



# In the Hawks Nest

## At Hans Helgesen Elementary

January 9 2022

### Welcome to 2022!

We are one week into the New Year and we have already had challenges in the two areas that have dominated the past year, the pandemic and weather. We ended last week with a snow day on Thursday and a power-outage on Friday. We thank our community and staff for their flexibility as we moved through each day.

January brings the excitement of new possibilities. For many it is the season of setting goals and planning for the future. For families with children born in 2017, this is the time of year to register them for Kindergarten. Nature K and French Immersion for K and grade 6 is from **January 10-14**. Registration for K at Hans Helgesen is **January 24-28**. We encourage you to be prepared by following the directions on [this link](#).

### Possible School Closures

As stated in the [message from the school district](#) on Friday, we are prepared to move to at-home learning should a closure occur at our school. **You will receive this notification through an email by the School District or School.**

In the event of a closure, your child's teacher will reach out to you with information on how to access the at-home learning they have prepared this past week.

To review the types of school closures please visit [this link](#).

### Daily Health Checks

In order to continue to keep our school the safe place it has been, we require the ongoing support and diligence of families when it comes to monitoring your child's symptoms of illness. Please continue to do a daily health check before attending school and remember to keep your child home if they are feeling sick. If they are feeling unwell and you are unsure about their symptoms, please call 8-1-1 or speak to a medical professional.

If a child presents as ill at school, we will call their parents right away and remove them from their class. Please continue to have a pick-up plan ready.

[School District Health and Safety Link](#)

### Safety Measures in the School

**We remind everyone of the multiple layers of protection in place to provide safe learning environments for staff and students. Some of the health and safety measure that are directed by the PHO, School District and School based-staff include:**

- Mandatory mask wearing for K-12 indoors
- Maximizing space between people where possible
- Reinforcing a one-way direction around the school to reduce involuntary contact
- Classrooms using different entry/exit ways
- Classrooms entering the school one-at-a-time to avoid crowding around the doors
- Floor markings such as arrows and decals to maximize spacing
- Readily available hand sanitizer for every room and entryway
- Encouraging students to practice hand hygiene and mask wearing
- 3 large Playground Zones to maximize spacing of students outside and when they line-up to come back inside
- Meetings held virtually
- Limiting visitors in the school



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:**

**NINENE – MOON OF THE CHILD**



## Winter Radio Show

If you haven't had a chance to see our radio show, you can watch it using this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSNVZOfhos-NMqtrRyfeVfwzBjExlfirt>

## Under the Scaffolding

In construction news, the building envelope has been removed from the courtyard. A paved walking path has been added to the top of the hill to provide a safe place to walk when the scaffolding is in place on the North side of the school.

We wish you a wonderful back to school!

*Cathy & Jon*

## Upcoming Dates

Jan 10-14 Nature K & French Immersion registration  
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  
Mar 18 Last day before Spring Break  
Apr 4 School back in-session after Spring Break

## Pizza Days

Use these links for pre-ordering pizza:

### Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Pizza Day

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

### Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Pizza Day

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

