



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

2017/18 Bell Schedule

8:30 – First Bell
8:40 – Classes commence
10:05 – Recess
10:20 – Back in session
12:00 – Lunch
1:00 – Back in session
2:40 – Dismissal

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.

Staff Update

Confirmed Staff for the 2017-18 school year:

Primary

Mrs. Markin	Mrs. Leblanc
Mr. McArthur	Mrs. Mudry
Mrs. Calvert	Mrs. Brake
Mrs. O'Donnell	

Intermediate

Mrs. Gardner	Mrs. Jacobson
Mrs. Lee	Mrs. Gibbons

Learning Assistance Resource Teachers

Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Gordon

PE Prep - Mrs. Gartrell

Shuswap Language – Mrs. Chelsea

Mrs. Bewza – CEA	Mrs. Lepp - CEA
Mrs. Murray – CEA	Mrs. Porlier – CEA
Mrs. Brush – CEA	Mr. Camille - FNEW
Mrs. Mueller – FNEW	
Mrs. Wolfe - CEA	

Mrs. Pittendreigh-Strong Start

Mr. Bilodeau – Day Custodian

Mrs. Chinnock – Breakfast Program

Miss Chinnock – Breakfast Program

In the office:

Ms. Tabatha Grigg– Principal

Mrs. Darlene Gordon – Vice-Principal

Mrs. Gosse – Secretary

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.

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.

Forms returned to office

A permission slip regarding the Shuswap Language program which is taught by Mrs. Chelsea will be going home this week. Your child will need to return this form by September 18th if they wish to participate. Please watch for other forms going home the first week. These will include; Breakfast Program Permission forms, School Supply Forms, Media Consent Forms etc.

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 must be obligated to have a criminal reference check completed.

Transportation

1. School bus/walk limit policy to schools is in effect in all areas of School District #73:

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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 372-5853.

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.

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 medications 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.

Breakfast Program

We are fortunate to have a Breakfast Program at Haldane Elementary and we invite children to participate. Students will enter through the front doors starting at just before 8:00 am. Thank you to Mrs. Terry Chinnok & 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. Breakfast Program will begin September 11th.

Chase Minor Hockey and Chase Heat are teaming up to bring free skills clinics to registered Chase Minor Hockey players to kick off the 2017-18 Season. Coach Brad Fox and the players will be running the clinic for the Novice-Bantam age players. Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday Sept 12 and Wed Sept 13th

Novice – 4:45-5:45

Atom – 6:00-7:00

Pee Wee & Bantam 7:15 – 8:15

- Times are the same both days
- There is no charge to registered players
- Full Equipment is mandatory
- Coaches or aspiring coaches are welcome on the ice.

Hope to see all players there to take advantage of this great opportunity. Thank you Chase Heat!!

FMI: Phone/text-Jane Herman 250-851-6524

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 Mrs. Gosse at the office with the new information.

September 4th	Labour Day
September 5th	First Day of School
September 22nd	Non-Instructional Day
October 9th	Thanksgiving Day
October 20th	Non-Instructional Day
November 13th	Remembrance Day Closure
December 4th	Non-Instructional Day
December 23rd - January 8th	Winter Vacation
January 19th	Non-Instructional Day
February 12th	Family Day
February 23rd	Non-Instructional Day
March 19th - March 23rd	Spring Break
March 30th	Good Friday
April 2nd	Easter Monday
April 23rd	Non-Instructional Day
May 18th	Non-Instructional Day
June 28th	Last day of School