



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

Times Have Changed!

Daily Schedule Monday-Friday:

First Bell	8:35am
Classes Begin	8:40am
Recess	10:15am - 10:30am
Lunch	12:10pm - 12:59pm
Dismissal	2:40pm

Please note: Preparing classes for dismissal can sometimes extend beyond the 2:40 bell. Parents are asked to remain outside of the building or quietly wait in the foyer until the 2:40 bell to prevent distraction in the hallways which can make prompt dismissal even more difficult. Thanks for your understanding.

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 medication's 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. If your child has an epi-pen, we need one in the office at all times.

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

- School bus/walk limit policy to schools is in effect in all areas of School District #73:
 - 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
 - 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
- 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 2016/2017 school term.
- 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 250-372-5853.

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 Miss Piggini at the office with the new information.

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.

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.

Milk Program

We will be offering milk 3 times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost for a card is \$20 and will allow students to purchase 18 milks. The card will be kept by the teacher in the child's classroom. Milk card purchase forms can be picked up from the office.

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.

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 at the local RCMP detachment. Criminal record checks are valid for 3 years.

Breakfast Program

We are fortunate to have a Breakfast Program at Haldane Elementary and we invite children to participate. The program will begin on Monday, September 26th in the Multipurpose Room. Students will enter through the front doors starting at just before 8:00am. Thank you to Mrs. Terry Chinnock & 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.

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.

Confirmed Staff for the 2016-17 school year:Classroom Teachers

Mrs. Royce	Ms. Jacobson
Mrs. Markin	Ms. McCrea
Mrs. Petchnick	Mrs. Thomson
Mr. McArthur	Mrs. Dagg
Mrs. Mudry	Mrs. Strom
Mrs. Calvert	

Learning Assistance Resource Teachers

Mrs. Briscoe	Mrs. Dalglish	
Learning Commons	Mrs. Gartrell	
Shuswap	Ms. Chelsea	
Prep	Mrs. Gartrell	Mrs. Keith

Support Staff

CEAs	Mrs. Bewza	Mrs. Porlier
	Mrs. Lepp	Mrs. Brush
	Mrs. Murray	Ms. Jowsey
Aboriginal Education Workers	Ms. Antoine	Mrs. Mueller
Library Assistant	Mrs. Fraser	
Strong Start	Mrs. Pittendreigh	
Day Custodian	Mr. Bilodeau	
Night Custodians	Mr. Hurtgen	Mr. Speller
Breakfast Program	Mrs. Chinnock	Ms Chinnock

Office

Secretary	Miss Pigginn
Principal	Ms. Grigg
Vice-Principal	Mr. McVittie

PAC News

PAC would like to welcome all parents and guardians of new-to-the-school Haldane students! Our first PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14th at 8:45am. An executive committee will be voted on for the 2016/17 school year. We would like to welcome all Haldane families to come on out and see what our PAC is all about. Young children welcome.

Dates To Remember

September 14	8:45am - PAC Meeting
September 16	Cops For Kids
September 22	Terry Fox Run
September 23	District Non-Instructional Day
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

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 required 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 to do so. Notes must be given to the classroom teacher before they leave and sign out/in at the office.

ATTENTION ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Kamloops Hoops is offering fun and affordable basketball groups this fall for boys and girls grades 2-7!! Check out KamloopsHoops.com for full details and online registration.



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting August 29, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Lois McNary and Dan Howe of Special Olympics British Columbia. A request was received to have our District partner with Special Olympics BC for the 2017 Summer Games to be hosted in Kamloops July 6-9, 2017.
2. The Board received the annual 2016 Summer Learning Report.
3. The Board received the Projected Regular Enrollment Report for 2016-2017.
4. The Board received the International Education Enrollment Report.
5. The Board received the Graduation Survey Results for 2015-2016.
6. The Board approved Capital Project Bylaw AFG #127109.
7. The Board adopted the Revised Schedule of Board Meetings for 2016-2017.

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