



In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

July 2, 2021

Dear HH Families,

Our final weeks of school our students had opportunities to create, to work with others, to solve problems and to be challenged to do their best. We saw curious, energetic and resourceful learners who embraced each activity with enthusiasm.

We had classrooms walking to Devonian Park, building boats to test their designs, tie dying t-shirts, watching tadpoles and butterflies develop and completing final projects. We heard numerous voices singing The Wellerman Sea Shanty, a favourite from music genre studies and saw our intermediate students work with ibikes. Each cohort created their own Fun Day plan to the delight of their students!

We continued to build awareness of Residential Schools, colouring 215 feathers representing the remains of children found at the Kamloops Residential School. We also had some drum circles outside on the land with Elders, and continued to raise the flag at half-mast.

This past Tuesday, we held a drive-through celebration for the grade five class. Each child was able to have photos taken with their families celebrating the last days of Elementary school. We thank Elder Hank Chippis, Bernice Millette and Brother Rick of the Scia'new nation for being part of the ceremony.. Congratulations grade five students on a wonderful year!

The following staff members will be leaving our school. We would like to thank them for the excellent service they have given to the students and community of Hans Helgesen Elementary:

-Ms. Stephanie Passmore
-Mr. Mati Tirilis
-Ms. Ella LeBlanc

-Ms. Britney Corkery
-Mr. David Friesen
-Gramma Charles

It has been a pleasure working with you this year. We wish you well in your new adventures and hope to see you soon. We would like to thank all of the members of the staff for the service, dedication, and commitment they have given to the school. Hych'ka!



Mrs. Lavina Charles, affectionately known to all as Gramma Charles, has decided to retire after a very long time teaching Sencoten and Hul'qumi'num languages at Hans Helgesen. She was not at our school this year, due to the pandemic, however our students and staff fondly remember her vast knowledge and teachings. Thank you Gramma!



We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Scia'new Beecher Bay Nation on which the school is built. We thank them for sharing this beautiful land. Hych'ka – "Thank You"

Summer Reading

Please make time to read each day of the summer. Even five minutes will make a difference in the retention of reading skills gained this school year. Children can read by themselves or to their family, to your pets or a stuffed animal, under a tree in the backyard... really anywhere and anytime. You will never regret the adventures you find in books.

Our local library has a wonderful selection of books and a fun program for the [summer reading](#).

Construction at Hans Helgesen

Just a reminder that work will begin this summer to replace the school roof and building envelope.

School Supplies

Our [website](#) has updated school supply lists for the next school year. If you would prefer to order the supplies online, you can now purchase your child's school supplies at [Staples School Tools](#). Ordering is easy:

1. Go to [Staples.ca/SchoolTools](#)
2. Click "Parents", and search for your grade by school name and grade.
3. Click on the correct grade to see the list of items curated by your child's school.

Parking Lot Update

Attached is a summary of the parking lot changes, decided upon by the School district, after lengthy consultation with the PAC, school staff and a combined Focus group. This plan should ensure pedestrian safety while maintaining traffic flow.

Report Cards

Your child's report card is available on the Parent Portal of MyEdBC. Please see attached instructions.



Medication Form

If your child has medical needs including allergies/ anaphylaxis that the school staff should be aware of (medications, special medical instructions) please fill in the linked form, have your doctor sign it over the summer and return it to the school first thing in September.

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 7	First Day of School
Sept 21	Non-Instructional Day

Taking Care of Hans Helgesen

If you are at the school over the holiday, we hope you will be our eyes and ears. We rarely have vandalism to the school, however if you see anything of unsafe or concerning behaviours at the school, please contact **911** or the Non-Emergency number of the Westshore RCMP **250-474-2264** Thank you!



With respect and
friendship,
Cathy and Jon