



# HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## May 2015

### May is "Gratitude" Month in Chase

May is Gratitude Month in Chase, so please remember to wear your green shirts every Friday in May. If you don't have a green shirt, just wear something bright.

The staff of Haldane are grateful for the opportunity to work with your children on a daily basis. Thank you for your ongoing support for all we do in our school and this wonderful community.

### First Nations Family Potluck

Haldane had a very successful First Nations Family Potluck on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>. We had over 175 guests representing families along with community members and School District personnel. Thank you to Peter Michel, Shane Camille, Jarvis Saul, Tony Dennis, Derek Sheena, Louie Anthony and Malakai Lampreau for leading the opening song and prayer. Kukwstsémc to Lii Michif Otipemisiwak for sharing their culture and traditions through dance and music. Haldane would like to recognize Nancy Mueller, Diana Baglee, and Jeri Antoine for organizing this wonderful event. We are looking forward to having our Fifth Annual First Nations Family Potluck in the spring of 2016.

## Kindergarten

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

### 2015-2016 School Year

Every spring staff begins to plan for the next school year. If you have an educationally sound request for a specific placement for your child, please fill out a form at the office prior to May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. All requests will be considered but may not be fulfilled.

### Spring Primary Concert

Our primary students will be putting on a concert on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

### Drumming Session



On April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, every Haldane student had the opportunity to work with Robin Genthron. Robin is a traditional First Nations drummer who sang and inspired the students to recognize and acknowledge Mother Earth. Thank you Robin for a very successful two days!

### Lahal Tournament

On Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Ms Antoine and Ms Chelsea took students from Gr 4, 5 and 6 to the Lahal tournament at Skeetchestn Indian Band School. The students did an amazing job representing Haldane – we were all proud of them.

### Spaghetti Dinner

Mrs. Waterston and Mrs. Strom's classes would like to thank everyone who supported our spaghetti dinner through purchasing tickets, volunteering their time and donating food. This was a successful evening and our students look forward to their trip to Sunnybrae Camp.

### Plant fundraiser

If you ordered flowers, they will be available for pick up on Friday May 8 between 8:00-9:15 or 2:45-4:00 in Mrs. Strom's classroom. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

If you missed out on ordering flowers, there will be a few baskets and planters available for sale Friday morning and after school.

### Recognition

In recognition of achieving our Earth Status 10, Mills Office Productivity generously awarded our school with a \$200 gift certificate towards supplies for the school along with some eco-friendly products. Thank you Mills!

### PAC News

PAC will be running a concession stand on Haldane Track and Field day. All students are welcome to bring money to purchase items that day. Intermediate students will receive 1 free hot dog and extras may be purchased for \$2 each.

The next PAC meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

## Parking Lot

There has been a noticeable decline of traffic in the parking lot! Please continue to park on the street and avoid entering the parking lot. Thank you!

## Track and Field

Students from grade 4 to 7 have started training for track and field in their P.E. classes. Our school track and field meet (for students from Gr. 4-7) will take place on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Results from this meet and from PE classes will determine which students will have the opportunity to go on to represent Haldane at the Zone on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and potentially the District on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Track and Field meets are held in Kamloops at Hillside Stadium at TRU. The 1500 metre Zones will take place at Dallas Elementary on May 19<sup>th</sup>, with the Districts at Hillside on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.



***Please note that only students who are participating in the events are able to go – thank you for your cooperation.***

## Green Kids

HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs. Mueller for organizing Haldane's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All the students were busy going in all directions; tree planting, yellow fish drain painting, shoreline cleanup, Shuswap Ave cleanup, smoothie making, book covering, soap making and many other classroom activities.

A huge thank you to Barb Pacquette and Barb Mahar for hosting the book covering station, Ali Maki for running the green smoothie making, Forrest Garden Soap for the soap making and Niki Rudichuk for her help with the bean planting. Thank you also to the Lions Club, acting Mayor Steve Scott, photographer Rick Koch. A special thank you to Linda Finlay and her husband John from SEEDS Green School for travelling here to present us with a beautiful award. Haldane Elementary is the first school to reach Earth Status 10! Thank you to all our past and present green kids

and to all the volunteers who made this happen. Without our volunteers, we wouldn't have been able to pull this off as well as we did!!

May long weekend is when students will be doing their B.I.T (Bird Identification Tally) for SEEDS ... This really helps the school when going for the next Earth Status!

Plus, keep sending in those batteries, used stamps, old eye glasses, Campbells soup labels and ink jets.

## Giving Back

We had a successful year with giving back locally, as well as globally. Students throughout the school worked together to support Free the Children. Throughout the year, students raised money through a bottle drive, bake sale, dance, rafiki sales and a concession. A donation for \$660 has been sent to Free the Children to support a village in Ecuador in projects including clean water and education. Additionally, over 300 items of food were collected for the Chase Hamper Society. That's more than 1 item of food per student in the school. Way to go Haldane!



## Board Notes

From the board meeting of: April 27, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from the Four Directions' Drumming Group. The students were accompanied by Program Coordinator, Jordan Smith.
2. Special Olympics BC Vice President of Sport, Lois McNary, recognized the District for all its work hosting the athletes during the BC Special Olympics Games held in February.
3. The Board approved the recommended name change of NorKam Secondary School to NorKam Senior Secondary School.
4. The Board received the Annual Energy Consumption Report from Director McDonald.
5. The Board received Notice of Motion for Policy 1024.7 Emergency procedure: Cancellation of Classes due Extreme Weather.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the School Board Office.

## Dates to Remember

May 7	Bannock Day
May 11	Non Instructional Day
May 13	Class Photos
May 14	Track and Field Meet
May 18	Victoria Day
May 20	PAC Meeting 8:30 am
May 28	Spring Primary Concert 1:00 pm
June 4	Bannock Day
June 25	Last day of school

