



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to our new staff

Please help us welcome our new staff

Ms. Manson – K Teacher Mrs. Bingley – CEA

Ms. Krause – CEA Mrs. Nielsen – CEA

Ms. Piggin – Secretary

Parking Lot

Thank you to all for keeping your vehicles out of the parking lot. There is only enough space for staff. I appreciate you using the space provided on Cottonwood Ave for drop off and pick-up. Please do not use the bus loop as it creates a safety hazard for our students.

Fall Weather

Remember that the weather is starting to change to cooler weather. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we encourage students to go out for all breaks. All students should have outdoor shoes or boots to put on. A change of clothes is recommended for primary students as slides and grass are often wet resulting in students becoming damp and uncomfortable.

Terrific Terry Fox Run

Thanks to everyone who made this a successful event. The weather held-out for us and we had great participation from everyone (some great runners out there). Students and staff ended up raising \$417.20 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Well done!



Remembrance Day Assembly

To honour the men and women who fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10th starting at 10:30 am. Students from the primary and intermediate classes will be presenting songs and poems. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Homework Club Back in Action

We are currently running our homework club each day from 12:00-12:30, available for all students, which runs in the Multi Purpose Room. Students can drop in if they need extra help or may be referred by teachers. If you feel your child would benefit from this extra support, please contact his/her teacher.

Volunteers

A reminder that all volunteers need to have a criminal record check done. You can pick up a form at school.

Little Hawks Strong Start

Little Hawks Strong Start invites you and your preschool aged child to attend our mornings of fun FREE educational activities! Little Hawks is a FREE, drop-in early learning program with a morning snack included for families and their children. We are located in classroom #3 at Haldane and operate 8:30 - 11:30. Little Hawks provides a school based early learning service for adults and their children, aged birth to five, at no cost. Both children and adults can benefit from attending - children have access to a high-quality learning environment and benefit from social interactions while adults who accompany them learn new ways to support learning, both at the program and at home. For more information contact Kary at [250-679-3296](tel:250-679-3296) or stop by with your child - the coffee is always on!!

Halloween

With Halloween fast approaching students are reminded that costumes must follow the “appropriate school clothing guidelines” as well as no masks or weapons.

Young People's Concert

This year students in grades K-7 will participate in the Young People's Concerts program. Each student will be attending one performance at the Sagebrush Theatre in Kamloops over the course of the year. In addition, the school will be hosting concerts locally (in the school gym). We will be sending home more information soon. The cost of this program is \$15 per student and is included in the yearly school fees.

Visitor Sign In

Please remember that everyone entering the school needs to sign in and out at the front desk. There is a blue binder labelled Sign In Sheet on the front counter.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 8:30am in the library. The 2015/2016 PAC Committee elections will take place at that time. Please come and show your support for your children and their school. Food days, fun days and fundraisers all need the PAC so we look forward to seeing new faces and hearing new ideas. Child care will be provided.

Social Emotional Learning and Self-Regulation

Social Emotional skills are an important part of a child's success at school. Our classes have been working on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies for relaxation, social connections, self-regulation, and social play. Please go to the following website for more information and strategies to use at home. www.Self-Regulation.ca We also have a link to SEL strategies and resources on our website at www.haldane.sd73.bc.ca

In The Gym - Indoor, Non-Marking Shoes

Parents/Guardians please ensure that your child has proper indoor running shoes for use in our school gymnasium. The gym floor was refinished over the summer and shoes that are used outside on the playground and in the field are quickly ruining the finish. As we make our way into the fall and winter months the situation is only going to get worse. All students use the gym so ensuring your child has non-marking, indoor shoes is necessary to preserve the life of the floor. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you need assistance or require more information please contact the school.

From the Library

As most of you may have noticed our school library is undergoing some big changes! Many of the large shelves have been removed and the non-fiction resources have been and our continuing to be weeded. Mobile tables were purchased to provide adaptable group arrangements or more space as needed in the learning commons library. These changes will open up our library space, but rest assured print materials and information literacy are still the #1 focus of Haldane's library program. Haldane's circulation stats for our fiction and non-fiction books have not decreased with advancements in technology. Kids still love to read books!

Please remember if your child finds a library book from last year they can still return it to the library. Any overdue books that are returned in acceptable condition will remove the fine associated with that student's account. Thank you for your attention to this matter

Digital Database Login Information

Database	Username	Password
EBSCO	haldane	bcsd73
Worldbook	haldane	bcsd73
KnowBC	haldane	bcsd73
Gale & National Geo	haldane	haldane73
CBC	haldane	bcsd73
MediaSmarts	haldane	besafeonline

Green Kids

Hello and welcome back to another great year! My name is Nancy Mueller and I am the Green Kids Club leader. My parent helper is Robin Fiddick.

Green Kids will meet on Wednesday's at 12:00-12:45 pm and will run every week throughout the year.

I am very excited to tell you that Haldane Elementary has reached Environmental Earth 10 status! Our Green Kids here at the school are phenomenal! They helped in every way possible to get us to this level and to keep Haldane the #1 Green School in all of Canada! I am also proud of each and every one of the students in this awesome school who helped us achieve this status by doing something green during the year!

Listed below are the items we collect throughout the year:

- popcan pull-tabs (we have 2 contests per year and this helps out the Chase Lions)
- old eyeglasses
- used batteries (everything but vehicle batteries!)
- ink jets
- used stamps (even the ones on large envelopes)

I am pleased to say that every class now has a recycle bin and will soon be getting compost buckets. We are also doing "Lights out Lunches", meaning that all classes eat lunch without the benefit of having classroom lights on.

Green Kids will also be doing a bottle drive on Thursday, October 8th from 9am - 12pm to help us buy a water bottle refill station.

There will be various things coming up that we are going to try to do throughout the year ... like being in the Christmas Parade again. That was so much fun for the kids last year that we decided to do it again this year!

Thanks again and remember,
Keep our garbage down and our recycling up!!!!

Reminders

*Appropriate school clothing at all times (no hats, no spaghetti straps, warm jackets, shoes/socks, PE strip, runners, etc.)

* Please ensure your child has breakfast and a packed lunch

* Ongoing communication with your child's teacher is critical

* Bannock Day - usually the 3rd Thursday of every month

*All students are encouraged to stay on school grounds during lunch time. Only grade 6&7 students will be permitted to leave the school grounds to go to Subway or Safety Mart to obtain a lunch but must have written permission from a parent or guardian. Notes must be given to the classroom teacher before they leave and sign out/in at the office.

Keep Children at home if they have:

- A fever of 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 a day after the last episode
- A 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
- 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
- Head lice -until initial treatment
- A deep, hacking cough -along with a runny nose and headache

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

Good Health Habits

While sometimes unavoidable, no parent wants their child to miss school. Here are ways to help your children stay healthy:

- Teach them to wash their hands-the most important thing you can do to help stop the spread of germs. Children should scrub their hands with soap for 15 seconds and rinse for 15 seconds
- Give them their own utensils and water bottles
- Ensure they get at least nine to ten hours of sleep
- Teach them to cover their mouths and noses with tissues when they sneeze or cough and to wash their hands after they throw the tissues away
- Keep them up-to-date on their immunizations

School Calendar 2015/16

Oct. 2	Picture Day
Oct. 8	Green Kids Bottle Drive 9-12
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Day Closure
Oct. 13	PAC Meeting
Oct. 21	Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Oct. 22	Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Oct. 23	Non Instructional Day
Nov. 5	Picture Re-takes
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
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

Community Information:

Chase Junior Curling

Chase Curling Rink runs a Junior Curling Program after school on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m..

The fee for Curling is \$40.00 which includes brooms, sliders, grippers and sometimes curling shoes if we have a pair that works.

It runs from Oct. 19th to March 15th. So for \$40.00 for the season is a great price. We offer it to students from the age of 9 and up. We hope to see you come out and have some fun. Please call Diane at 250-318-0321. We have excellent coaches and fun for all. Hot chocolate is offered after the curling session.