



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December 2016

December 5	District Non-Instructional Day
December 14	1:15pm - Christmas Concert - Families & Friends of students whose last names start with the letters A-K
December 15	1:15pm - Christmas Concert - Families & Friends of students whose last names start with the letters L-Z
December 16	Last day before winter break
January 3 (Tuesday)	First day of school
January 20	District Non-Instructional Day
February 13	Family Day (no school)
February 24	District Non-Instructional Day
March 8 & 9	Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Interviews
March 17	Last day before spring break
April 3	First day of school
April 14	Good Friday (no school)
April 17	Easter Monday (no school)
April 24	District Non-Instructional Day
May 15	District Non-Instructional Day
May 22	Victoria Day (no school)
June 29	Last day of school

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.

Homework Club Back in Action

We are currently running our homework club each day from 12:10-12:50, available for all students, which runs in the Language and Culture 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 Needed!

We need volunteers to help us for approximately one hour per week starting in January for our One-to-One reading program. If you have an hour of time to spare, and would like to be part of helping children improve their learning, please contact the office. We will have a training session for all volunteers.

Fundraising

Mrs. Strom and Mrs. Dagg's classes will be selling hand crafted and one of a kind Christmas cards sold near the front entrance. \$2 a card or special bundle pricing, 6 cards for \$10 or 12 for \$20. There will also be a raffle for a Gingerbread house with more information to come. All fundraising will go towards our year end trip to Sunnybrae.

Also, our classes would like to thank everyone who supported our Fresh Is Best fundraiser. Orders will be available for pick up Wednesday December 7th from 2:40-4:00.

Safe Arrival Program

To report your child's absence please call this toll free number **before 8:40am** 1-844-350-2647 or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com

Contact Information

Please ensure parent/emergency contact info is up to date for your student(s). Should something happen, we need to get a hold of parents/family members as quickly as possible.

Winter Is Here

We are currently looking for donations of good quality, gently used winter clothing. For many years, Haldane has kept a supply of winter gear for our students and families who needed some extra help. This year, we are running a little low, if you can help by donating items - jackets, snow pants, boots. Please drop items at the office.

Christmas Concert

The schedule for this year's concert is now set. Because of the large number of students at our school and limited seating in our gym, we would like to extend an invitation to the families and friends of: students whose last names start with the letters A-K for Wednesday, December 14th @ 1:15 and those students whose last names begin with the letters L-Z for Thursday, December 16th @ 1:15. Please bring a nonperishable item to donate to the Food Hampers on your way in.



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.

Cold Weather News:

Please send indoor shoes and cold weather clothing with your children. Winter coats, hats, mitts, snow pants and boots are appropriate for winter weather. Don't forget to label all clothing with your child's name; it helps us return it to them when lost. We take off our winter boots at the door to help keep the floors dry. Students are expected to be outside for recess and lunch. If the temperature dips below -10° C we generally move to inside days. The school doors open at 8:23 am, and please remember that students are not supervised outside before this time.



From the Gym

Parents and guardians please ensure your child has indoor running shoes for the gym as students track mud and grass in from the fields and playgrounds during this time of year. The debris on the gym floor causes a safety issue for all students using the gym. Thank for your help in this matter.

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 8:00am - 8:30 am, which students can drop in for. Thank-you for making education a priority for your child(ren).

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.

Learning Secwepemctsin

Adults interested in learning Secwepemctsin please contact Ivy Chelsea at the school. Depending on interest, classes will begin in January.

Chase Secondary School

The Chase Secondary Junior and Senior Bands will be performing during the Chase Country Christmas weekend December 2 - 4.

December 2 @ 5:30 - Come cheer us on (or sing) as we make our way through downtown playing some familiar Christmas tunes in the parade. Be sure to drop by our CSS Band table where we'll be selling Purdy's chocolates, and baked goods!

December 4 @ 2:00 Chase Community Hall - Doors open @ 1:30 - *The CSS Junior and Senior bands will be opening a concert by the Kamloops Community Band. Admission is by food donation. Don't miss this annual community event that benefits the local food bank. The Senior band will also be selling baked goods, and Purdy's chocolates to fund raise their band trip to Whistler in May of 2017. If you buy a baked good, chocolate, or a "trip kilometer" you'll be entered to win some fantastic holiday prizes.

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.

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

PAC News

'Scholastic' Book Fair a Huge Success!

PAC would like to thank everyone who showed their support during Book Fair by volunteering, purchasing books, or both! Our Book Fair could not be so successful without all of you! We sold \$5630.60 in products which means our library will receive \$3378.36 in new books for the library!

Papa Murphy Pizza pick up day: December 2nd

Chicken Noodle Soup Lunch: December 8th



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: November 21, 2016

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. Finance and Planning Committee Report;P
 - b. Policy Committee Report;
 - c. Notice of Motion – Policy 600.1 Code of Conduct;
 - d. Notice of Motion – Policy 612.1 Student Dress Code.
2. The Board enjoyed '*Presentations of Learning in Elementary Math Classrooms*' by District Numeracy Coordinator Amanda Russett, Teacher Lisa Carr, and two grade 3 students from David Thompson Elementary School.
3. The Board received an Anti-Racism/Anti-Discrimination presentation from Graham Specht, Diversity Outreach Coordinator for Kamloops Immigrant Services. The Board signed an Anti-Racism/Anti-Discrimination Declaration to show support for programs and initiatives promoting diversity and inclusivity in our communities.
4. The Board approved the District's 2016-2017 Interim School Learning Plan process and the school staff development focus areas for all schools.
5. The Board received and reviewed a report on the 2016-2017 graduation ceremony schedule.
6. Superintendent Sidow provided the Board with the 2015-2016 CommunityLINK Funding and Information Report;
7. Superintendent Sidow provided the Board with the Enrolment Comparison Report for their information.
8. The Board received an update from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on Ministry of Education Rural Education Strategies.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday December 12, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.