



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 12	PAC hotdog day
January 16	8:40am - PAC Meeting
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

Boots off, please!

We are trying very hard to keep our hallways dry and clean. We ask that everyone who enters the building take off their outdoor footwear to help us achieve our goal. Thank you!

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.

PAC News

Next PAC meeting will be Monday, January 16th at 8:40am

Welcome to 2017!

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a relaxing and safe two week holiday. Term two is a great opportunity for our students to set goals for their learning and work hard to achieve their potential as individuals. As a staff, we are committed to helping each and every student to be the best they can be and really appreciate your support in doing so. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher and to provide your child with time at home to review what they are learning and to keep up with their schoolwork.

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 Future absences can also be called in.

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.

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.

Donations Needed!

If you have any gently used snowpants, jackets, boots, mitts and toques, we would be happy to take them off your hands.. We also have many students who have grown out of their indoor shoes so if you have any extras at home, those would be gladly accepted as well.

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 -15° C we generally move to inside days.



Den Groups and Explorations

Every Wednesday from 11:20-12:10 we gather in our Den groups and attend learning sessions in the building. For the last term students

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.

participated in dance, cultural learning, drumming, social emotional learning, coding and leadership. In January, we are looking for interested and skilled adults who would like to share their knowledge with the students. If you know of anyone who could run a group such as sewing, gardening, outdoor survival, cooking, building, photography, singing or anything else, please contact Ms. Grigg.

STARS / WITS

We are working on our STARS and WITS behaviour. As a school, we have earned 679 STAR tickets towards our goal of 1500. This positive behaviour reinforcement helps students learn what the expected behaviours are and how to achieve them. Thank you to the PAC for supporting a special reward for when we reach our goal.

Safety Teamwork Acceptance Respect/Responsibility 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.



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: December 12, 2016

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. Adoption of Regular Public Board Minutes of November 21, 2016;
 - b. Revised Implementation Schedule of the Graduation Years; Naloxone Guidelines;
 - c. District Parent Advisory Council Report;
 - d. Parks and Recreation Committee Report.
2. The Board received a beautiful Strings presentation, introduced by Principal Griffith.
3. The Board approved two Out-of-Province Field Trip Requests from Westsyde Secondary School and NorKam Senior Secondary School.
4. The Board approved an Out-of-Province Field Trip Request from the International Student Program.
5. The Board received a presentation from Manager Pinette on the *Discover the World of Information Technology* conference.
6. The Board received information on the Kindergarten enrolment schedule for 2017/2018 from Director Smillie.
7. The Board received the School Completion Report, presented by District Principal Brar and Teacher Mr. Lowe.
8. The Board approved the Creativity, Innovation and Curriculum Grants presented by Director Robinson.
9. The Board adopted a revised Board Meeting schedule for 2016-2017.
10. The Board approved revisions to Policy 600.1 Code of Conduct and Policy 612.1 Student Dress Code.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday January 16, 2017 at the Henry Grube Education Centre, 245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops, BC.