



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Christmas Choirs, Carols and Crafts

Come join us to celebrate Christmas at Haldane Elementary. Families are invited to first participate in making Christmas Crafts in classrooms from 1:00pm - 2:00pm then enjoy performances by the Primary Choir, Intermediate Choir, and Shuswap Language students in the school gymnasium from 2:00pm - 2:30pm.

Families with last names beginning with the letters from A - L will attend on Wednesday December 20th and families with last names beginning with the letters M - Z will attend on Thursday December 21st. We look forward to seeing you.

Acting Principal

Greetings! My name is Ms. Gurdeep Pannu and I will be the Acting Principal at Haldane Elementary while Ms. Grigg is on a leave of absence. Already I have had the opportunity to work with some wonderful students and great staff members. I have also met parents, caregivers, and community members in the hallways, during the Remembrance Day Assembly and at a PAC meeting. If you have the chance to be at the school over the next few weeks come in and say hello.

Positive, Respectful Learning Environment

Staff and students are working toward establishing a positive and respectful learning environment for everyone. To that end, we are enforcing routines and reviewing class and school wide expectations. Our focus has been and will continue to be on addressing peers and staff using a polite tone and engaging in safe play. Your support has been very much appreciated and is vital in helping us achieve our goal. Thank you.

Drop Off and Pick Up

A reminder to families that when dropping students off, they should do so in the Drop Off Area. Please do not drop off or pick up students in the parking lot as visibility is limited. Thank you for your cooperation.

Intra-Mural Floor Hockey League

Students in grades 4-7 had an opportunity to sign up for a noon hour floor hockey league. The teams are made up of students in grades 4/5 and 6/7 and will play in two different divisions. Grade 7 students will officiate with the activity being sponsored by Ms. Pannu and Mr. Camille. We look forward to watching some great games.

Winter Routines

Our boot racks are now out for students and staff to store their wet outdoor footwear. Our goal is to keep our hallways dry and safe, and we ask parents and guests to also remove their wet outdoor footwear at the doors. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor footwear, as well as, warm coats, mittens and hats. Labelling your child's clothing with a permanent marker helps eliminate students accidentally wearing another student's identical item of footwear and clothing home. Students should now be arriving each day with winter clothing!

Reporting to and Communicating with Parents

The School Act requires three formal written reports and two informal reports for each student over the course of the school year.

The informal reports could be conferences, interviews, telephone calls, open houses, portfolios, Back and Forth books or Student Planners.

If parents require further information or would like to share information important to the welfare of their child, they are asked to please contact the teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Teachers are busy right now assessing student progress, setting classroom individual goals and writing report cards. It is a busy time. Reports will be issued in the middle of December.

When students bring home their first term report cards, please take the time to read and review the comments with your child. Celebrate the successes and create goals for the next term.

Thank you in advance for being a vital part of your child's education.

The Hour of Code is coming!

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Between Dec. 4-10, students around the world will celebrate Computer Science Education Week by doing an Hour of Code event at their school. It's an opportunity for every child to learn how the technology around us works. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wrote his first lines of code as part of the campaign. Many classes at Haldane will participate in coding activities during the week with Mrs. Gartrell and their classroom teachers. Additional interactive, hands-on coding activities will also take place in classrooms throughout the school year enabling students to learn computational thinking skills in an engaging way. Families can find more information and also participate in Hour of Code at home by visiting: <http://hourofcode.com/ca>

CP Rail Holiday Train

The CP Rail Holiday Train is coming to Chase! Friday, December 15th @ 3:00pm. There will be a performances by Alan Doyle and The Beautiful Band.

Warm Feet = Warm Hearts

We are collecting new winter socks as part of our Social Responsibility project. If possible, please send any donations with your child. We will collect the socks and give them to the Chase Food Bank and neighbouring homeless shelters for distribution. Deadline will be December 22nd. We Thank you for supporting our project!

Haldane's Annual Book Fair - Best Year Ever!

PAC would like to thank everybody that helped make this year's Book Fair such an enjoyable event. We surpassed our goal of \$5,000 with a total sales of \$7,277.80! With 60% of sales going back into the school, this gives the school \$4,366.68 in product rewards!!! Thank you everyone who volunteered, shopped, and supported us in numerous ways.



Our Grade 7 classes are doing another great fundraiser for their year end

trip to Sunnybrae. You are able to order all sorts of great Fresh is Best products and help support this great project.

The deadline for these orders is December 5th and delivery is December 19th.

December 1st	Hot Dog Day
December 4th	Non-Instructional Day
December 8th	PAC Meeting (8:45am)
December 20th	Christmas Crafts & Caroling Parents with last name A-L (1:00-2:30)
December 21st	Christmas Crafts & Caroling Parents with last name M-Z (1:00-2:30)
December 21st	Bannock Day (\$1 per piece)
December 22nd	Last Day of School before Winter Break
December 25th- January 5th	Winter Break
January 8th	First Day back after Winter Break
February 12th	Family Day
March 19th-23rd	Spring Break

NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 6, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Education Committee Highlights
- o Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- o Superintendent's Update
- o Innovation Through Inquiry Grants

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board received a presentation from Logan Lake Secondary School staff and students called Community Starts Here. Coordinated by Principal Preymak and Teacher John Blakely, the school's teachers and students demonstrated the connection to the community within their classroom projects. Special guest, Mayor Smith, introduced the school's project and highlighted the contributions of the school to the community of Logan Lake.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

RESPONSE TO STUDENT CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

- The Board approved a recommendation to work together with the Student City Council to expand the mandate to create a Student School Board Council that would provide input into topics and policies that impact youth in all School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) schools.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

CEF FUNDING UPDATE - A request for additional funding for an additional 6.6942 FTE teaching staff was submitted to the Ministry of Education to support class size and composition issues.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wade told trustees about her attendance at Thompson Rivers University as a Search Committee member in their search for a new president.

The next public board meeting will take place December 4th at the School Board Office at 7 p.m.

Kamloops Classic Swimming Life Saving Sport Group

FREE TRIAL: January 9th & 11th @ the TCC Pool, 6:00 – 7:00PM.

The goal of the Lifesaving Sport Group is to introduce swimmers to a sport, which builds community lifesavers. Lifesaving Sport is recognized by the International Olympic Committee and is extremely popular across the Commonwealth countries and beyond. Many Canadian high performance athletes have traveled to Australia, Singapore and across the globe for National and International Events.

Class Dates:

Tuesday / Thursday: 6:00 – 7:30PM

Friday – TBD upon Registration, dependent on Age / Skill Level.

Saturday: 8:45 – 10:15AM