



## HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## February 2018

### Kindergarten

February 13th-16th

9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2018, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2018.

*Please bring your child's original birth certificate, Care Card and proof of residency with you when registering for Kindergarten.*



Thursday, March 1, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm Place: Henry Grube Centre

Doors open at 5:15 pm

If you have a child who is ready for kindergarten, this is an opportunity to learn about Kindergarten and Child Care options Talk to health care professionals, meet early childhood professionals and learn about resources available in our community Presentations: SD #73 Early Learning Coordinator and Aboriginal Resource Teacher and Early Childhood Educator Visit the Resource Tables before the session or during breaks .

#### Attendance and Punctuality

We have a number of students that are often absent or have trouble making it to school on time. In order for learning, growth and confidence to take place, students need to be here. Data shows that students who are here every day perform much better academically than those who are not. You can help by making sure your child gets to bed at a decent time each night, wakes up early, gets a good breakfast and arrives at school on time. If breakfast is an issue, please know that we have a breakfast program at the school between 8 and 8:15 am, which students can drop in for. Thank-you for making education a priority for your child(ren).

#### Rural School Public Consultation

Parents and community members wanting to learn more about the consultation process for the proposal of transitioning Grade 7s to the secondary school are invited to attend a public consultation meeting on February 6th at 6:30 pm at Chase Secondary School.

#### Verification Forms

Student verification forms will go home Monday. Please confirm that all of your child(ren)'s information is correct and return them to the school.

#### Lockdown Drill

Each year schools participate in 2 lockdown drills, preparing for emergency situations. Teachers will be going over safety procedures with their students over the next few weeks in preparation for our first lockdown drill, which will be in late February.

#### BOARD NOTES - January 29, 2018

##### CONSENT AGENDA

- Superintendent's Update
- Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- District Parent Advisory Committee Highlights
- Schedule of 2018 Budget Meetings
- Notices of Motion:

o Policy 201.1 Board Committees

o Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests

o Policy 303.1 International Student Program

o Policy 1012.1 Smoking and Vaping-Free Environment

o Policy 1136.1 Travel: Expenses and Insurance

*Details of the consent agenda can be found in the public agenda.*

#### EDUCATION TOPIC

#### TEACHER-LIBRARIAN STORYTELLING GRANT

PROJECT — District Coordinator Andrea Wallin, along with four colleagues, told the Board about a project that saw students in a variety of grades and schools analyze stories and storytelling techniques, particularly oral stories as often shared by First Nations culture. The project, funded by an Innovation Grant, saw students use a variety of mediums and props to explore oral storytelling techniques, including moving, acting, speaking and listening. The students produced a series of videos to demonstrate their acquired skills.

#### REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SIX-YEAR COMPLETION RATE DATA — In January, the Ministry of Education released the six-year completion rates to districts across the province. An analysis of the 2016-17 school year shows SD 73 met its goal of obtaining an 85 per cent completion rate. Trustees also learned the completion rates were up across a variety of student categories, including Aboriginal and students with special needs. The Board also heard that the gap between completion rates for all students and Aboriginal students has

### Chase Outdoor Learning School

Haldane PAC will be hosting a meeting on Feb. 9th @ 9:00 am at Chase Secondary School. This will be the first meeting to gather information, show interest, and prepare for a presentation to the School Board. PAC has invited guest speakers from several areas of the district and hope to have a morning full of information, and questions answered. This initiative is completely parent driven, and will require all hands on board to make this awesome school a reality. The Outdoor Learning School is a program that follows the BC Curriculum, and aims to spend a portion of every day outside. Research is consistently showing that spending time in nature enhances creativity, critical thinking and problem solving. Being outdoors increases focus and attention, and evidence to show decrease in ADHD symptoms. Spending time outdoors fosters greater engagement with learning, and and physical activity. Stress, anger and aggression are reduced, which leads to improved relationship skills and allows children to better cope with stress. All parents/guardians or proxy are welcome and encouraged to come!

### Newsletter Going Digital

In order to cut down on our paper usage, we will begin sending the monthly school newsletter via email according to your contact information. Newsletters will continue to be available on the school website, as well as for those families who do not receive emails. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact your child's teacher so that one can be sent home.

### Calendar of Events

February 1st	Grade 6/7 Ski Trip
February 5th	J.R. Larose - Speaker
February 6th	Rural School Public Consultation @ C.S.S.
February 8th	Young People's Concert
February 9th	Grade 6/7 Ski Trip
February 9th	PAC Meeting - 9:00 am at C.S.S
February 12th	Family Day - School Closed
February 14th	PAC Parfait Snack
February 15th	Grade 6/7 Ski Trip
February 15th	Bannock Day
February 16th	Kindergarten Vision Screening
February 22nd	Non-Instructional Day
February 23rd	Non- Instructional Day
March 1st	Kindergarten Round Up (Henry Grube)
March 19-23	Spring Break

narrowed dramatically through the last five years, with parity between the groups coming closer to reality.

**EQUITY IN ACTION PROJECT** — The Board learned about a project the District is participating in with the Ministry of Education's Aboriginal Education Unit. Currently there are six pilot projects across the province, and SD 73 is working closely with the Equity Action Team in preparation for joining the project next year. The project will generate student-specific data for school leaders to review in order to improve Aboriginal student success rates and develop meaningful strategies and interventions. It's believed the project will help close the academic achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

**GRADE 7 to 12 RURAL SCHOOL PROPOSAL** — Principals from secondary schools in Barriere, Clearwater and Chase told the Board about a proposal to move Grade 7 students in those communities from the elementary schools to secondary schools. If approved by trustees following consultation with parents, the transition could happen next school year. The plan was proposed as a way to create learning environments that enhance positive outcomes for students and more effectively utilize space at both secondary and elementary schools.

**RURAL SCHOOL PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS** — Trustees approved a two-phase consultation plan regarding a proposal to move rural Grade 7s to secondary schools. Phase 1 of the plan will see staff and trustees first meet with parents and school staff in Barriere, Clearwater and Chase to provide information about the proposal. Phase 2 will see public Board meetings held in each of the communities to allow trustees to hear directly from the public about their thoughts and concerns. The district will also use an online consultation portal to help share information with parents and gather feedback. A report will be prepared for Board consideration of the proposal for the April 23 public meeting.

**SUMMER SCHOOL** — The District's summer learning programs provide an essential service to students who require support in acquiring foundational skills and core competencies necessary for graduation, trustees were told. As a result, the program will continue this school year, despite the fact that operating costs outpace revenues generated by enrollment.

**ELEMENTARY STAFFING** — A review of learning assistance needs determined that an additional 0.1 FTE is needed at McGowan Park Elementary and 0.5 FTE is required at Haldane Elementary to better support learning assistance programs in these schools. The additional support will be paid from existing staff budgets.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Wade moved that trustees Harper and Karpuk be named to the Aboriginal Education Council. The motion was approved.

The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office in Kamloops on February 19th at 7 p.m.