



# HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Kindergarten Registration

There are still several spaces available for students who will be attending Kindergarten this fall. The sooner you enrol your child, the better, as staffing decisions are being made soon in preparation for the coming school year. To register your child, please bring his/her birth certificate and care card to the main office at Haldane.



## Spring Has Arrived!

Finally Spring has sprung! With the changing of the season comes a change in wardrobe. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school. This includes proper footwear. All students need to have proper running shoes at school for Daily Physical Activity and regular PE classes.

## Wood ticks



Interior Health News Release advises: The early arrival of spring weather this year means many of us are spending more time enjoying the great outdoors. And we aren't

the only ones basking in the unseasonable warmth. The change in weather also brings out ticks – small bugs that feed on the blood of humans and animals and can sometimes transmit disease.

“Ticks are most often found in tall grass and wooded areas, so covering up before you head outdoors and checking for ticks on yourself, your children, and your pets after being outdoors are simple things that go a long way to prevent tick bites,” said Gwen Barker, Communicable Disease Specialist with Interior Health.

For more information you can go to:

<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile01.stm>

## Welcome to our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Family Pot Luck

<b>When???</b>	April 16, 2015
<b>Where???</b>	Haldane Elementary School gym
<b>What Time???</b>	4:30-7pm
<b>Who???</b>	Everyone Welcome
<b>RSVP By:</b>	April 10, 2015

**Please bring something to share with everyone!!**

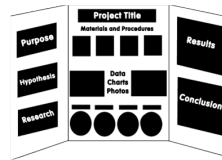
Door Prizes, Games and Entertainment

For more info please call: Haldane Elementary School at 250-679-3269 and talk to Diana, Jeri or Nancy, our First Nations Education Workers.

## FSA Results

You will recall that our Grade 4 and 7 students participated in provincial Foundation Skills Assessments during the month of January. The results have been sent home with students today. If after receiving them, you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## Science Fair



Thanks to everyone who participated in our intermediate Science Fair prior to Spring Break. Students worked very hard on their projects and it showed in their final product. Congratulations to those students selected to move on to

the Regional Science Fair on April 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. Josie Smith, Dez Loring, Jaleece Nepoose, Kennedy Erbin and Daniel Scott.

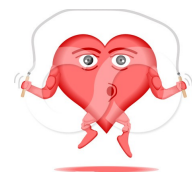
## DAY OF SUCWENTWECW / DAY OF RECOGNITION

On April 7, Haldane and CSS will be holding an assembly to honour and recognize the land and seasons (CONNECTIONS TO THE LAND) of the Secwepemc and Nlaka'Pamux peoples as well as other First Nations and Aboriginal groups at CSS starting at 9:00 am. In the Kamloops Thompson School District this is part of what is now known as the “Day of Sucwentwecw.” Sucwentwecw means to acknowledge one another.

## Recognition Assembly

Our recognition assembly will be held Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am.

## Jump Rope for Heart 2015



Jump, jump, jump! Skip, skip, skip! Yes, Haldane, it's almost that time of year again! Our school is taking part in

the Jump Rope for Heart event on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. This fun event gets our kids physically active and raises vital funds to reduce the devastating effects of heart disease and stroke. The students will be participating in fun skipping and jumping challenges. Leading up to event day, kids are encouraged to raise funds and in return earn thank you prizes for their individual fundraising efforts. On April 13 the Kamloops Jump Rope Team will be coming to Haldane to kick off our event, demonstrating their impressive skipping skills. More information will be sent home later this month.

## You are invited to attend:



## HALDANE'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Earth Day 2015 at Haldane will be held on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone is welcome to take part.

Popcan pull tab contest is on again – win green glazed donuts for your class! Winning class will be announced on Earth Day at the assembly!

Waste Free Lunches run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>. Put your name in the classroom buckets for a draw.

Green Kids will be hosting a flea market and a bottle drop from 9 am to 2 pm on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donations for the flea market can be dropped at the school by April 17<sup>th</sup>. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be going toward building a new well for a needy 3<sup>rd</sup> world community. Please drop off your bottles in the school parking lot.

Haldane is once again #1 Green School in all of Canada! We reached Earth Status 10 in early March. It was quite an accomplishment for our school and we are very proud of the students and staff who helped to make this happen!!

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.

## **Outdoor Sports Blitz**

Outdoor Sports Blitz is an 8 week after school program starting Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Program will include a day of hiking, tennis, softball, street hockey, golf, soccer and end with a Survivor Challenge. Program is available to students in Grades 4 to 7. If interested, please pick up a permission form from the office.

## Dates to Remember

Apr. 3	Good Friday
Apr. 6	Easter Monday
Apr. 7	Day of Suwentwecw
Apr. 10	Recognition Assembly 10:45
Apr. 16	Family Pot Luck 4:30-7 pm
Apr. 20	Non Instructional Day
Apr. 22	Earth Day
May 11	Non Instructional Day
May 18	Victoria Day
June 25	Last day of school



## Head Lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice have been reported over the last couple of months. When reported we typically do not send students home unless it becomes a chronic issue. We do send a letter home notifying parents that lice has been reported in your child's class. So what can parents do when they realize their child has lice, or they get a letter home warning there has been lice found on one of their classmates? Proper checks, removal and cleaning of things like bedding and hats are some of the most important steps, along with notifying the school.

Quick facts on head lice:

- Sleepovers, sharing brushes and group selfies can be great agents of exchange.
- Lice checks used to be conducted in schools but that has stopped mostly because they stigmatized students.
- Winter months tend to be the worst for lice in schools.
- Lice have claws that allow them to cling to and climb hair.
- Louse is what a single live lice is called.
- Nit is the egg and tends to look like dandruff.
- Nits are layed close to the scalp and stick to the hair.
- Eggs hatch 1-2 weeks after being layed.
- Lice can only live off the head for a couple days.
- Lice feed on extremely small amounts of blood drawn from the scalp (which can cause the itching.)
- An adult louse is the size of a sesame seed.
- Lice can be hard to spot because of the size, colour and speed they move.
- If one person in the house has lice, it is likely someone else will have lice too.
- Pets do not get lice.
- Having dirty hair does not cause lice.
- Several non-prescription treatments are available over the counter for treating lice.
- The following items are not recommended for treating lice; insect sprays, motor oil, gasoline, alcohol, flea soap, dyes, bleaches, heat applied to the scalp, garlic, essential oils, and shaving the head.

If you require assistance in purchasing the recommended shampoo please contact the office.

## **Barbara Coloroso**

**"THE BULLY, THE BULLIED AND THE 'not so innocent' BYSTANDER"**

*Breaking the Cycle of Violence and Creating Safe and More Deeply Caring Communities*

**WHEN:** April 21, 2015 at 7:00pm  
**WHERE:** Calvary Community Church, 1205 Rogers Way, Kamloops  
**TICKETS:** \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance, \$20/family (parents & children) available from Val Collins at 250 372 9708 or email [CanGoGrannies@outlook.com](mailto:CanGoGrannies@outlook.com)  
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