



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all of you who came out for parent-teacher conferences in October. If you have concerns or questions regarding your child's performance, please contact the school to arrange an appointment with the teacher.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have a number of students that are often absent or have trouble making it to school on time. In order for learning, growth and confidence to take place, students need to be here. Data shows that students who are here every day perform much better academically than those who are not. You can help by making sure your child gets to bed at a decent time each night, wakes up early, gets a good breakfast and arrives at school on time. If breakfast is an issue, please know that we have a breakfast program at the school between 8 and 8:15 am, which students can drop in for. Thank-you for making education a priority for your child(ren).

Warm Clothing

I have noticed a number of children coming to school with only a thin jacket or hoodie, even as the weather gets colder each day. Please make sure your child is well dressed for the elements. Students go outside for recess and lunch each day, and they need to be able to enjoy the fresh air without getting chilled.



District Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: October 26, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Hamblett and two students from Beattie School of the Arts on the Juried Portfolio process.
2. Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with an update on the Ministry of Education Support Plan.
3. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from South Kamloops Secondary School for the Senior Boys Basketball Team to travel to Hawaii in December 2015.
4. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from Valleyview Secondary School for Biology 11 students to travel to Hawaii in February 2016.
5. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from Westsyde Secondary School for students to travel to Quebec to participate in a French language

exchange in March 2016.

6. The Board adopted the following policies:

- a. Policy 301.1 Ordinarily Resident;
- b. Policy 709.8 Education: Independent Directed Studies (IDS).

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 9, 2015 at Westwold Elementary School.

Calendar 2014/15

Nov. 5	Picture Re-takes
Nov. 6	Papa Murphy's Pizza pick up
Nov. 6	Deadline for Hot Lunch orders
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – No School
Nov. 17	PAC Hot Lunch Day
Nov. 17-19	'Monster' Book Fair
Dec. 7	Non-Instructional Day
Dec. 16	Christmas Concert
Dec. 18	Last day before Winter break
Dec. 19-Jan. 3	Winter break
Jan. 4	School re-opens
Feb. 8	Family Day
Feb. 19	Non-Instructional Day
Mar. 9 & 10	Early closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar. 21-Apr 3	Spring Break
Apr. 18	Non-Instructional Day
Apr. 22	Earth Day
May 16	Non-Instructional Day
May 23	Victoria Day
June 29	Last Day of School - Dismissal at 12:30

Volunteers

Please note that all volunteers must have a Criminal Record Check done in order to volunteer at Haldane. The attached form can be taken to the Chase Detachment and will be done free of charge.

Poinsettia Dry Grad Fundraiser

The CSS dry grad's will be sending out Poinsettia order forms soon for anyone who wishes to purchase. There is a variety of colors, wreaths, and table top plants to choose from. The grad students of class 2016 would like to thank you and appreciate your support.

PAC Hot Lunch

Haldane PAC has sent out order forms for homemade Mac N' Cheese. Orders are due by Friday, November 6th and the hot lunch day will be Tuesday, November 17th.

Haldane 'Monster' Book Fair

Haldane PAC is SO excited to bring the Scholastic Book Fair to our school once again!! This is an event for the entire school and community to enjoy. For fun video highlights for all ages go to <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/dvd1.php> If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this event, please send an email to haldanepac@sd73.bc.ca

Tuesday, November 17th 8:00am – 3:30pm

Wednesday, November 18th 8:00am – 3:30pm

Thursday, November 19th 8:00am – 3:30pm

Watch for more exciting Book Fair info coming home soon...

Ms. Jacobson's Grade 3 / Grade 4 Class

Ms. Jacobson's grade 3 / grade 4 class is undertaking a social responsibility project called Novemberrrrrrrrrr. We are collecting new hats, mittens, scarves and socks. We will be donating these items to the local mission or other appropriate collection site. Our hopes is to help keep some people warmer this winter. If possible, please send any of these items with your child and have them take them to Ms Jacobson's class. We will be collecting warm winter supplies for the entire month of November.

If you know of any retail 'connection' that I could approach, could you please contact me.

Thank you so much for your support!

Ms Jacobson
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We Need Lego!

We have started a Lego club at school. If you have any Lego pieces at home that are no longer used, your donation would be appreciated.

Morning Gym Time – Volunteer Needed

We would like to open our gym for students from 8:00am to 8:30am each morning. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Ms. Grigg or Mr. McVittie.

STARS / WITS

We are working on our STARS and WITS behaviour.

Safety Teamwork Acceptance Respect Success

Walk away Ignore Talk it out Seek help

Please talk to your child about what this is and how you could use it at home.

Nut Aware



Haldane is now a Nut Aware School. Please note that we do have some students in our school who have life threatening peanut allergies. When packing your child's lunch, please consider an alternative to nuts.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Haldane's Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30am. Some of our students will be making presentations at that time so we would like to extend an invitation to family and community members to attend.