



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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New and Departing Staff

At Spring Break we said farewell to our Kindergarten/Grade 1 teacher, Ms.D, who retired after teaching at Haldane for the past two years. Welcome to Mrs. Cami Klohn who will be taking over her class for the remainder of the year.

Day of Suwewtweww / Day of Recognition



In the Kamloops Thompson School District this is part of what is now known as the "Day of Suwewtweww." Suwewtweww means to acknowledge one another. Plans are in place this Thursday, April 7th to honour and recognize the land and to focus on "Well-Becoming through emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual Indigenous values". The theme this year is inspired by some of the learnings from the medicine wheel of the Secwepemc and Nlaka'Pamux peoples as well as other First Nations and Aboriginal groups in our area.

Spring Weather



Remember that the weather is starting to change to warmer wetter weather. 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 as slides and grass are often wet resulting in students becoming damp and uncomfortable.



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Hot Lunch Dates:

April 6th - Subway Day

April 22nd - Pizza Day

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/Haldane/>

Dogs on School Grounds

Although we have many dog-lovers at Haldane, please remember that dogs may not be on the playground or near the exit doors while picking up students. While we know most dogs are friendly, they do create anxiety or worry to some students. If you are passing through, please remember that dogs must be on a leash and that it is good etiquette to clean up after your dog so that our grounds are clean for student play.



Jump Rope For Heart



Yes, Haldane, it's almost that time of year again! Our school is taking part in the Jump Rope for Heart event. This fun event gets our kids physically active and raises vital funds to reduce the devastating effects of heart disease and stroke. The students will be participating in fun skipping and jumping challenges. Leading up to event day, kids are encouraged to raise funds and in return earn thank you prizes for their individual fundraising efforts. More information will be sent home later this month.

Found 4 Kids

Found4kids is a local group helping SD73 families by providing school clothing at no cost.

Book your private appointment to select from used clothing collections by emailing found4kids@gmail.com. Please contact the school for a voucher.

Bell Change

As the weather warms up, we are extending the outside time in the morning by 5 minutes. The first bell will ring at 8:30am instead of 8:25am. The next bell will ring at 8:30am, which is when class time is set to begin.

8:30 am - First Bell Rings

8:35 am - Class Begins

9:55 am - Recess (Group 1 outside) (Group 2 snack)

10:10 am - Recess (Group 1 snack) (Group 2 outside)

10:25 am - Recess Ends

12:10 pm - Lunch (Group 1 outside) (Group 2 eat)

12:37 pm - Lunch (Group 1 eat) (Group 2 outside)

1:05 pm - Outside Play Ends

1:10 pm - Class Begins

2:46 pm - Dismissal

3:00 pm - Bus Bell

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4th	First day back after Spring Break
April 6th	Subway Day
April 7th	Day of Suwentwecw
April 15th	Good Friday
April 18th	Easter Monday
April 19th	Jump Rope For Heart Kick Off
April 21st	Bannock Day
April 22nd	Pizza Day
April 22nd	Earth Day
April 25th	Non-Instructional Day
April 28th	Class Photos
May 18th	Bannock Day
May 20th	Non-Instructional Day
May 23rd	Victoria Day - No School
May 27th	Zone Track Meet

Earth Day



Haldane Elementary will be celebrating Earth Day on Friday, April 22nd. Many activities will be going on this day, which will include the two classes going to [Tsútswecw Provincial Park](#). Other classes will be involved with doing school ground and neighborhood cleanup and weeding and planting flower beds. The school is also going to take time to start their planter boxes and update the front entrance garden. We are looking forward to staff and students demonstrating support for environmental protection.

Continuity of Learning and Communicable Disease Prevention Plan (COVID-19)

On Thursday, March 10, 2022, Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced changes to safety measures for K-12 schools, which are detailed in the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). These changes start on the first day of Spring Break, which is March 21, 2022, in our district. Employees who work over Spring Break will have a head start on students who will experience these changes upon return to school after Spring Break on April 4, 2022.

