

HAWTHORNE HAPPENINGS

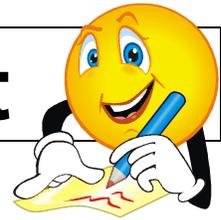
Rotary May Day Parade

Just a reminder to you and your families that the Rotary May Day Parade will be held on May 7th this year. It will pass by the Hawthorne Seniors Care Community between 11:30am and 1:00pm and is a wonderful sight to see. We will be placing chairs around the outside of the building for you and your family to use, so please go out and have a look! Enjoy the incredible music, costumes and decorated vehicles. Be sure to cheer the loudest when Hawthorne passes by. Rotary May Day Parade has been running for 93 of Port Coquitlam's 102 years and is one of the longest running community parades on the Lower Mainland.

Any help with the preparation from now until May 6th would be most welcome as well as assisting on the day! Artistic skill, though appreciated is not necessary. Please call 604-468-5024 for more information.



Food for Thought



LIFE IN THE 1500's

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's.

- Most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.
- Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the sons and men, then the women and finally the children! Last of all the babies. By then the water was dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water".
- Houses had thatched roofs of thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs".
- There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom
- where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.
- The floor was dirt; only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor".
- Only the wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on

the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance way. Hence the saying “thresh hold”.

Good Luck Superstitions

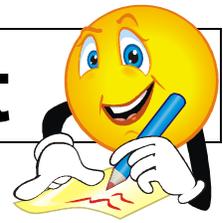
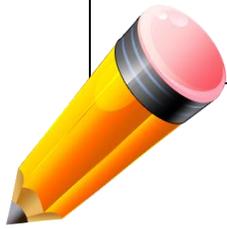
Knock on Wood – It was believed that good spirits lived in trees and that by knocking on anything made from wood, we could call upon these spirits for protection against misfortune.

Saying God Bless You When Somebody Sneezes – When the great plague swept Europe, sufferers began sneezing violently which was a sign of death. The Pope therefore passed law requiring people to bless the sneezer. At the same time, it was expected that anybody sneezing would cover their mouth with a cloth or their hand. This was to stop the spreading of the disease, but many believed that it was to keep the soul intact. Sneezing “into the air” would allow the soul to escape and death would be imminent. Up until this time, the opposite was true. Those who sneezed were congratulated, as it was believed that a violent sneeze expel evil from their bodies.

Parking lot Etiquette

Please remember to use only marked parking stalls (or short term visitor parking if you are visiting for two hours or less) when utilizing Hawthorne’s parking lot. It is unacceptable to create additional spots at the ends of rows or to park in or block fire lanes. Additionally please do not leave your vehicle at the Lodge or Tower entrances, and do not park in allocated Physician / Tenant stalls or the bus parking area. Vehicles found doing so will be towed

Food for Thought



Mothers Day Word Scramble

TMHROE _____

ITGF _____

AETSBARKF _____

EVLO _____

DEB _____

MILYFA _____

RACD _____

VIEG _____

HRONO _____

OMM _____

LHDCERIN _____



~ Submitted by Ryan Uy (from the Internet) ~



Food for Thought



Mothers Day

Mother's Day falls on different days depending on the countries where it is celebrated. It is held on the second Sunday of May in many countries, such as Australia, Canada and the United States. It is held exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday in the United Kingdom. Sundays are usually non-school and non-working days in these countries.

Mother's Day is an annual public holiday in countries such as Costa Rica (August 15, on the same day as Assumption Day), Georgia (March 3), Samoa (second Monday of May), and Thailand (August 12).

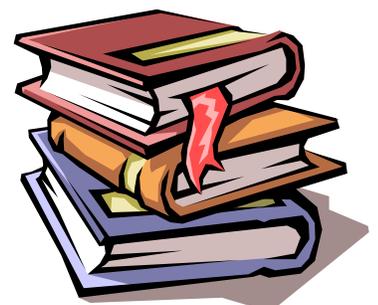
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Poetry Corner

M is for the miracle of being.
O is for its origin in love.
T is for the tenderness of seeing.
H is for a home no wind can move.
E is for the ecstasy of living.
R is for the recklessness of giving.

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Find-a-Word

Mother's Day Word Seek

- Birth
- Cards
- Caregiver
- Children
- Comfort
- Daughter
- Dinner
- Family
- Flowers
- Gift
- Honor
- Kid
- Love
- May
- Memories
- Mom
- Mothers
- Nurture
- Parent
- Son

