



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to 2016!

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.

Basketball Season Kicks Off

Both boys and girls Hawks teams began their seasons this week. This year students from grade 6 and 7 have been invited to join. Thank you to Mrs. Gartrell and Ms. Antoine for coaching. **Go Hawks Go!!**

Warm Clothing

We notice that some students have been arriving to school without proper winter gear. Please be sure that your child has warm gloves, hat, snowpants and jacket to keep comfortable in the warm weather. If you are in need of a jacket or pants, or you have extra to spare for our school supply, please contact the office.

Boots off, please!

We are trying very hard to keep our hallways dry and clean. We ask that everyone who enters the building take off their outdoor footwear to help us achieve our goal. Thank you!

Super STARS!

We at Haldane refer to our behaviour chart to ensure we are the best school we can be. Our acronym STARS means S- Safety, T – Teamwork, A- Acceptance, R – Respect/Responsibility, S – Success. Please ask your child(ren) at home about STARS and what it means.



Social Emotional Learning

To feel calm and ready to learn is very important to optimize learning. Effective problem solving skills are crucial to ensure social interactions are positive and productive at school. Please see CASEL.org for valuable information on self-regulation and Social Emotional Learning.

New Curriculum

The province of BC will be rolling out a revised curriculum next year. We are currently learning more about this curriculum in preparation for next year. Parents are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with this as well. Please go to curriculum.gov.bc.ca. to learn more. The link is also found on our website.

MEND Program

January 18 - March 17, the Kamloops John Tod Community Centre is offering a program called **MEND** - Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it!

MEND is a fun, FREE 10 week program for families with 7-13 year olds. The program supports families to live a healthy lifestyle. Groups of up to 15 children, accompanied by at least one parent or caregiver meet with program leaders twice a week for ten weeks. The first hour is an interactive family session on nutrition and behaviour topics, followed by one hour of fun exercise for the children, while parents and caregivers meet for support and discussion on topics such as goals and rewards, label reading and problem solving.

The first class will take place Monday January 18, and will be every Monday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm.

Participating families will receive a FREE 3 month pass to the Kamloops YMCA!

For more information or to register, please contact the **Kathryn at ksharples@kamloopsy.org** or call 250 571-4136. If you leave a message, be sure to include your name, phone number and a convenient time to receive a call back.

After School Programs

Our after school program will be starting again soon. We also expect to be able to offer a second day of after school program once funding has been confirmed. Our Cook it, Try it, Like it program will also be returning soon. Watch for details coming soon.

Safe Arrival

If your child is away or late, please remember to send a quick email to haldane-sap@sd73.bc.ca with a brief description in the subject line.

Two Educational Presentations

Merlyn Horton is the founder and director of Safe Online:
Info that Clicks!

Parenting in a Digital Age

An important "how to" presentation for parents/caregivers

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2016

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Place: Henry Grube Education Centre – 245 Kitchner Cres,
Kamloops

Young Families, Social Media & Providing Social Services
*A Pro-D workshop for child care and educational
professionals and students*

Date: Friday, January 29, 2016

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Place: Henry Grube Education Centre – 245 Kitchner Cres,
Kamloops

Register at literacyinkamloops@gmail.com

Admission: By Donation to Loonies for Literacy

For more information: www.literacyinkamloops.ca



BOARD NOTES

From the Board Meeting of: December 14, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Jonathan Brady, IB Coordinator Murray Williams, and Teacher Scott Simpson about the NorKam Senior Secondary School International Baccalaureate program.
2. The Board received a presentation from Mayor Al Raine about the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality's Community Education Plan.
3. The Board received a review of the Framework for Enhancing Learning from Assistant Superintendents Churchley and Sidow.
4. The Board approved date changes to the 2016 Grad Week Schedule.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 11, 2016, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Dates to Remember



Jan. 11 -	PAC Meeting – 5:30pm
Jan. 22	Non Instructional Day
Feb. 8	Family Day
Feb. 19	Non Instructional Day
Mar. 9 & 10	Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Apr. 4	Non Instructional Day
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