

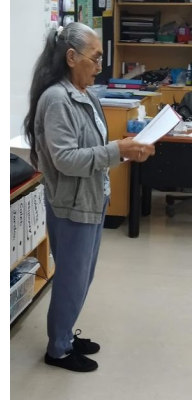
# Hans Helgesen Elementary Newsletter

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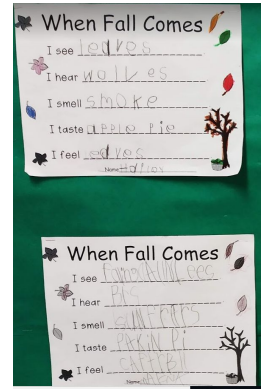
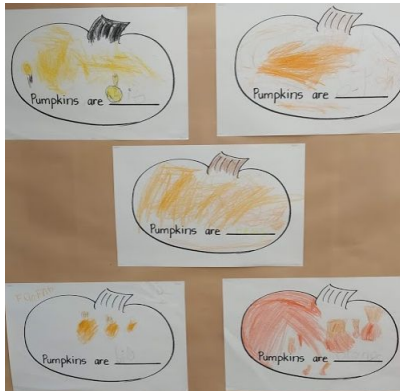
**Moon: PEKELÁNEW: THE MOON THAT TURNS THE LEAVES WHITE**



What a beautiful autumn it has been here at Hans Helgesen. We are recognizing Indigenous ways of knowing with the Saanich Moon, the Moon that turns the leaves white. Classrooms are engaged in seasonal activities, including art, poetry and literature. We also welcome Gramma Lee Charles from Scia'new Nation who is sharing her language with classrooms in the school.



Take a look at all the wonderful work in our hallways.



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## **Bathroom Etiquette :**

Parents, we apologize for the indelicate nature of this section, but we are asking you to review with your children how to use a public washroom. Every once in a while, a child has an accident and receives assistance from a staff member. This is never a bother and we are happy to help. However, we have been dealing with increasingly unpleasant messes in our school washrooms.

These are our main concerns:

- Enormous amounts of toilet paper being used, plugging the toilets
- Students not flushing
- The toilet being ignored completely and the child relieving themselves on the floor

We have all talked with the students about what is expected and have seen a little improvement. We appreciate your assistance in reviewing how to use a public washroom with your children.


## **Wet Weather**

Please ensure your child has clothes to wear in the rainy, sunny, windy weather will make for pleasant adventures on the playground. As well, all students need to have a pair of shoes they change into for inside the school. Many students would benefit from a change of clothes being stored at school, for slips on the playground or other accidents.

## **Hallowe'en**

We look forward to our Hallowe'en Costume Parade: 9AM in the gym on October 31st.

Recently, you received an email with guidelines SD62 would like you to follow when sending your child to school in costume this coming Halloween. In case you missed it, these are costume guidelines:

- **Face makeup is okay as long as it isn't too scary (students must be identifiable).**
  - **Half masks such as masquerade masks are okay unless otherwise stated by your child's school. No full-face masks are permitted.**
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- **Friendly clowns, jesters, mimes etc. are okay. No scary clowns please.**
  - **No imitation weapons of any kind will be permitted.**

These guidelines are in place so that students can be easily identified. Please use your discretion when sending your child to school in costume. The Principal and Vice-Principal may ask your child to change in the event a costume is deemed unacceptable. We do our best to create comfortable and safe environments in our schools and we thank you for helping us to do so.

### **Volunteer Drivers:**

Here are the School District requirements for volunteer drivers. Please make sure all of these items are up to date and in the office:

1. Sign the school district form (available in the office)
2. Copy of insurance with a minimum of 2 million liability
3. Drivers abstract
4. Copy of driver's license
5. Vulnerable Sector Criminal Records Clearance Letter completed in the last 3 years\*

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>

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*Upcoming Events*

**October 25 Non-Instructional Day**

**October 24 PAC Hallowe'en Dance**

**October 31 Hallowe'en**

**November 8 Remembrance Assembly  
10:45 am**

**November 11 Remembrance Day**

**November 14 Picture retakes**

**November 21 Early dismissal**

**November 22 Non-Instructional Day**

**November 29 Winter Show**

With respect and friendship,

**Cathy and Jon**

