



# Hans Helgesen Elementary Newsletter

Feb 7, 2020

## Aboriginal Acknowledgement

We are grateful to be working, playing and living on the traditional territory of Scia'new Nation and we thank them for this beautiful land. *Hych'ka (thank you)*

## WEXES - Moon of the Frog (Feb-Mid March)

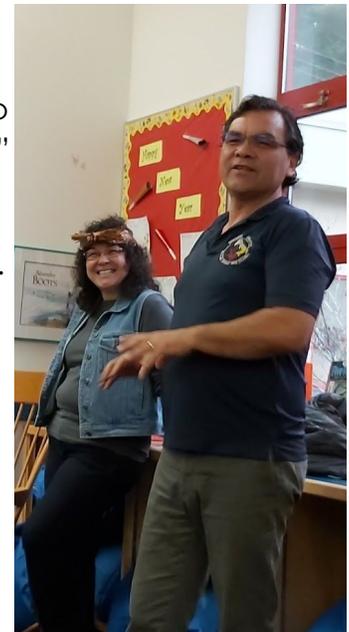
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## Literacy Week

### Aboriginal Storytelling

Chief Chipps & Sharon Jay shared the Scia'new Nation traditional Crab Story. Saanich Elder Earl Claxton Jr told a story about the "Great Flood" and shared his cedar tools and artifacts.

**Whole School Reading-** all classes gathered & read together in the gym.



### Introducing Ms. Rebecca Nielsen, Grade 3/4 Teacher

I am very excited to be teaching at Hans Helgesen this year. I am looking forward to continuing a wonderful year of learning with students. I was born and raised on Vancouver Island and feel very fortunate to call it my home. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy being outdoors or spending time with family and friends. I have enjoyed working with children and youth for over 8 years. Before I became a teacher, I worked as a community support worker as well as an educational assistant. I have been teaching for the past few years and have worked within various schools in the Sooke District. I have a passion for connecting with others, and teaching allows me to build relationships with students while facilitating meaningful learning.



## **Schlockey!**

Thank you, HH PAC member Tanya Phillips for organizing the build of two schlockey games for our playground with EMCS's amazing Teacher, Elliot Brady, of the TASK program! Schlockey is an action-packed game for two players that lasts 1-2 minutes. So much fun! The game uses wooden hockey sticks without a blade. If you have any wooden sticks you are no longer using, we would appreciate the donation.

## **100 day**

Monday marks 100 days in school this year! Thank you for making them wonderful!

## **Going to be away?**

Please let us know if you are going to be away using one of these methods:

- Writing a note to the classroom teacher
- Calling the school (250) 478-3431
- Emailing [hanshelgesen2@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:hanshelgesen2@sd62.bc.ca)

## **Friday Pizza Days**

You can order for one date, all the dates or any combination. It is always up to a family to decide how much they would like to participate. Please be mindful of the deadlines for ordering.

Link to order: <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Index>

## **Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 14 - **Non-instructional Day**
- Feb. 17 - **Family Day Holiday**
- Feb. 21 - **Pizza Friday** - school spirit day (wear red & black or spirit wear)
- Mar. 6 - **Pizza Friday** / Crazy Hair Day

**With respect and friendship,**

**Cathy and Jon**