



In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

December 1, 2021

From the School Board

COVID-19 Vaccination for Children Ages 5-11: COVID-19 vaccination is now authorized by Health Canada for children five and older. Getting young people vaccinated helps protect them and the people around them. Principals are expected to support families to receive trusted information about vaccines by printing the [BCCDC COVID-19 Vaccination for children 5-11 years old resource](#) and distributing it to families of students aged 5-11. Please also see this week's [COVID-19 update](#) for more information and resources on this topic.

Daily Health Check

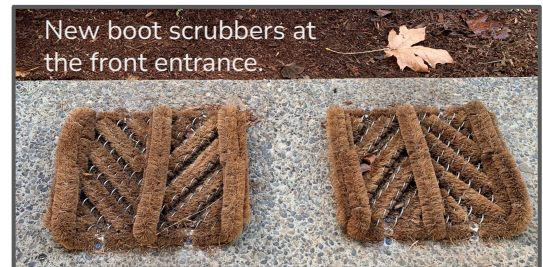
As we enter the winter flu season, please continue each morning in doing a **daily health check** with your child. This is one of the best ways to keep everyone safe in our school community. We want to thank parents for your understanding in keeping your child home when sick.

Masks

To help reduce the amount of extra disposable masks we are handing out, a couple extra masks in the backpack would make a big difference!

Welcome New & Returning Staff

- **Heidi Arancibia** has joined our school. Her role is a Student Engagement Facilitator (SEF).
- **Tricia Cooper** is now an Education Assistant (EA) she was previously our Indigenous Program Assistant.
- **Brittney Corkery** is back at our school as an Education Assistant. She worked at HH most of last year.
- **Sharon Collier**, our Strong Start facilitator, is now also a Noon-Hour supervisor.



Upcoming Dates

Dec 4	PAC fundraiser hand out 10:00-12:00
Dec 10	Pizza Day / Pyjama Spirit Day
Dec 17	Last day before winter break
Tues. Jan 4	Schools Reopen
Jan 17	School workshop on Body Percussion
Jan 24-28	Kindergarten Registration for 2022-23
Feb 18	Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
Feb 21	Family Day Holiday

Winter Weather

With the possibility of snow in the coming months, please take a look at our weather procedures. Schools remain open if at all possible, including during snowfalls. It is ALWAYS up to the parent to decide whether or not to send their child to school during inclement weather.

For instant updates and information posts, please follow the District on social media:

- Facebook: [School District #62](#)
- Twitter: [@SD62_Sooke](#)

There will also be a post to the SD62 Website: <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/>



Our school is grateful to be learning on the traditional lands of Scia'new Beecher Bay Nation, and we raise our hands to thank them for sharing this beautiful land.



Coast Salish Moon: SJELCASEN
The Moon of Putting Your Paddle Away

Regular Lice Check

Lice is an unfortunate and inconvenient part of life. We all know that lice prefer clean hair and that anyone can get it, but sometimes there is a stigma that goes with finding lice on a member of the family. It is safe to assume that one of your family friends has lice at any given time. Therefore, we are asking families to develop the habit of checking for lice as part of your everyday grooming routine. Quick access to treatment is the key to eliminating the issue in your home.

The school will send out occasional reminders in the newsletter for all families to remind them to include checking for lice as a part of their regular routine at home.

Here is a link for more information:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

Behind the Scaffolding

I'm excited to tell you about the latest developments in our construction project! In order to reach our goals of ending water and mold damage, we are embracing these repairs despite the minor changes we have had to make to our daily routines.

Last week had us finish clearing out the courtyard for scaffolding. Bulbs that would normally be planted in our window boxes have found new homes around our school, so we will still have Spring flowers.

Scaffolding has also been placed around the classrooms in the upper parking lot.

As the project continues to move forward around the school all classrooms will be required to move into a temporary setting to lessen the distractions and ensure safety for all. We will use our Multipurpose Room and Library as transition spaces.

Construction staff meet with the school Administration team throughout each day to ensure we have a safe site and playground.



With respect and friendship,

Cathy and Jon

Div. 5 Art Inspired by Roy Henry Vickers

