

HATZIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT TO FAMILIES

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Welcome to our 7th Annual Report to Families. The purpose of this report is to provide our community with an overview of our strengths, areas for improvement and goal areas: Fine Arts, Literacy, Social Responsibility and Numeracy.

Our motto is 'Effort Makes The Difference'. Hatzic students are guided through a rewarding, disciplined and creative learning experience which helps them reach their full potential. Our academic program is complimented by strong Fine Arts and Athletic programs.

Fine Arts:

We have a strong fine arts background to build on. Annually the community enjoys excellent presentations on Remembrance Day, at Christmas and during our Spring Concert.

An ambitious Fine Arts program is in place at both the Primary and Intermediate levels



Panorama Photo - May, 2006

THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Hatzic Elementary opened in 1911 as a two room school and has since undergone several expansions. We are one of the "oldest" schools in Mission, are rich in 'tradition' and provide services for students from Kindergarten to Grade Seven.

This year all our shelving in the Library as part of a three year plan which also calls for upgrading to the core of the school, a parking lot expansion, addition of a special needs washroom and relocation of the Primary playground.

Weekly assemblies include a presentation by each class. The school's choirs are busy. Regular special guest assemblies bring additional Fine Arts exposure to Hatzic Students. Primary students learn recorders in the class and the use of other musical instruments such as guitars, ukuleles, xylophones and recorders from our specialist. Our intermediate students cycle through various visual and graphic arts, clay work, choir and guitar.

For several years our students have also had plays written and produced through Vancouver Youth Theatre 'Kids Writes'.



Preparing for the annual Christmas Concert

Our students are well prepared and demonstrate success at Hatzic Secondary

PROGRAMS

Educational Performance:

Annual Provincial Foundations Skills Tests as well as District and School based testing continue to show that our students meet or exceed Provincial averages in the areas tested - Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Detailed results are available in the visitor area of our school office in the Ministry's report on Hatzic Elementary and on our website.

Students that have moved on from Hatzic Elementary to Hatzic Secondary are, academically, one of the most successful groups there.

Literacy:

Students enjoy opportunities that promote literacy in their classrooms, our computer lab and, as an additional component for Grade Sevens, occasional visits to the high school lab. There are key programs such as Kidspirations, Inspirations and Successmaker that complement word processing and internet research. Hatzic participates as one of the 158 member schools in the Network of Performance Standard Schools of British Columbia with our focus being Reading and Writing instruction and results.

School Wide integrated technology supports literacy and numeracy

Using computers to support writing continues to be an advantage enjoyed by this school. High speed networking in every classroom and a lab of 30 computers means we have 61 student computers in the school, which is one computer per 3.8 students.

Ready Set Learn/Books 4 Breakfast:

This home/school transition program involves School Staff, the public library, the public health nurse and staff from the Ministry of Children and Families.



2007 Books for Breakfast First Meeting

The programme serves neighborhood families with preschool children as young as three. We have run our Books for Breakfast program annually here at our school for seven years. It helps develop a network for parents while providing reading 'tips' for the children. It is sponsored by a number of community organizations and businesses.

Social Responsibility:

We honour the teaching and learning process with consideration and respect for all. We champion individual rights and the responsibilities that go with this. The Hatzic School Community is determined to make a good school even better. We use the Roots of Empathy, DARE, our own Manner of the Week and the Fraser House Prevention programs to strengthen these values.



Annual Welcome Back Barbeque - September 2006

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Athletics:

Hatzic Elementary maintains a high level of achievement in its sports programs. Our Cross Country Team, basketball, volleyball, soccer and Track Teams all placed well in the District this year.

Athletics are inclusive and embrace many sports - championship teams often result

Many girls in our basketball program play on a Spring League team at the high school and many of our students compete in the Provincial Elementary Track Meet in Richmond. In addition to the traditional sports activities Hatzic Elementary offers some unique activities and clubs such as a bike club, chess club and the opportunity to participate in the soapbox derby.

Our athletic program at noon includes many sports, staff/student and school/parent challenges. We have a 'house' program and offer both 'in' and 'after' school activities.

Additional annual opportunities include the Optimist Oratory Public Speaking contest, Soapbox Derby, Charity Drives, Writing, Poster and other contests. All students and staff participate in our House Team program as Bobcats, Eagles or Lynx. There are many competitions and incentives which earn team points. Our year concludes with a terrific Sports Day which usually decides the overall winner of the Intramural Trophy. All these activities are possible because of enthusiastic students, dedicated staff and involved parents.



At the Annual Track Meet

Hatzic Hoopsters & Spikers:

Annually, this unique summer program offers a day-camp experience with volleyball, basketball, track and First Nation's art for students in K through 6th grade. Grade 7 students take leadership roles.

Buddies:

This year-long program sees senior students act as tutors and mentors for preschool and primary students. They serve as readers, care-givers, coaches and positive role models.

Recognition:

We feature weekly and special assemblies, guest speakers, several guest fine arts performances, both Christmas and Spring concerts, an on-site Credit Union and various Charity Drives which, among other causes, includes support for a village in Thailand.

Over time students at this school have contributed more than \$30,000 to the Heart and Stroke foundation through the Jump Rope for Heart program.



A Primary class presents at an assembly

Hatzic Elementary has a long history of parent involvement. Some of the many organized activities this year included a Home Reading program, the Hatzic Daze Spring Carnival, a Christmas Bazaar and Pictures with Santa. Parents participate as coaches and volunteers and can regularly be found at school in the mornings reading with their youngsters. We are very proud of the strong traditions and success of our school community!