



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Chase & District K'Fair

A great way to get your child ready for school! (for children entering Kindergarten in Sept. 2018)

- Fun and interactive health and wellness booths
- Dental and hearing screening
- Kindergarten entry booster shots
- FREE lunch for kindergarteners
- Fun zone with games, prizes and face painting
- Special guest appearances

When: Wednesday, June 12th 10:00am - 3:00 pm

Where: Chase Community Hall.

Please call 250-679-1393 to register.

Science Expo

Ms. Gardner, Ms. Lee & Mrs. Gibbons classes will be doing a science expo in the school's gym on Wednesday, April 3rd from 10:20am -12:00pm. Parents are more than welcome to come by and check things out.

Earth Day



Haldane Elementary will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday, April 20th. We will kick off this action-packed day with an assembly. Many activities will be going on this day, which will include the 6/7's going to Robert

Haig-Brown Park. Other classes will be involved with painting fish on storm drains around the village, doing shoreline cleanup, weeding and planting at the Museum, as well as school and neighbourhood cleanup. The school is also going to take time this day to start their planter boxes and update the front entrance garden. There will also be a spot for anyone wanting to drop off pop cans and juice boxes for us to recycle. Thank you to Mrs. Calvert for planning all of these activities for our students and staff.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found bin is overflowing. If your child is missing any items, please stop by to have a look or inform your child's teacher and he/she can support your child in looking through the bin for the missing items. Unclaimed items will be donated to Found For Kids.



Day of Suwentwecw / Day of Recognition

On April 6th at 9:00am Haldane and CSS will hold an assembly in the CSS gym to honour and recognize the land and seasons (CONNECTIONS TO THE LAND) of the Secwepemc and Nlaka'Pamux peoples as well as other First Nations and Aboriginal groups. All families are welcome to attend.

Agenda:

9:00 - Welcome song

9:05 - Introductions

9:10 - Prayer

9:15 - Welcome from Chief Oliver Arnouse (LSLIB),

Chief Judy Wilson (NIB), Chief Clifford Arnouse

(ALIB), Trustee Denise Harper (SD73)

9:30 - Student Presentation - *Old One Story*

9:40 - Dancers - Austin Sheena & Aliyah

9:50 - Student Presentation

10:00 - Keynote Address - Kenneth Thomas

10:45 - Round Dance - Everett White

10:50 - Honour Song

10:55 - Closing Remarks

11:00 - Smudge in the Courtyard - (**Optional**)

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Lynda Humphry in for Ms. Jacobson's grade 4 class while she is on a leave of absence. Please welcome Mrs. Emma Hall, who is back from maternity leave. We thank Mrs. Mahon for all the time and dedication she spent preparing our students for an excellent year.

Student Pick Up

If there are changes to your child's regular pick-up routine at the end of the day, please remember to call the office. In particular, if someone new is picking up your child, or if your child is not catching the bus when they usually do, please let Mrs. Gosse know as early as possible during the day. This helps ensure student safety and avoids confusion.

Dogs on School Property

Although many of us are dog lovers, please remember that dogs should not be in the school unless arrangements have been made at the office or with your child's classroom teacher. Dogs should not be on our school fields or playgrounds. While we know most dogs are gentle, many children are afraid of dogs, and some dogs are left unattended and create a mess on our fields. We appreciate your help with this matter.



Staff Parking Lot

Parents are reminded to use the designated drop-off area when dropping off students. Cottonwood Avenue is the designated spot for drop-off. Please do not use the parking lot or the bus loop as these become a safety hazard as students are walking to their entrance.

Bike, Scooter and other Fun Things

Many of our students make their way to and from school using wheeled forms of transportation. A reminder that students are expected to use and store their bikes and scooters safely and appropriately. We no longer can store scooters at the office or in our storage room. These items are not to be used on the school grounds between 8:00am and 4:00pm for safety reasons. Students should push or carry these items once they enter the school grounds.

Calendar of Events

April 2nd	Easter Monday - No School
April 6th	Day of Suwewtweww
April 9th	School Board Meeting - Haldane library @ 6:00pm
April 12th	Young People's Concert
April 13th	PAC Meeting (8:45am)
April 19th	Bannock Day
April 20th	Earth Day Activities
April 23rd	Pro-D Day
May 1st	Haldane Track & Field Meet
May 10th	Young People's Concert Zone Track & Field Meet
May 11th	Save the Date - Family Fun Night (<i>more details to come</i>)
May 17th	Bannock Day District Track & Field Meet Class pictures
May 18th	Pro-D Day
May 21st	Victoria Day - No School
June 21st	Bannock Day
June 28th	Last day of school

Board Meeting March 12th, 2018

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- o Day of Suwewtweww 2018
- o Let's Talk Cannabis Project

EDUCATION TOPIC

WHAT SUSTAINS US? EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM, BROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL — Grade 8 students from Brock Middle School joined school teacher Nikki Stewart to tell the Board about a unique inquiry-based program that saw them explore the concept of what is required to sustain life. The students explored everything from rudimentary wilderness survival skills to building more complex living structures such as yurts. They explored the history of the area's homesteading pioneers as well as First Nations history and how they lived. The program was made possible by an Innovation Grant from the Board.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES, PETITIONS AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

SMOKING AND VAPING REDUCTION, INTERIOR HEALTH — Jeff Connors told trustees that tobacco will kill five times more people this year than opioid abuse, making the use of tobacco and vaping products an ongoing and persistent health crisis. He suggested districts can better integrate wording regarding tobacco and vaping products into existing school alcohol and drug prohibition policies.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SAFER SCHOOLS TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP — Supt. Alison Sidow told the trustees the membership of the Superintendent's task force has been decided and the work of the committee will get underway shortly. The group will be chaired by Michelle Marginet, who retired last year from SD 73 from her position as Health and Safety Manager. The task force will provide a report to the Superintendent and to the Board by June 30. Full details of the task force members and their credentials can be found in the public agenda.

RURAL SCHOOLS CONSULTATION UPDATE

Trustees will begin Phase 2 of a consultation effort designed to explore the possibility of moving Grade 7 students from elementary schools to secondary schools in Clearwater, Barriere and Chase. Public meetings with the Board will happen March 13, 14 and 15 in all of the communities. The Board is expected to make the decision regarding this proposal at the public meeting on April 23.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

PROVINCIAL BUDGET UPDATE — Trustees were provided a summary of the recent provincial budget. Education in B.C. will receive \$409 million in additional funding to accommodate a range of initiatives, including \$207 million for enrollment growth. As well, changes to MSP will see SD 73 save \$425,000 this year but will increase costs by \$250,000 per year starting in 2020.

The next public meeting will take place at Haldane Elementary School in Chase on April 9th at 7 p.m.