



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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 attend with permission for a parent/guardian. Thank-you for making education a priority for your child(ren).

Winter Weather



Remember that the weather is starting to change. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we encourage students to go outside for all breaks. All students should have outdoor shoes or boots to put on. A change of clothes is recommended for primary students as slides and grass are often wet resulting in students becoming damp and uncomfortable. If you are in need of winter clothing, please let us know. Families may have access to free winter clothing from 'Found 4 kids'. A voucher can be accessed through Ms. Grigg at the office.

Remembrance Day Assembly

To honour the men and women who fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 10th starting at 10:45 am. Students from the primary and intermediate classes will be presenting songs and poems. Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Nut Aware

Haldane is now a Nut Aware School. Please note that we do have some students in our school who have life threatening peanut allergies. When packing your child's lunch, please consider an alternative to nuts. If a child does bring nut products to school, we have a friendship room where lunch can be eaten safely.



Build Our Kids' Success

Starting November 6th, 2017 we are pleased to offer our students a NEW program called BOKS. (Build Our Kids' Success) This program promotes the impact that physical activity has on a child's mind, body and spirit. The program aims to get elementary aged children moving in the morning to help ready their brains for a day of focused learning. The program will be 6 weeks long for each group. Our first group will be Mrs. O'Donnell, Mr. McArthur and Mrs. Mahon's class. From 8:00-8:15 am students will enjoy free play in the gym and then structured BOKS curriculum will start at 8:15am. Students must be able to arrive at the gym at 8:15am to participate.

The next group of classes will begin after the Christmas Break.

For more information on BOKS program please visit www.bokskids.ca.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all of you who came out for parent-teacher conferences in October. If you were unable to attend interviews, communication about your child's progress may be a phone conversation, or an interim report. If you haven't had any communication yet this year, please call the office and we can set something up for you.

Outstanding School Fees

There are still a number of students with outstanding student fees that are using classroom supplies. If you have not received an order form or would like to make arrangements for payment please contact the school office.

Reporting student absences

Parents are asked to please report all student absences and lates to our Safe Arrival number **BEFORE** 8:40am.

To report your child's absence please call this toll free number **before 8:30am** 1-844-350-2647 or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com

Stay Connected



Haldane Elementary School has a Facebook Page. Please look us up to stay connected to what is going on in the school, updates and reminders.



Haldane's Annual Scholastic Book Fair

PAC is so excited for this years Scholastic event which will be held Nov 21st - 23rd. Watch for more Scholastic information coming home soon. If you would like to be a part of helping out with Book Fair this year, please send us your available days and times to: haldanepac@sd73.bc.ca. See you all there!!!

Little Hawks Strong Start

Little Hawks Strong Start invites you and your preschool aged child to attend our mornings of fun FREE educational activities! Little Hawks is a FREE, drop-in early learning program with a morning snack included for families and their children. We are located in classroom #3 at Haldane and operate 8:30 - 11:30. Little Hawks provides a school based early learning service for adults and their children, aged birth to five, at no cost. Both children and adults can benefit from attending - children have access to a high-quality learning environment and benefit from social interactions while adults who accompany them learn new ways to support learning, both at the program and at home. For more information contact Kary at [250-679-3296](tel:250-679-3296) or stop by with your child - the coffee is always on!!

November 2nd	Young People's Concert
November 6th	First BOKS group starts (8:15 am in the gym)
November 10th	PAC meeting (8:45am)
November 13th	Remembrance Day Closure (No school)
November 16th	Bannock Day -\$1
November 16th	Photo Retake Day
November 21st-23rd	Scholastic Book Fair
December 4	District Non-Instructional Day
Dec 23-January 8th	Winter Vacation

NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 23, 2017

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board congratulated the successful participants of this year's Leadership Development Program. The two-year program, which started in Kamloops nearly 50 years ago, is designed to develop the District's future leaders from within the ranks of current employees. This year, 10 teachers completed the two-year program. The LDP integrates courses, TRU-based instruction, senior leader mentorship and in-school practicums to develop leadership and enhanced pedagogical skills.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES

City Coun. Arjun Singh introduced the Board to seven secondary students from schools across the city who are the inaugural members of a newly formed student city council. The students - will address, debate and provide insight into City issues and the decisions made by council, particularly those issues that are important to youth. The group asked to the Board about the possibility of forming a similar student school board. Trustees agreed the initiative would provide interesting opportunities to engage students while providing the Board with valuable insights from young people.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. DISTRICT LEARNING PLAN —

The Board heard a presentation from senior staff regarding the district learning plan, which is the high-level document that sets the educational direction District staff will follow. The plan identifies trends based on student success rates, and offers new directions for education stemming from the B.C. government's revised curriculum, the District's new five-year strategic plan and the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. The Board was told the implementation of the plan will lead to better strategies and structures to improve outcomes and benefit all of the District's students.

ENROLMENT INCREASE ANALYSIS —

The District's data shows the net number of students coming to School District No. 73 has increased this year. The majority of those new students came from other districts in B.C. but significant numbers of new students also came from other provinces as well as from independent schools. The number of international students is also up significantly.

ENROLMENT COMPARISON BY SCHOOL —

The Board was provided a school-by-school breakdown of enrolment numbers across the district. Twenty-seven schools have more students than last year, with the largest increases being seen at Sa-Hali and Valleyview secondary schools, as well as Aberdeen, Kay Bingham, McGowan Park and Westmount elementary schools.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE FIELD TRIP —

The Board unanimously approved an out-of-province field trip for NorKam Secondary Grade 11 and 12 biology school students, who intend to travel to Hawaii for a number of biology-oriented activities, including the Hawaii Marine Institute, the Honolulu Zoo, the Foster Botanical Gardens and a tropical rain forest. The trip is planned from March 29 to April, 5, 2018. The cost of the trip will be covered by participants, although no student will be denied the opportunity to attend the trip because of financial hardship.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wade reported she attended the official community opening of the new BC AA playground at Marion Schilling Elementary on October 14. Despite the poor weather, the event was well attended. Chair Wade, along with Superintendent Sidow and Trustee Sim attended the 100th anniversary celebrations of Raft River Elementary on October 19. Many former students and staff joined community members, current students and staff to celebrate the event.

The next public board meeting will take place at Logan Lake Secondary November 6th at 7 p.m.

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