



# In the Hawks Nest

## At Hans Helgesen Elementary

September 29, 2021

This week we are focussed on Orange Shirt Day and the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This new statutory holiday on September 30th is a day that honours the lost children and the survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. As a school and school District we work with our local nations and elders to guide us in our practice. All SD62 schools will be closed for this day to allow our students, staff, and communities to participate in events related to our collective commitment to truth and reconciliation. Flags at all schools and school district facilities will be at half-mast.



Our new gaga ball court is open for play ! Thank you to the generosity of our wonderful PAC, we have this fun addition to our playground. This will be a legacy game for us to play for years to come! Hych'ka!



The rules are simple. Students hit the ball to see if they can eliminate another player. If you are hit with the ball, knee and below, you are out. Students referee their own play and line-up for their next turn.

This Friday will have another practice Fire Drill. Our first practice last week was very good with students quietly following directions to exit the school quickly. Here is the link to a youtube video with a similar sounding alarm if you would like to practice with your child. <https://youtu.be/qrNZrr9ID7k>

Our school email address has been changed to [hanshelgesen@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:hanshelgesen@sd62.bc.ca) Please use this when you are writing a general inquiry to the office.

### Upcoming Dates

Sept 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day (school not in session)
Oct 1	Pizza day ( <a href="#">pre-order only</a> ) Firedrill
Oct 11	Thanksgiving holiday
Oct 15	Pizza day ( <a href="#">pre-order only</a> )
Oct 22	Provincial Non-Instructional Day
Oct 25	Photo retakes



With respect and friendship,

*Cathy and Jon*



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"