



## HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## April 2017

April 3	First day of school after spring break
April 7	Day of Suwewtwew
April 14	Good Friday (no school)
April 17	Easter Monday (no school)
April 19	PAC Spaghetti Day
April 21	Earth Day
April 21	5th Annual First Nations Family Potluck
April 24	District Non-Instructional Day
April 27	First Nations Family Potluck
May 15	District Non-Instructional Day
May 22	Victoria Day (no school)
June 29	Last day of school

### Spring Has Finally Arrived!

With the changing of the season comes a change in wardrobe. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school. All students need to have proper running shoes for Daily Physical Activity and regular PE classes. Also, straps on tank tops are required to be as thick as 2 fingers. Thank you!

### Lost and Found

We continue to have a large amount of clothing in our lost and found. Items not claimed after long periods of time are cleaned out and given away to charity. Please have a look through each time you are in the building and claim anything that belongs to your child(ren).

### Day of Suwewtwew / Day of Recognition

On April 7th, Haldane and CSS will hold an assembly to honour and recognize the land and seasons (A Sense of Place) of the Secwepemc and Nlaka'Pamux peoples as well as other First Nations and Aboriginal groups at CSS. In the Kamloops Thompson School District this is part of what is now known as the "Day of Suwewtwew." Suwewtwew means to acknowledge one another.

#### *Welcome to our 5th Annual*

#### *First Nations Family Potluck*

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2017

Location: Haldane Elementary School gym

Time: 4:30-7:00pm

Everyone Welcome

RSVP By: April 21, 2017

Please bring a food item to share with everyone!!

Door Prizes, Games and Entertainment

For more info please call: Haldane Elementary School at 2506793269 and talk to Ali, Shane, Jeri or Nancy, our First Nations Education Workers.

#### **Wood ticks**

Interior Health News Release advises: The early arrival of spring weather this year means many of us are spending more time enjoying the great outdoors. And we aren't the only ones basking in the unseasonable warmth. The change in weather also brings out ticks – small bugs that feed on the blood of humans and animals and can sometimes transmit disease.

For more information you can go to:

<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile01.stm>

## Jump Rope for Heart 2017

Yes, Haldane, it's almost that time of year again! Our school is taking part in the Jump Rope for Heart event.. This fun event gets our kids physically active and raises vital funds to reduce the devastating effects of heart disease and stroke. The students will be participating in fun skipping and jumping challenges. Leading up to event day, kids are encouraged to raise funds and in return earn thank you prizes for their individual fundraising efforts. More information will be sent home later this month

## Little Hawks StrongStart

There is lots going on this month. We are just finishing up our wild Safari Jungle theme this week, the children will have a chance to create marbled zebras, feathered parrots, and striped snakes. The children will also be making their own binoculars for the class animal Safari search.

April 10th - 13th we will be busy creating some cute Easter crafts as well as doing daily EASTER EGG HUNTS!!

April 18th - 28th we will be busy learning about baby farm animals and hopefully be planning a class trip to a local farm.

April 25th - 28th is Pancake week again, where children will have the opportunity to make and bake their own Pancakes! All this plus we will be working on weekly crafts to take and place along Fairy Lane Way! For more information please contact Kary Pittendreigh at [kpittendreigh@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kpittendreigh@sd73.bc.ca) or find us on Facebook at Haldane StrongStart.

## Calling All September 2017 Kindergarten Students

Haldane is Excited to Offer:

### Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come!!

**FREE** 2 Hour Drop-Off Pre-Kindergarten Classes

To help with the Transition into School

Date: June 5th - June 23rd (Pre-Set Schedule Days)

Time: 12:40 - 2:40 (2 to 3 Days a Week)

To Register or for more Information please contact Kary Pittendreigh at [kpittendreigh@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kpittendreigh@sd73.bc.ca) OR 250-679-3269



## From the Public Board Meeting of: March 13, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:

- Policy
- Committee Highlights;
- Day of Suwentweew 2017.

2. The Board enjoyed a multi-school presentation from Sa-Hali Secondary Teachers, Andres Ruberg and Jennifer Cacaci, along with two students from their school and one student from Pacific Way Elementary, on their collaborative project Superhero Project/Toy Design.

3. The Board was provided with the Family of Schools' Presentation Schedule for 2017.

4. The Board passed a *motion* on the school calendar that:

- approved a three-year calendar with an annual one-week spring break for all district schools with the exception of Sun Peaks; and,
- approved a three-year, four-day week calendar, with an annual one-week spring break for Sun Peaks Elementary; and,
- directed senior administration to negotiate with the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3500 to establish contract language that allows for a two-week spring break with no loss of instructional days from the approved calendars.

5. Secretary-Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with a schedule of 2017 budget meetings.

6. The Board received a report from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on the highlights from the SD73 Business Company Annual General Meeting.

7. The Board adopted revised Policy 200.1 Board Meetings, as policy for School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.