



## HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Welcome to our new staff

Please help us welcome back Mr. Avery as our new grade 3/4 Teacher. As well we have Mrs. Silver and Mrs. Murphy who will be our new CEA's.

### 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

On Thursday, Sept 22 all students and staff of Haldane Elementary ran/jogged/walked to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Some parents even joined us! Thank you to the grade 7's for organizing the Toonie for Terry donation containers and for being excellent route marshals - all of you displayed excellent leadership skills! Thank you to Jakob Kies for being the race "rabbit" and congratulations to Ray Spooner and Katie Goffic for the being the first boy/girl to cross the finish line! We will have the total funds raised in the next newsletter.



### Volunteers

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

### 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 Thursday, November 10th starting at 10:45 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 12:10-12:50, 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.

### Bus Students

Please note the new procedures in our bus system on the back of this newsletter.

### 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.

### Safe Arrival Program

Haldane is moving to a new, automated Safe Arrival system. This week will be a 'soft' start with the system available for parents to report student absences. The system will not be calling parents, looking for absent children, for another week or so. As with any automated system, there will be bugs and it will take time to work out the kinks - please be patient with us.

To report your child's absence please call this toll free number **before 8:30am** 1-844-350-2647 or visit [ktsd.schoolconnects.com](http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com)

**From the Gym:** Parents please sign and return the Physical Education letter that went home with your Intermediate student. Please remind your child that they need gym strip and running shoes - Intermediate students have PE with Mrs. Gartrell every Monday and Wednesday. The Chase Curling Club will be running an introductory curling camp on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 10 - 3 for children aged 9-12. Includes games, skill development, relays & more. Cost is \$15 and includes curling equipment & instruction, activities, snacks and lunch. Register by Oct 20th online

<http://www.curlbc.ca/coursecamps/optimist-camps/>

### found4kids

Found4kids is a local group helping families by providing school clothing at no cost. Please see the office for more information.

### From Our Aboriginal Education Workers

We are looking for volunteers to help with bannock days. Once a month (usually Thursday) from 8:30am to 12:00pm. As well, we are looking for deer or moose antlers for First Nation cultural activities.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>0</sup>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

### Digital Database Login Information

<u>Database</u>	<u>Username</u>	<u>Password</u>
EBSCO	haldane	bcSD73
Worldbook	haldane	bcSD73
KnowBC	haldane	bcSD73
Gale & National Geo	haldane	haldane73
CBC	haldane	bcSD73
MediaSmarts	haldane	besafeonline

### PAC News

#### -Bright Red Bookshelves

'Bright Red Bookshelves' located throughout our Village of Chase are in desperate need of 'gently' used or new books for all ages. Haldane PAC will help get these books where they need to go, if you have any books to donate please drop off at the school.

#### -PAC Meeting

Next PAC meeting Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm. Childcare provided. Come on out and see what's happening at Haldane!

#### -Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual 'Scholastic Book Fair' will be held in November! Watch for more info coming home soon!!!

### 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!!

### 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](http://www.Self-Regulation.ca) We also have a link to SEL strategies and resources on our website at [www.haldane.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.haldane.sd73.bc.ca)

**Dates To Remember**

October 10	Thanksgiving (no school)
October 19 & 20	Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Interviews
October 21	District Non-Instructional Day
October 27	Picture Day
November 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
December 5	District Non-Instructional Day
December 16	Last day before winter break
January 3	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

# CHASE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB



Hey you!  
Are you in grade 6 or 7?  
Come on over to the library for a snack and a book chat.

3.15pm to 4.15pm  
First Wednesday of every month  
Starts October 5, 2016

250-679-3331  
Space is limited so please call or come in to the library to pre-register for this free event.

Do you love a good story? Funny jokes? Birds, bears, buffalo? Aliens? Making stuff? Comic books? We'll help you find the book you need. The library is your gateway to the world, the universe, the infinite...