



## HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## October 2019

### Student Fees

Please remember that your child's student fees were due September 27th. We kindly ask that you issue payment or connect with the school about setting up a payment plan.

### Early Dismissal October 10th

We will have an early dismissal time of 12:30 pm on Thursday October 10th for parent teacher interviews. Your child should be coming home with a sign up sheet for an interview time shortly. Friday October 11th will be a full day.

### Volleyball Season

Our Volleyball season has begun. We would like to thank Ms. Lee and Mr. Heron who have stepped up to coach this year.

Boys will practice Tuesday and Fridays during lunch and have their games Tuesdays after school.

Girls will practice Mondays after school and Thursdays at lunch and their games will be Thursday after school.

### PAC News

Our exiting PAC Executive team would like to give our 2019/2020 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:**

President-Shannon McLellan

Vice President-Whitney Good

Treasurer-Kayley Morris

Secretaries-Jolene Barkman & Chandra Sowerby

Hot Lunch Coordinator-Stephanie Stumph

We have an exciting year ahead! Our first big fundraiser will of course be our beloved book fair! Stay tuned for details.

### Orange Shirt Day

September 30th was Orange Shirt Day to recognize survivors of Residential Schools. Our School was covered in Orange! Thank you to PAC who helped purchase shirts for students.

### Safe Arrival Program

All student absences and lates should be reported to our Safe Arrival number **BEFORE** 8:40am or through the School Messenger App.

**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](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)**.

### **Keep Children at home if they have:**

- A fever of 100<sup>0</sup>F 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

**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.

**Terry Fox Run**

Thanks to everyone who made this a successful event. The weather held-out for us and we had great participation from everyone (some great runners out there). Students and staff ended up raising \$68.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Well done!

**Staff Welcome**

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Malkoske (CEA) will be joining our staff for the remainder of the school year.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Polischuk as her last day will be October 11th. We thank her for her time with us during the September start up.

**Dates To Remember**

<b>October 4th</b>	Photo Day
<b>October 8th</b>	PAC Meeting and Reporting Presentation
<b>October 10th</b>	Early Closure (12:30) Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>October 14th</b>	Thanksgiving - No School
<b>October 18th</b>	Come Read with Me
<b>October 22nd</b>	Art Start Performance
<b>October 23rd</b>	Photo Retakes
<b>October 25th</b>	Non-Instructional Day
<b>October 29th</b>	Grade 6 Immunizations
<b>October 31st</b>	Pizza Day

**Build Our Kids' Success**

Starting October 15th we are pleased to offer our students a program called BOKS. (Build Our Kids' Success) This program promotes the impact that physical activity has on a child's mind, body and spirit. The program aims to get elementary aged children moving in the morning to help ready their brains for a day of focused learning. The first group attending October 15th-18th will be Mrs. Pitman's Grade 1 students and Mrs. Polischuk's class. Students must be able to arrive at the gym at 8:15am to participate. The next groups will be:  
October 22nd-25th - Mr. McArthur and Mrs. Kreutzer  
October 29th -Nov 01 - Mrs. Calvert and Mrs. Church  
November 5th - 8th - Mrs. Jacobson's Grade 4 students.

**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 can not guarantee your child will get messages if you call after this time.

**New Reporting:**

This year we are participating as a pilot school for the Ministry of Education's draft K-9 Student Reporting Policy. Research has shown that good communication between the home and the school is key to student success. Communication should provide up-to-date information about student progress and involve the student, the teacher, and the parents /guardians in meaningful dialogue throughout the school year.

At our school, the communication about student progress will be provided through a variety of forms:

- Learning Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews and Celebration of Learning)
- Interim Reports
- Summary of student progress (January and end of year)

We hope that providing you with timely, flexible information about student progress this year will help ensure that you will be well informed about your child's learning.

We recognize that as parents/guardians who may have more than one child at our school, you may receive feedback on your children in more than one way. This is because both the draft Student Reporting Policy pilot and the current reporting legislation are being supported by the Ministry of Education and the school district.

We are inviting you to a meeting on **Tuesday, October 8 at 4:00 pm** in our school's library to provide further information. We hope to see you there!