



## HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### New School Hours...for now.

The school's office is open from 8am-1pm during regular school days. Parents can pick up student packages (if the teacher has provided any) during these hours. Packages are set up in the front of the building by the main office doors.

### Celebrating Remote Student Learning

We are so thrilled to see so many of our students connecting remotely each week. From zoom meetings, to google classrooms, to phone call check ins, to paper packages, we are all celebrating student learning in new ways.

Ms. Jacobson's class has a variety of theme days during their zoom meetings. Students participate in scavenger hunts, fun games, dress up days and show and tell during their daily zoom meets.

Mrs. Markin, Mrs. Humphrey and Mr. McArthur's classes all had the opportunity to take home caterpillars and will watch them evolve into butterflies over the next few weeks. Zoom meetings for these classes usually consist of showing off the growth of their caterpillars...*and their homes, and pets, and siblings, and stuffed animals and parents.*



### Quick Updates

In these ever changing times we sometimes need to send out quick updates and reminders. The way we usually communicate these reminders is through email or Facebook. If you need to update your email address please email Mallory at [mgosse@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mgosse@sd73.bc.ca). You can follow our Facebook page here:



### Haldane's MasterChef Competition

Have you checked out the latest Haldane's Masterchef challenge on Facebook yet?

This weekly competition for Haldane students allows them to develop life skills and creativity in the kitchen, and possibly win Safety Mart gift cards. It has proven to be a great way to stay connecting with the School Community in these times when we can't be together physically.

Each week, we present 5 secret ingredients. Students must use at least 2 of these ingredients to create a dish of their choice. Students can then submit one photo of their dish, along with a brief description of the dish and its ingredients. Photos with descriptions will be posted on the school Facebook page and people can "like" for their favourite dishes. The winner each week will receive a \$25 gift card to Safety Mart, or they can choose to donate the gift certificate to a family in need.

### Congratulation to the winners:

Week 1: Kashleigh Holmes



Week 2. Disun Forrest



Week 3: To be announced Thursday.

### **Class Placement for 2020**

Student placement is taken very seriously at Haldane Elementary. Each year we configure classes to create the best possible learning environment for our students, considering the following: class size and composition regulations, male/female ratios, student learning style and intellectual needs, a balance in student independence, maturity, and behaviour, and peer relationships.

Parent input is also considered when placing students; however, student placement decisions are left to the discretion of the school. Although the school will not consider requests for a specific teacher, parents are welcome to provide information relating to their child to assist us with our decision. Please email this information to [ksewell@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:ksewell@sd73.bc.ca) by May 25th.

### **MOVING?**

To help us start the process of organizing our school next year, we need to know if you are planning on leaving Haldane. Please call Mallory in the office or inform your child's teacher if you will not be here in September.

### **Pizza Order Refunds**

If you paid online through Munchalunch for the remainder of the school year, you will find a credit on that account that will be carried into next year. If your child is moving onto the highschool, the credit will be applied to the younger siblings account.

### **Young Artist Competition**

We are proud to announce the winners of the Young Artist competition this year.

Evelyn Good  
Halle Alec  
Eden Brown  
Tandra Roseger

Although these students were not able to participate as they had in past years you are still able to wander through this virtual art gallery and find SD73 student artwork! The Virtual Gallery can be viewed via computer by clicking this link

<https://www.artsteps.com/view/5e98820c9b8268409c0c982e>.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

**Friday May 15th** - Non-Instructional Day  
**Monday May 18th** - Victoria Day  
**Wednesday May 27th** - Interim Report Go Home  
(This will only be an assessment up to Spring Break)

### **Meals Program Still Available**

During these ever-changing times we know that home and economic situations may be in flux. If your need for healthy food options changes and you would like assistance for breakfast or lunch for your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Sewell or Mr. Scott for more information at 250-679-3269

### **Kindergarten Registration**

We are looking for all our little friends that are planning on joining us this Fall for Kindergarten!

If you are planning on registering your child for Kindergarten, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2020.

***Please email Mallory at [mgosse@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mgosse@sd73.bc.ca) or call the office to find out how to register.***

### **Parent Portal Access**

MyEdBC is the system used throughout the province for managing student information. The Parent Portal allows parents/guardians access to the system where you can view report cards, attendance, demographics, student portfolios, and progress toward graduations.

Benefits of the MyEdBC Family Portal:

- Parents can easily access their child's report card
- Increase the security and privacy of student information. With the Family Portal, report cards are stored and accessed on a secure web server as opposed to being sent out on paper.
- Parents can view up-to-date attendance information.
- Parents can view demographic information and contact the school should updates/changes be required

If you did not receive an email with instructions on how to access your account please contact Mallory at [mgosse@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mgosse@sd73.bc.ca).

### **Attention Parents of Grade 4 Students**

You should have received an email last week with instructions on how to access the Provincial Student Satisfaction Survey.

If you have not already, please ensure you and your child are completing this survey. Once you have completed the survey please email [ksewell@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:ksewell@sd73.bc.ca) and you will be entered into a draw for a \$25 Safety Mart Gift Card. Winner will be announced Friday May 8th.

Please click instruction below to access:

[Grade 4 Satisfaction Survey Letter](#)