



## HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## January 2018

### **Welcome to 2018!**

We hope that everyone had a relaxing and safe two week holiday. The next weeks leading up to spring break represent a real opportunity for our students to set goals for their learning and work hard to achieve their potential as individuals. As a staff, we are committed to helping each and every student to be the best they can be and really appreciate your support in doing so. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher and to provide your child with time at home to review what they are learning and to keep up with their schoolwork.

### **Acting Principal**

Happy New Year! I am excited to begin my time at Haldane Elementary while Mrs. Grigg is away, and I am enjoying getting to know the students and staff. I look forward to making more connections with students, staff, parents, and the community in the weeks and months to come. I hope you all had a restful winter break and had time to spend time with family and friends. Please feel free to stop by the office for a quick hello or to introduce yourself.

Mrs. Katrina Sewell

### **Warm Clothing**

We notice that some students have been arriving to school without proper winter gear. Please be sure that your child has warm gloves, hat, snow pants and jacket to keep comfortable in the warm weather. If you are in need of a jacket or pants, or you have extra to spare for our school supply, please contact the office.

### **Boots off, please!**

We are trying very hard to keep our hallways dry and clean. We ask that everyone who enters the building take off their outdoor footwear to help us achieve our goal. Thank you!



### **Haldane Elementary Movie Night**

**Friday January 26th**

More info coming home soon!

### **Breakfast Program**

#### **New Menu starting January 2018**

#### **Week 1**

Monday - Muffins & yogurt

Tuesday - Scrambled Egg & Toast

Wednesday - French Toast

Thursday - Quesedillas

Friday - Scones

#### **Week 2**

Monday - Banana Bread & yogurt

Tuesday - Egg Burritos

Wednesday - Toast & Cheese Sticks

Thursday - Omelet & Toasted English Muffins

Friday - Bagels

### **Late School Fees**

We still have a number of students with unpaid school fees. These fees were due in September. All students have been provided the necessary supplies in good faith.

If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact our office at 250-679-3269. We appreciate your understanding!

### **Newsletter Going Digital**

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.

### **One to One Reading Program**

Dear Parents:

Do you have three hours a week during school hours to read one-to-one with a young student? The One to One Program needs you. No experience required but you must have good English language skills. We provide free training and ongoing support.

The One to One Children's Literacy Program gives students the opportunity to practice their reading skills and a caring, patient adult. This one-to-one time increases their self-confidence, their reading fluency and comprehension, and their chance of meeting with success at school and in life.

Tutors read with 3-5 students for 30 minutes each one morning a week for 12 weeks.

For further information call Denise Harper at 250-577-3528.

# Kindergarten

For parents wishing to register children in regular Kindergarten classes at their neighbourhood school, registration will take place:

**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.*

## Calendar of Events

January 18th	Bannock Day
January 26th	Movie Night
February 5th	J.R. Larose - Speaker
February 8th	Young People's Concert
February 9th	PAC Meeting - 8:45am
February 12th	Family Day - School Closed
February 15th	Bannock Day
February 22nd	Non-Instructional Day
February 23rd	Non- Instructional Day
March 19-23	Spring Break

## Foodie Needed!

Do you have a passion for cooking? Would you love to volunteer your time to cook hot lunches for the students at Haldane approximately once a month? Please contact PAC for more details!  
haldanepac@sd73.bc.ca

Have you been reading about all the events and fundraisers PAC puts on, and wondered how you could be a part of all the fun we have? If so, please complete this section of the newsletter and have your child return it to the school.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, please add my email address to the PAC volunteer list.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in volunteering with:

\_\_\_\_\_ Food Days \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me anytime you need help!

## Drop Off Zone

Please remember to use the drop off zone when dropping off and picking up your child(ren). For the safety of all of our students, please avoid entering the staff parking lot.

## BOARD NOTES - December 11, 2017

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- o Finance and Planning Committee highlights
- o Policy Committee highlights
- o Education Committee of the whole highlights
- o Committee meeting dates for 2018
- o BC Winter Games

Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.

### **EDUCATION TOPIC**

The Board was entertained by the talented Christmas caroling of the District Honour's Choir, which sang four songs for trustees and others who were present for the public meeting.

### **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

2018 GRADUATION SCHEDULE — The Board was told that the 2018 commencement ceremony schedule for the District's 15 secondary school programs will be posted on the district's website.

### **REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER**

**LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN** — The Board learned more about how enrolment growth and changes to class size and composition requirements are impacting schools and classroom space. Trustees heard that in most schools, space is very limited. The report recommends adding more portables or repurposing classrooms at schools with growth pressure as an interim measure instead of reopening previously closed schools. As well, Grade 7 students in rural communities could be moved to secondary schools to better balance space and student populations. The Board debated the report and voted to move forward with its recommendations. Further steps and community consultation, when required, are expected in the new year.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Board discussed possible dates in January for community consultations in Barriere, Chase and Clearwater to discuss moving Grade 7 students to secondary schools. Dates will be set as soon as possible.

### **MOTIONS**

- o Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults
- o Policy 912.2 Principals and Vice-Principals; Process for Appointment
- o Policy 1030.1 Interior Painting of Schools

Details of motions can be found on the public agenda.

**The next public meeting will take place at the School Board Office on January 15th at 7 p.m.**