



# In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

November 23, 2022

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

## Early Dismissal Day:

Thursday, November 24th is early dismissal day to accommodate parent/teacher conferences. Students will be dismissed at 11:38. Buses will run their usual routes but everything will be three hours earlier. Expect to pick up your child from their bus stop three hours before their regular end of day time.

## Non-Instructional Day:

Friday, November 25th is a non-instructional day for students. Staff will be engaging in various professional development opportunities.

## Winter Concert:

Mr. Epp and all of our HH students have been hard at work preparing for our Winter Concerts which will take place on Thursday, December 15th. We will have an afternoon performance at 1:00pm and an evening performance at 6:00pm. The performance will run for approximately 1 hour.

In order to comply with fire regulations, we need to keep track of the number of our audience members. All spectators **MUST** have a ticket in order to attend either performance. Tickets are FREE. You will not be able to enter the performance without a ticket as there will be limited seating.

We are anticipating that each performance will be busy. For this reason and to be equitable to all families, we are allowing families to order 2 tickets for each performance initially. So, that will be 4 tickets total between the two performances. On December 8th, if there are any remaining tickets for either performance, we will add one more ticket per family where additional tickets were requested until all tickets are accounted for. Should there be any remaining tickets, we will go back to families who requested further tickets on a first come first served basis based on the order of received requests.

We do expect the afternoon performance to be less popular than the evening performance as many of our families work during the day. If your family is hoping to bring extended family, please consider asking for your extra tickets for the afternoon performance.

Please order your tickets through the link below which will go live tomorrow, **November 24th at noon**. Tickets will be sent home with your child closer to the performance date. We will give further information about this in our next newsletter.

<https://forms.gle/XfjpLeSvWeEmeaKF7>

### **Art Cards:**

Reminder that the Art Cards pink order form went home recently with your child. If you are interested in purchasing some of the Art Cards, please stop by the school to look at all of them. They really look like professional works of art!! The students worked incredibly hard on them and are so proud to see them displayed in the front entrance. **Orders are due by November 30th**. Please send in either cash or cheque, made payable to Sooke District #62, with the completed order form. All cards are \$3.00 each.

### **12 Days of Giving:**

Our school would like to support the Goldstream food bank. We are encouraging families who are able to donate a few items to this food drive to please have a look at the attached food drive calendar. The first day for donations will be **November 30th and continue for 12 days**. Each donation day has a different theme, however, any items are most welcome. Please see the attachment for the 12 Days of Giving.

### **Hans Helgesen Website:**

Our website has been updated recently to reflect current information for this school year. We will continue to keep the website up-to-date with new information. We have included a calendar with important dates to remember as well.

### **Next Pizza Day:**

A reminder that our next pizza day is **Friday, December 9th**. Cut-off for ordering pizza is **Tuesday, December 6th** at 11:00pm.

### **Lost and Found:**

Items continue to pile up in our Lost and Found area which is located just inside the front door. Please feel free to stop by and have a look if your child is missing something.

### **Messages from the PAC:**

### **Attic Treasures:**

Attic Treasures is coming to Hans Helgesen! This event allows your kids to independently shop for the most special people in their lives... YOU! To be successful we will need donations from families. We will also need volunteers to set up and help our shoppers.

Children will "shop" for a gift for you **Thursday, December 8th and Friday, December 9th** in the

multipurpose room. They will shop for items we have all donated from our attics, basements, storage rooms or garages. Donations will be accepted at the school December 5-7. Remember these are items children will be giving to their family members so please nothing broken and most of our students take the bus, so small items are best. Start looking for things you no longer want that might be a treasure for someone else and save them for the December 5-7 drop-off window.

To sign up now for a volunteer shift please visit: [volunteersignup.org/9TKXE](https://volunteersignup.org/9TKXE) If you have questions about the event, donations or volunteering please contact Nicole [nicolehergert@gmail.com](mailto:nicolehergert@gmail.com) or 250 608 3565.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- November 24 - Early Dismissal at 11:38 am
- November 25 - Non-Instructional day - No school for students
- December 9 - Pizza Day
- December 15 - Winter Concerts (1:00 pm and 6:00 pm)
- December 16 - Last day of school before the break
- December 19 - January 3 - School closed for Winter Break