



In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

December 17, 2021

Winter Radio Show

The Hans Helgesen Winter Radio Show is here! A tremendous thank you goes to our interim music/drama teacher, **Mr. Cody Froese**, for the hard work, dedication and creativity he brought to this project, as well as to all of our students.

Use the [link](#) below to bring you to the **Winter Radio Show Playlist**:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSNVZOfos-NMqtrRyfeVfwzBjExfirt>

Welcome Back to **David Epp**, our music/drama teacher. Big thanks to **Mr. Cody Froese** who did an amazing job filling in during Mr. Epp's absence.

The Food Bank

Our school community generously donated to the food bank who helps provide many members of our community with the items that are essential for a healthy life. Our students were very proud to contribute to this worthy cause.



Bottle Drive Message from PAC

Saturday January 8th from 9-12, The PAC will be hosting a bottle drive in the lower parking lot. This is a drive thru event where we will unload for you while you stay in your vehicle. **Save those bottles over the break and tell your family and friends!**

This fundraiser is not possible without some volunteers. Hoping to have volunteers confirmed beforehand so PAC isn't looking at last minute. Unfortunately, children cannot be helping at this bottle drive due to the covid safety plan. **If you can help with a shift please email Jenn Sorrie at jsorrie@shaw.ca**

Shifts:

9:00 - 10:30 2 people

10:30 - 12:00 2 people

Upcoming Dates

- Jan 4 Schools Reopen
- Jan 8 Bottle Drive 9-12 Volunteers Needed
- Jan 14 **Pizza Day**
- Jan 17 School workshop on Body Percussion
- Jan 24-28 **[Kindergarten Registration](#) for 2022-23**
- Jan 26 PAC Meeting on MS Teams
- Jan 28 **Pizza Day**
- Feb 11 **Pizza Day**
- Feb 18 Non-Instructional Day(school not in session)
- Feb 21 Family Day Holiday

Pizza Days

Use these links for pre-ordering pizza:

Jan 14th Pizza Day

<https://sd62.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/11348/137/False/True>

Jan 28th Pizza Day

<https://sd62.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/11532/137/False/True>



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:

SIS,ET - The Elder Moon



International Travel Message from the School Board

Colder weather often brings thoughts about travelling to warmer destinations. **Here's what you need to know if your child under 12 years of age is not yet vaccinated and what it means for returning to school from an international destination.**

We follow federal travel guidelines around COVID-19. These guidelines state that unvaccinated persons, including children, who travel outside of Canada cannot attend school for 14 days following their return.

This restriction also applies to:

- daycares and camps
- settings where they might have contact with vulnerable people (e.g. long-term care facility) or those who are immune compromised.
- Large crowded indoor or outdoor settings (e.g. amusement parks, sporting events)
- Crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing
- *Unvaccinated youth ages of 12-17, must fully quarantine for 14 days.

If you decide to travel internationally with your unvaccinated children, please coordinate with your teacher and school before you leave to ensure your child stays on top of schoolwork while they are away and for the 14 days following their return. There is not an option for virtual or hybrid learning.

For more information on federal guidance and restrictions, visit canada.ca/coronavirus

For provincial measures, visit bccdc.ca/covid19 or call 811.

It is the responsibility of parents and families to know and understand the federal and provincial guidelines and regulations before they decide to travel. SD62 follows the regulations in the links listed above.

Sincerely,
SD62 Communications Team

Happy Holidays!

We have reached the end of the first term and start of our Winter Break. These past months have been a time of huge growth for students, especially our Kindergarteners. We are proud of every student K-5 unique and wonderful abilities.

This has been a challenging Fall with the construction project, the ongoing pandemic and the weather challenges. We hope the next two weeks gives our staff and families a chance to relax, build memories and recharge.

We wish you a wonderful vacation!

Cathy & Jon



Behind the Scaffolding

Over the holidays, the construction remediation work will continue around the school. A pathway is being added to ensure safe, accessible passage from the front of the school to the back, once the scaffolding has encompassed the sidewalk on the fieldside.