Any changes need to be made before 1:00 pm.
Thank you for helping us keep your students safe!



Basketball Skilleree

Come support our 4th and 5th Grade Hazel Dell Basketball players at the Skilleree in March!



Where: Lake Shore Elementary

When: March 18th and 19th
3:45 pm—6:00 pm

Girls Skilleree: March 18th

Boys Skilleree: March 19th

In-District Boundary Exception Information

Applications for the 2019-20 School Year will be accepted January 8-March 6

The process to renew an in-district boundary exception has changed. You do not have to submit an in-district Choice Transfer to renew an approved in-district boundary transfer. However, there are two exceptions. A new form is required for language learning and highly capable programs.

For an initial request, fill out the In-District Choice Transfer form available online or at any school office. The school staff will record the date and time on the application when it is received. The principal at the requested school will accept the transfer or deny it and mark the reason for denial.