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**December 2020**

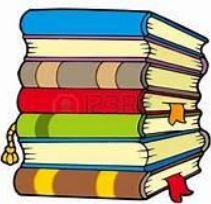
**Chase Hamper Society**

**Chase Food Bank  
Christmas Hampers  
December 23rd**

This year because of COVID-19 the Chase Food Bank is taking telephone registrations. If you or someone you know is needing some extra help this Christmas please call to register.

Nov 1st - Dec 18th  
250-682-6155

**Haldane's Annual Book Fair Success!**



PAC would like to thank everybody that helped make this year's Book Fair such an enjoyable event. Although we were unable to welcome families into the school, we surpassed our goal of \$6000 with a total

sales of \$6100! Thank you everyone who volunteered, shopped, and supported us in numerous ways.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 2nd	Subway Day
December 3rd	Grade 6 Immunizations
December 7th	Pro-D Day - No School for students
December 9th	PAC Meeting - 6:30 via Zoom
December 16th	Pizza Day
December 19th - January 3rd	Winter Break
January 4th	First day back after winter break

**Christmas Concert**

With COVID restrictions on gathering, we have had to think outside the box on sharing our holiday spirit with families. Over the next few weeks, each class will record their performance and Mr. Scott will create a video, which will be sent out as a link for families to watch. Students who do not have media release consent will not be recorded in their class's video. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate.

**After School Dismissal and Pick Up**

It is important to remember that during COVID times, students should be leaving quickly after school to minimize the congregating and mixing of students and families of different cohorts. Thank you to those families who have made plans to meet your child after school and limited gathering on school grounds. Your efforts are making a difference! If your child does not get picked up or is not taking the school bus please remind him/her to leave promptly after school, rather than lingering to play with other students.

**Visitors and Guests**

Our schools and facilities are open, but continue to have restricted access. Visitors must call ahead and make an appointment before entering any SD73 facility. Visitor access during school hours will be prioritized to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being. All visitors must review and follow [visitor procedures](#).



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Hot Lunch Date:

**December 16th - Pizza Day**

Deadline to order is December 9th

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

### **Welcome New Staff**

We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Chenier and Mr. Cuthbert to our Haldane team.

Ms. Chenier has joined as a CEA and Mr. Cuthbert as an AEW.

### **Haldane Matrix Focus**



Students and staff have continued to work on reviewing our Haldane Matrix, with lessons on Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Belonging.

Congratulations to the many students who have earned a

hawk slip and who have had their names drawn on our Fridays for a small prize.

### **Upcoming Matrix Focus of the Week:**

Belonging: December 7 - 18

Safety: January 4 - 15

You can help a home by reviewing our matrix with your child. Each student agenda has a Matrix on the back, and a copy can be found on our school website: [haldane.sd73.bc.ca](http://haldane.sd73.bc.ca)

With our focus on Belonging in the upcoming weeks, Haldane students will be making cards for community members. This is our way of spreading care and festivity during the Christmas season. Especially during COVID times, we want to stay connected with one another.

### **Lost & Found**

Our lost & found is once again overflowing. Please make sure to have a look through items while you are at school as we will be donating all items before Christmas.

### **Winter Routines**

Our boot racks are now out for students and staff to store their wet outdoor footwear.

Our goal is to keep our hallways dry and safe, and we ask parents and guests to also remove their wet outdoor footwear at the doors. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor footwear, as well as warm coats, mittens and hats. Labelling your child's clothing with a permanent marker helps eliminate students accidentally wearing another student's identical item of footwear and clothing home. Students should now be arriving each day with winter clothing!



### **Found 4 Kids**

**Found4kids** is a local group helping SD73 families by providing school clothing at no cost. Please contact the school if you'd like a voucher or to book a private session to shop for used children's clothing.

### **Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience**

The conversation around screens and teens is being taken to the next level by filmmaker and physician Dr. Delaney Ruston. SD73 parents and families will have an opportunity to watch his new movie, on-demand, between Nov. 26 and Dec. 13, 2020. The film explores the science behind the emotional challenges teenagers face, the interplay of social media, and how families and schools can help them build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age.

More information, along with the trailer, how to register is here:

<https://forms.sd73.bc.ca/Screenagers-NEXT-CHAPTER>