



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Haldane!

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope that you have had a fun-filled, relaxing summer and that you are now ready for a great school year at Haldane.

Classroom Assignments

The staff spent a significant amount of time placing children in classes, taking advice from last year's teacher and inviting parent input as to the social, emotional and educational needs of each child. However, we may need to make minor adjustments to class lists based on those students who have left Haldane or others who have just registered. Students will start the week working in grade groups and we hope to have classes completed and transition students into their classes by Friday afternoon

School Hours

Daily Schedule Monday-Friday:

Morning Entry	8:23 am
Morning Classes Begin	8:33 am
Recess	10:05 – 10:20 am
Lunch	12:00 – 12:15 pm
Dismissal	2:30 pm

Please note: Preparing classes for dismissal can sometimes extend beyond the 2:30 bell. Parents are asked to remain outside of the building or quietly wait in the foyer until the 2:30 bell to prevent distraction in the hallways which can make prompt dismissal even more difficult. Thanks for your understanding.

Student/Parent Handbook

Please take some time to review the Student and Parent Handbook at the front of your child's agenda. Most of what you and your child need to know about school routines and procedures are included in the student handbook. Please take note of our district Code of Conduct which outlines the expectations for student behaviour in our school. Teachers will be referring to the Code of Conduct along with all of the other items in the handbook with their students throughout the school year.

Staff Update

Mrs. Royce, Mrs. Petchnick, Mrs. Strom and Mrs. Waterston all had baby girls this summer!

Confirmed Staff for the 2015-16 school year:

Primary

Mrs. Markin	Ms. Jacobson
Mr. McArthur	Mrs. Mudry
Ms. Dickinson	Ms. Petty

Intermediate

Mrs. Calvert	Mrs. Thomson/Mrs. Keith
Miss McCrea	Mr. Avery
Mr. Roszmann	

Learning Assistance Resource Teachers

Mrs. Briscoe	Ms. Dalgleish
Mrs. Willie	

Learning Commons – Mrs. Gartrell

Shuswap – Ms. Chelsea

Prep. - Mrs. Gartrell

Mrs. Bewza – CEA

Mrs. Lepp - CEA

Mrs. Murray – CEA

Mrs. Porlier – CEA

Mrs. Brush – CEA

Ms. Arnouse - FNEW

Ms. Antoine – FNEW

Mrs. Mueller – FNEW

Mrs. Fraser –Library Assistant

Mrs. Pittendreigh-Strong Start

Ms. Pickell – Day Custodian

Mrs. Chinnock – Breakfast Program

Miss Chinnock – Breakfast Program

In the office:

Mrs. Hoogstins – Secretary

Ms. Tabatha Grigg– Principal

Mr. Mark McVittie – Vice-Principal

Student Drop off and Pick up Areas

Please note that the parking lot is for School District #73 personnel only.

NO DROP OFF OR PICK UP IN THE PARKING LOT.

Student safety is of utmost importance to all of us. Please ensure that you review safety rules with your child regarding walking on sidewalks, looking before they cross the street, etc. Also, if you are driving your child to school, please obey all signs in drop off and pick up areas. We will be patrolling our parking lot for the first few days to ensure that all students use the side walkways on either side of the parking lot to get to the school grounds. We do not want students walking through the parking lot behind cars for obvious safety reasons. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Transportation

1. School bus/walk limit policy to schools is in effect in all areas of School District #73:
 - a) Primary students, K to Grade 3: 4 km or 2.5 miles to a school, and 3.2 km or 2 miles to a bus stop
 - b) All other students, Grade 4-12: 4.8 km or 3 miles to a school, and 3.2 km or 2 miles to a bus stop
2. Bus pupils who do not register within the first week of school opening and who do not remain riding the bus, are subject to losing the privilege of a school bus ride for the entire 2011/2012 school term.
3. All bus schedules are subject to change in the course of the school year as a result of traffic patterns, weather conditions and population density.

For further information on bus routes and schedules, contact the School District Transportation Department at 372-5853.

Gym Strip

It is extremely important that children have suitable PE attire (running shoes, shorts or track pants, etc) at school at all times. There will be PE classes EVERY day,.

Milk Program

Watch for information regarding the Milk Program toward the end of the month.

Secwepmec Language

A permission slip regarding the Shuswap Language program which is taught by Ms Chelsea will be going home this week. Your child will need to return this form by September 15th if you wish for them to participate.

Aboriginal Programs and Services

Forms will be coming home later this week. Please sign and return the confirmation form regarding Aboriginal ancestry as soon as possible.

Young Peoples' Concert

This year students in grades K-7 will once again participate in the Young Peoples' 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 student supply fee.

Medical Alerts & Administration of Medication

Parents, please remember that it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child has a serious health condition or requires medication while at school. School district personnel are not permitted to administer medication to students unless specifically authorized to do so by a Doctor. Please ensure you obtain a form/s from us that authorize the school to administer a prescription or identify the steps to take in a medical emergency. All medication must be clearly labelled with your child's name, the medications name and given to the teacher as soon as the classes begin for the day. School staff is not permitted to administer non-prescription drugs (ie: aspirin) at any time.

VOLUNTEERS

Yes, volunteers are welcome at the school. Volunteers are encouraged to come. We need helpers in the classrooms, in the Library, helpers with the One to One Reading Program, participate on field trips and other areas. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you want to volunteer. Volunteers must be aware that they may be obligated to have a criminal reference check completed.

Breakfast Program

We are fortunate to have a Breakfast Program at Haldane Elementary and we invite children to participate. The program will begin on September 21st in the Multipurpose Room. Students will enter through the front doors starting at just before 8:00 am. Thank you to Mrs. Terry Chinnok & Ms. Kieran Chinnock for operating this wonderful program for us again this year.

To become part of the Breakfast Program, students need to return a consent form along with payment. The consent form along with more detailed information will be coming home in the next few days.

Contact Information

Updated student contact information is essential throughout the school day in case of emergency; if you have a change in contact information, it is important that you contact Mrs. Hoogstins at the office with the new information.

Calendar

Sept. 18	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 25	Non Instructional Day (District wide)
Oct. 2	Picture Day
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving
Oct.	Early Closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
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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.	Early closure for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Feb. 19	Non-Instructional Day
Mar. 21-Apr 3	Spring Break
Apr. 18	Non-Instructional Day
May 16	Non-Instructional Day
May 23	Victoria Day
June 29	Last Day of School - Dismissal at 12:30