



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Student Fees

Please remember that your child's students fees were due September 28th. We kindly ask that you issue payment or connect with the school about setting up a payment plan.

Early Dismissal October 11th

We will have an early dismissal time of 12:30 pm on Thursday October 11th for parent teacher interviews. Your child should have come home with a sign up sheet for an interview time. Friday October 12th will be a full day.

Haldane Spirit Wear

We will be sending order forms home for hoodies, t-shirts and gym bags with our logo on it. Please watch for order forms coming home soon.

Fall Weather

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

The Reset Room

At times, students lose the privilege of being able to play outside during lunch hour due to infractions to the Code of Conduct or unwillingness to demonstrate expected behaviours. The Reset Room, located in Room 8, is supervised by two teachers from 12:20-12:50. While students are in this calm, quiet environment, they fill out Behavior Reflection Sheets and have a chance to take responsibility for their actions. Please see below:

Behaviour Reflections

Name _____ Date _____

How was I feeling at the time of the incident?

Sad
 Bored / tired
 Angry
 Frustrated
 Hyper / Silly

What happened?

How has my behaviour affected others?

Where did it go wrong?

What would I do differently?

Taking Responsibility for My Actions: How will I fix it?

Classroom Clean Up
 Supervise younger students in outdoor play
 Garbage Pick Up
 Include someone new in appropriate play
 Apology Letter or Card
 Make a poster showing expected behaviour
 Create and teach a lesson for younger students
 Other: _____

Student: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent: _____

Visitor Sign In

Please remember that everyone entering the school needs to sign in and out at the front desk. There is a blue binder labelled 'Sign In Sheet' on the front counter.

Safe Arrival Program

All student absences and lates should be reported to our Safe Arrival number **BEFORE** 8:40am.

Our school phone line should NOT be used to report a late or absent child.

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

Hawk Slips

On our last Pro-D day in September staff was busy creating a new recognition program to support positive behaviour in students. Please check out the new "Hawk Slips" we will be rolling out next week.



Keep Children at home if they have:

- A fever of 100^oF or more - and then keep them home for 24 hours after the fever is gone
- Vomiting or diarrhea - and then keep them home for a day after the last episode
- A sore throat - particularly if you can see white or red spots at the back of the throat or if your child also has a fever
- Rashes of unknown origin - these may be contagious
- Untreated infections of the eye, ear or skin - watch for symptoms such as redness, swelling, or discharge
- Different behaviour from normal (acting unwell)
- Little energy to participate in school activities
- Head lice - until initial treatment
- A deep, hacking cough - along with a runny nose and headache

Talk with your family doctor or public health nurse if you have concerns.

Good Health Habits

While sometimes unavoidable, no parent wants their child to miss school. Here are ways to help your children stay healthy:

- Teach them to wash their hands-the most important thing you can do to help stop the spread of germs. Children should scrub their hands with soap for 15 seconds and rinse for 15 seconds
- Give them their own utensils and water bottles
- Ensure they get at least nine to ten hours of sleep
- Teach them to cover their mouths and noses with tissues when they sneeze or cough and to wash their hands after they throw the tissues away
- Keep them up-to-date on their immunizations

Dates To Remember

October 8th	Thanksgiving
October 10th	District Cross Country Run
October 11th	Early Closure (12:30) Parent Teacher Interviews
October 12th	Fire Department Visit to School
October 17th	Salmon Run Field Trip
October 18th	Bannock Day
October 19th	Non-Instructional Day
October 24th	Come Read With Me (Grade 1's)
October 24	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 30th	Photo Retakes

Orange Shirt Day

September 28th was Orange Shirt Day to recognize survivors of Residential Schools. Our School was covered in Orange!

PAC News

Our exiting PAC Executive team would like to give our 2018/2019 PAC Executive team a warm welcome and a big thank you for stepping into these roles. We look forward to working with everyone this year!

We welcome:

Ricki Andrews and Tianna Lie-Hamilton - Co-Chair
Shannon McLellan and Jolene Barkman - co secretaries
Melissa Laracy - treasurer

We have an exciting year ahead! Our first big fundraiser will of course be our beloved book fair! The theme this year is the enchanted Forest!

Our next PAC meeting will be held October 3rd at 5:45pm. Childcare will be provided.

Parking Lot

Thank you to all for keeping your vehicles out of the 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 the use the bus loop as it creates a safety hazard for our students.

Letter of Farewell from Denise Harper

Dear parents and staff of Haldane Elementary:
It is with sadness I announce that after nineteen years as your School Trustee, I am stepping down and will not seek re-election on October 20th.

I was first elected in 1993, stepped away in 2002 then returned in 2008. In total I have served nineteen years as your representative on the Board of Education and I have loved every moment. Leaving is hard but I am happy to report there are at least two very sincere and caring people who have put their names forward to run in the October 20th election. Chase has enjoyed very strong representation on the Board of Education and I am confident this will continue. Please take the time to learn about the candidates for school trustee and the VOTE on October 20th.

On a personal note, as a strong supporter of public education, I have worked hard during the past 25 years to ensure all children have their learning needs met. It has been both a privilege and an honour to be your voice at the table. I would like to thank all of your for entrusting me with your children's educational future. It was a responsibility I never view lightly.

Sincerely,
Denise Harper, Trustee
Kamloops/Thompson Board of Education

****There will be a farewell assembly for Denise on October 26th at 9:00a, for anyone who would like to come****