



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Outstanding School Fees

There are still a number of students with outstanding student fees that are using classroom supplies. If you have not paid fees please contact the school and set up a payment plan right away.



Parking Lot

Thank you to all for keeping your vehicles out of the staff parking lot. There is only enough space for staff. We appreciate you using the space provided on Cottonwood Ave for drop off and pick-up. Please do not enter the parking lot or use the bus loop as it creates a safety hazard for our students.

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 the office.

Boys Group Mug n Muffin

Boys Group Coordinators Peter Michel, Shane Camille and Katrina Sewell would like to invite you and your son to this very important event to talk about Boys Group activities and expectations during events. Please RSVP to Shane Camille at 250-679-3269

Haldane's Annual Scholastic Book Fair

PAC is so excited for this year's 'Enchanted Forest Book Fair', which will be held Nov 20th-22nd. Watch for more Scholastic information coming home soon. If you would like to be a part of helping out with the book fair this year, please send us your available days and times to: haldanepac@sd73.bc.ca. See you all there!

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.

Come Read with Me

On October 24th Grade 1 parents were invited to attend a session to give parents the opportunity to learn positive reading strategies to help their children at home. Thank you to all those who were able to attend this great event.

On November November 13th a similar session will take place at the school which is aimed toward Kindergarten students and counting. Notices went home but if you'd like more information please contact the school.

Reporting student absences

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

To report your child's absence please call this toll free number **before 8:30am** 1-844-350-2647 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca to download the app.

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.

Student Communication

We ask that families communicate after school plans and pick up times with your children before they come to school. We also like to have this information in the student planner for the teacher's information. Our office is very busy after 2:00 pm and we cannot guarantee your child will get messages if you call after this time.

Breakfast Program

We are looking for someone to run our Breakfast Program each morning. This includes shopping for, preparing and serving a variety of healthy breakfast options each school morning. Food Safe Certificate and Criminal Record clearance is required. Please contact the school for more information

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 9th starting at 10:00am. Students from the primary and intermediate classes will be presenting songs and poems. Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We also encourage any guides, scouts or cadets to come in uniform on this day.



November 2nd	Art Start Performance at School
November 7th	PAC Meeting (9:15 am)
November 7th	Pepperoni Sale Every Wednesday (\$1 per piece)
November 9th	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 11th	Community Remembrance Service at Cemetary (3:00 PM)
November 12th	Remembrance Day Closure
November 13th	Come Count with Me (8:30-10:00) Kindergarten Students
November 15th	Bannock Day (\$1 per piece)
November 21st	Grade 6 Immunizations
November 19-23rd	Scholastic Book Fair
December 3rd	Non-Instructional Day
December 12th & 13th	Christmas Concert (1:15-2:30 PM)
December 20th	Bannock Day (\$1 per piece)
December 24th-January 4th	Winter Vacation

NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 15, 2018

EDUCATION TOPIC

Best friends Akira Susanj (grade 7) and Alexander Teague (grade 6) were joined by their Principal, Krista Halland, at Savona Elementary to highlight the many programs the school has incorporated to support hands-on learning, including Maker Space, and a Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program. The boys reported that their school is also into its first year of BOKS Kids, a free before school program aimed to improve students’ physical, mental and social health through movement.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

School Learning Plans The schools learning plans have been reviewed by senior staff and presented to the Board. The Board was unanimous in approving the plans and commended school principals and teachers for the tremendous amount of thought that went into developing strategies that improve numeracy. They also commented on the plans’ comprehensiveness and how clearly aligned the plans were with the strategic priorities.

Enrolment Update

The final enrolment numbers are complete and were reported to the Ministry of Education on September 28, 2018 showing continued growth. There are an additional 208 students in grades 1 to 7, and an extra 77 in secondary for a net increase of 233 students across the District. The vast majority of new students came from families who are moving to Kamloops from other parts of the province.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

SD73 Business Company Reserve Management fees paid to the district from its business company (SD73BC) have generated a reserve fund of \$485,872. Staff will come back to the board with a clear process and guidelines for how Parent Advisory Groups (PACs) may apply for a grant from these funds for recreational projects in support of students. Some of the ideas suggested included supports for new playgrounds and sport uniforms.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The last few weeks have been busy for all trustees. Events attended included Raise-A-Reader, Orange Shirt Day, and the United Way Campaign kick-off. Chair Wade and Superintendent Sidow also attended the Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education to recognize Maymie Tegart from Blue Rive Elementary as Outstanding New Teacher. Trustee Kershaw raised the issue of grade 7s not being able to be part of the grade 8 volleyball and basketball teams in rural communities where schools do not follow the traditional grade configurations. Assistant Superintendent Hamblett is working with BC School Sports to determine if a policy change is a possible.

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

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