



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Over the next few months we will continue to challenge our students to develop their academic skills and understanding of many new concepts that will build on prior knowledge. For each student to reach their potential, it is essential that they develop good work habits, organizational skills, and that they come to school each day with a positive attitude. Students should be at their desks and ready to start the day before 8:33 am each day. Thank you to each and every family for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school prepared to learn and to do their best. Please remember that we want to work with you, so if there are questions or concerns you have about your child and how they are progressing at school, whether it is academically or socially, please do not hesitate to call and make an appointment with the teacher.

Progress Reports

Term 2 report cards will be going home on Thursday, March 17th. There will be a Recognition Assembly Friday, March 18th at 9:30am.

STARS:

Safety Teamwork Acceptance
Respect/Responsibility Success

Our whole school is working hard to earn a bouncy castle for recognition of positive behaviour. A huge thank you to the PAC for supporting this event.

Student Drop-Off

Once again parents are reminded to use the designated drop-off area when dropping off students. Cottonwood Avenue is the designated area for drop-off. Please do not use the parking lot or the bus loop as these become a safety hazard as students are walking to their entrance.

Student Sign-In / Sign-Out

Please remember that if your student is late or leaves the school for any reason they must sign in/out at the office.

Basketball

Thank you to Mrs. Gartrell and Ms. Antoine for coaching the girls and boys basketball teams. Games have started and they are doing well.

Spring Break

Reminder that Spring Break is from March 21st to April 1st, students will be back to school on Tuesday, April 5th. Hope everyone has a great break!

Upcoming Parent Presentation – Social Media Education & Awareness

School District 73, School District 73 DPAC and the Kamloops RCMP offer a parent presentation with Jesse Miller, Mediated Reality

- Thursday, March 10th – 7:00pm
- Henry Grube Education Centre – 245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops (room 1A and 1B)

SEL Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the SEL Movie Night! It was a great success!

Kindergarten

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

February 22 to 26, 2016

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

To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2016, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2016. ***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 2016/17 school year, you may download and print the Enrolment 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 February 22 to 26, 2016.

Programs of Choice Information Night

If you are interested in enrolling your child in a **Program of Choice** for September 2016, you are invited to attend **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

for
FRENCH IMMERSION and SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Beattie School of the Arts
Bert Edwards Science & Technology
Montessori @ Aberdeen Elementary

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

7:00 pm, Room 1A/1B, Henry Grube Education Centre

Come and hear about:

- Learning in a French language environment at Lloyd George and South Sa-Hali
- Learning in an arts-integrated environment at Beattie School of the Arts
- Learning through inquiry at Bert Edwards Science and Technology School
- Learning through the Montessori philosophy at Aberdeen Elementary

French Immersion schools accept new students entering kindergarten and grade 1 only.

Beattie School of the Arts accepts students entering kindergarten to grade 12.

Bert Edwards Science and Technology School accepts students entering kindergarten to grade 6.

Montessori accepts students entering kindergarten to grade 6.

Registration in French Immersion and Schools of Choice is dependent upon available space.

The Henry Grube Education Centre is located at 245 Kitchener Crescent.

Registration for these sessions is not required.

Ready Set Learn

Ready Set Learn is a free parent/caregiver participation early learning afternoon that welcomes preschoolers (age 3) and their families to our School and helps them get ready for success in school.

Preschoolers and parents/caregivers will have opportunities to try play-based early learning activities as well as crafts, songs and story time. Ready Set Learn is designed to provide families with guidance and good information about how to support their children's early learning and help them build a positive attitude towards school.

Each child who attends receives a free gift bag that includes a storybook and early-learning materials such as books, scissors, glue and construction paper to continue to build skills at home.

Registration is required for Ready Set Learn on a first-come, first-served basis, as there is limited space.

Date: Friday, March 4th

Time: 12:30 – 2:30

Where: Haldane Elementary, Classroom #3

All children must be accompanied by an adult who is ready to play and learn with their child.

Snack and Refreshments will be provided!

Any question or to register please contact Kary @ 250-679-3269 OR kpittendreigh@sd73.bc.ca

STAYING HEALTHY

IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Keep children at home if they have ...

- a fever of 38°C (100°F) or more – and then keep them home for 24 hours after the fever is gone
- vomiting or diarrhea – and then keep them home for at least 24 hours after the last episode
- a severe sore throat – particularly if you can see white or red spots at the back of the throat or if your child also has a fever
- rashes of unknown origin – these may be contagious
- a deep, hacking cough – along with a runny nose and headache
- untreated infections of the eye, ear or skin – watch for symptoms such as redness, swelling, or discharge
- different behaviour from normal (acting unwell)
- little energy to participate in school activities

Talk with your family doctor or public health nurse if you have concerns.

More information can be found at

<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/>



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: January 25, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the Changing Results for Young Readers Project. Director Blackwell, Literacy Coordinator Tricia Persad, Teacher Julie Noble, Literacy Resource Teachers Dianne Dean and Lavern Butchart were accompanied by Vice Principal McKenna and Vice Principal Steptoe.
2. The Board received the Completion Report from Assistant Superintendent Sidow.
3. The Board approved an Out of Province Field Trip Request for Sa-Hali Secondary students to travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba for the Carbon Challenge at the Project National Conference.
4. Secretary Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with the Schedule of Budget Meetings.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 15, 2016, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Dates to Remember



Feb. 8	Family Day
Feb. 9	PAC meeting at 5:30pm
Feb. 19	Non Instructional Day
Mar. 4	Ready Set Learn 12:30-2:30
Mar. 9 & 10	Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar. 17	Term 2 Report Cards sent home
Mar. 18	Recognition Assembly at 9:30am
Mar. 18	Last day of class before Spring Break
Mar. 21-Apr 1	Spring Break
Apr. 4	Non Instructional Day
Apr. 5	First day of class after Spring Break
Apr. 18	Non Instructional Day
Apr. 22	Earth Day (School in session)
May 16	Non Instructional Day
May 23	Victoria Day
June 29	Last day of school – Dismissal at 12:30pm