



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Term #1 Report Cards

With the later school start-up date this year, we have extended the first term so that report cards will be issued to students on December 4th. The BC Ministry of Education requires three written reports for students over the course of the school year. These reports contain a description of the goal and objectives of instruction and describe the strengths and weaknesses of each student, so that strengths can be built upon and problem areas addressed. Please take the time to read the report together with your child and don't just focus on the letter grades! The overall goal of the reports is to represent an evaluation of your child's learning right now...remember to celebrate your child's achievements and to consider carefully how you can support the areas where growth is needed.

Thanks to all of you who came out for parent-teacher conferences in October. If you have concerns or questions regarding your child's performance, please contact the school to arrange an appointment with the teacher.

Roots of Empathy

Our school has been chosen to participate in a program called Roots of Empathy (ROE). This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks baby Maya and her mother Bonnie will visit Mrs. Royce's K class. The children gather around the ROE green blanket and Mrs. Briscoe, a trained ROE instructor, coaches the children in observing the baby and reading her cues. Mrs. Briscoe also visits the classroom before and after each family visit to prepare and reinforce teachings. Check out the ROE bulletin board outside Mrs. Royce's class to track baby Maya's progress and the children's artwork over the school year.

For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of children are learning to respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy baby. Thank you baby Maya for being our teacher! If you would like more information about the program visit www.rootsofempathy.org

Purdy's Fundraiser (On-line)

You are invited to help support Haldane Elementary School's Fundraising Group by purchasing your Christmas Chocolates through the Purdy's Christmas Fundraising Program. Avoid line ups at the mall, purchase your Christmas gifts at retail prices and Haldane Elementary's Fundraising Group makes 25% profit on all purchases. This is an on-line fundraiser only. Visit our website for the link to login to Purdy's website and create an account. Cut-off for orders is November 30th.

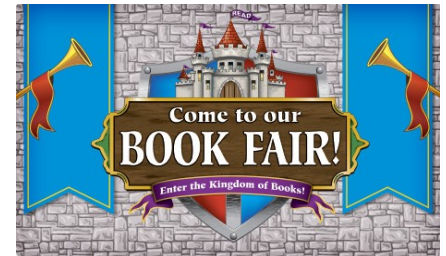


ORDERS will be handed out the last week of school before Christmas (early in the week)

Book Fair

Annual Book Fair is coming next week!

November 18 8-3:30
November 19 8-7:00
November 20 8-3:30



Colouring contest is due Tuesday November 18th and the winner will be announced Thursday morning. Prizes include a gift certificate to be used towards books at the Fair!

Don't forget to fill out and bring in your ballot on the back of the book fair flyer that was previously sent home for your chance to win \$25 towards books for your home and \$25 towards books for your child's classroom. Looking forward to seeing you and your family at the Fair!

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our annual Remembrance Day Assembly took place November 7th. Thank you, Kukstsetsemc, to Ivy Chelsea, Lynn Duck Chief and the following Secwepmctsin students: Max Young, Sylvia Lewis, Brianna Billy and Liam Njootli for their drumming and singing.

Also, a huge thank you to Mr. Petchnick for coming out to our school to play the bag pipes.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have a number of students that are often absent or have trouble making it to school on time. In order for learning, growth and confidence to take place, students need to be here. Data shows that students who are here every day perform much better academically than those who are not. You can help by making sure your child gets to bed at a decent time each night, wakes up early, gets a good breakfast and arrives at school on time. If breakfast is an issue, please know that we have a breakfast program at the school between 8 and 8:15 am, which students can drop in for. Thank-you for making education a priority for your child(ren).

Warm Clothing

I have noticed a number of children coming to school with only a thin jacket or hoodie, even as the weather gets colder each day. Please make sure your child is well dressed for the elements. Students go outside for recess and lunch each day, and they need to be able to enjoy the fresh air without getting chilled.



Green Kids Club

Green Kid's are looking for a flatdeck to enter in this year's Christmas Parade on December 5th. If you have truck and flatdeck trailer (with sides or rails) and are willing to drive in the parade please contact Mrs. Mueller at the school. The trailer would be required for a few days in advance to decorate.

We are also looking for six pack rings (the plastic rings that hold 6 cans of pop together) and thick shiny wrapping ribbon to make decorations.

Congratulations to Mrs. Beatty's class that won the Fall pop can pull-tab challenge. The challenge starts again for the Spring for a chance at winning Green glazed donuts for the class with the most pull-tabs so keep on collecting!!

The Green Kid's are also still on the lookout for used batteries, used postage stamps, old eye glasses, Campbell soup labels, and used ink-jet cartridges as these are items that we can "Recycle, Reuse, Rethink and Reduce"!! The items can be dropped off in the appropriate boxes outside of the office.

District Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: NOVEMBER 3, 2014

1. Principal Ken Rife introduced a student presentation on various student leadership activities undertaken at Barriere Secondary.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Stacey Gartner, Chair, and Sandra LeFeuvre, Vice-Chair, from the Barriere Secondary Parent Advisory Council.
3. The Board received an updated 2014/2105 Enrollment Report.
4. The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from Sa-Hali Secondary for students in the Digital Game Design Tech Academy to travel to Redmond, Washington, to visit the Digi Pen headquarters.
5. The Board approved the Interim Long Term Strategic Plan.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 17, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Calendar 2014/15

Nov 18-20	Book Fair
Dec. 3	Hot Dog Day
Dec. 5	Non-Instructional Day
Dec. 18	Bannock Day
Dec. 19	Last day before Winter Break
Dec. 22-Jan. 4	Winter Break
Jan. 5	School reopens
Feb. 9	Family Day
Feb. 19	Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Feb. 20	Non Instructional Day
Mar. 12	Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar. 13	Last day before Spring Break
Mar. 16-27	Spring Break
Mar. 30	School reopens
Apr. 3	Good Friday
Apr. 6	Easter Monday
Apr. 20	Non Instructional Day
May 11	Non Instructional Day
May 18	Victoria Day
June 25	Last day of school