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Welcome to 2015!

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and safe two week holiday. The next weeks leading up to spring break represent a real opportunity for our students to set goals for their learning and work hard to achieve their potential as individuals. As a staff, we are committed to helping each and every student to be the best they can be and really appreciate your support in doing so. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher and to provide your child with time at home to review what they are learning and to keep up with their schoolwork.

Fruit & Vegetable Program

Every month we receive a delivery of fruit or vegetables to enjoy healthy fruit and vegetable snacks provided by the BC Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program. Please be advised that all students automatically receive these healthy snacks. For more information on the Fruit & Vegetable program, please visit the BCSFNVP website: <http://www.sfvnp.ca> Snacks include mandarin oranges, kiwi, small bell peppers to mention a few. The students enjoy them and most are consumed with a smile and many students are trying something for the first time.

School Safety

Periodically, we have lock-down drills at the school, during which students and staff remain in secured rooms in the school. The purpose of this drill is to practice situations where staff and students need to be protected from any type of threat inside the building, such as an intruder, when it may be more dangerous to leave the building by directed evacuation than to stay in a secured room. Like fire drills, we practice this drill a few times a year so that everyone knows what to do in the event of an actual emergency.

Please note that the front doors will remain unlocked from 8am – 3pm. Please use these doors when coming to drop something off or pick up your child. The other outside doors will remain locked.

Kindergarten

For parents wishing to register children in regular Kindergarten classes at their neighbourhood school, registration will take place

March 2 to 6, 2015

9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2015, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2015. ***Please bring your child's original birth certificate, Care Card and proof of residency with you when registering for Kindergarten.***

To expedite the registration process for your child for the 2015/16 school year, you may download and print the Enrollment Form (found on the district website www.sd73.bc.ca) and bring the completed form, required documents (original birth certificate, Care Card and proof of residency) to the enrolling school. If you are unable to print the form, forms are available at all schools and can be filled out at the school during the registration dates of March 2 to 6, 2015.

Basketball Season Kicks Off

Both boys and girls Hawks teams began their seasons this week. There was a tremendous turn out for tryouts and the enthusiasm for playing basketball at Haldane is fantastic! The girls Tier 1 team is coached by Mrs. Thomson, girls Tier 2 team by Mrs. Mueller and the boys Tier 1 team is coached by Ms. Antoine and Tier 3 team by Mrs. Gartrell. **Go Hawks Go!!**



Check out the district sport website at:
<http://sd73elementaryathletics.weebly.com/>

Grade 6/7 Ski & Snowboard Program

The Grade 6/7 students are looking forward to participating in the Ski & Snowboard program at Harper Mountain on February 5th, 11th, and 27th.



Green Kids Club

Green Kids are starting to work on posters for Funky Sweater Day, which is on February 6th.

We forgot to say a "Thank you" to Mr. Shannon Baglee for building the railings on the Christmas float. My apologies! Green Kids have Adrianna Mailloux coming from TNRD to our school to show all classes what can be recycled and what can't be recycled! Ms. Mailloux will be here January 28th, all day, and also January 29th for the morning. We really appreciate her taking time to come out to our school to re-show us all what can be recycled, and what can't! We all need a brush-up as recycling changes so much every year!!

UP-COMING Events for Green Kids:

February 6th: Funky Sweater Day...Turn off the heat, and throw on a sweater! Prizes for best sweaters!!

March: Earth Hour... (Date to be announced)

April: Earth Day/Week...bottle drive, garage/rummage sale, Shoreline and community clean-up, pop can pull-tab challenge..

May: Bird Identification Tally or BIT, (May Long weekend)

June: Clean Air Day

Thank you so much for all your support in all the Green Kids activities and endeavours!

Remember....The Earth is OUR home, and we keep OUR home clean and green!!!

****Keep sending in those pull-tabs, old eyeglasses, Campbell soup labels, batteries, used Ink jets and stamps!****

PAC News

PAC would like to send a huge thank you to "Megan Milligan Photography" for donating her time to take photos of our beautiful Haldane families after the Christmas concert. The portraits turned out wonderful, and we would love to work with you again!



BOARD NOTES

From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 12, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the "Unplug and Play" Family Literacy Week from Fiona Clare, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, and Patricia Persad, SD73 Literacy Coordinator. Family Literacy Week occurs from January 24-31, 2015, and provides a host of activities for family involvement.
2. The Board received a presentation on the School Completion Project from Allisson Badger, SD73 School Completion Coordinator.
3. The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from NorKam Secondary for French students to participate in a reciprocal Quebec Exchange.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 26, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC

Dates to Remember

Jan. 22	Bannock Day
Jan. 27	Math Expo
Feb. 6	Funky Sweater
Feb. 9	Family Day
Feb. 12	Bannock 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. 16	Family Pot Luck
Apr. 20	Non Instructional Day
May 11	Non Instructional Day
May 18	Victoria Day
June 25	Last day of school

