



# In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

November 9, 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"

## Remembrance Day Assembly:

Our school will be having our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 10th starting at 10:45am. This ceremony will be led by three of our Grade 5 students. We will have a guest do our Territorial Acknowledgement. The choir will be singing and the whole school will also be singing. Two classes will have students presenting reflections or poems about Remembrance Day. We will have students from each class present their class wreath during the ceremony. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Chairs will be set up for parents along one end of the gym.

## Dress for the Weather:

A friendly reminder to please send your child(ren) dressed for the weather as we will be playing outside at recess and lunch every day rain, snow or shine. We want to make sure kids are warm enough and can stay dry with coats and boots. If your child tends to find the puddles, feel free to send an extra set of clothes in their bag. If appropriate outdoor winter clothing is a hardship for your family, please contact Sharon ([sschwartz@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:sschwartz@sd62.bc.ca)) or Joanne ([jdube@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:jdube@sd62.bc.ca)) in the office so that we can offer support.

## Hold and Secure Drill:

On Monday, November 21st, we will be practicing our Hold and Secure drill. This drill involves keeping students in their classrooms and locking doors to keep any unsafe situation out of the classrooms. Students will be asked to position themselves in their rooms away from the door and windows so that they are hiding. This is only a DRILL to practice what to do in the event of an intruder in the building. Staff will walk the students through the drill step-by-step and will communicate very clearly that this is only a PRACTICE so that kids are not scared. The drill will only last for a short amount of time. We wanted to inform families in case your child comes home and talks about it afterwards so that you have the information to be able to reassure your child should any concerns arise from the drill.

### **Staffing Update:**

We would like to welcome Brigitte Millington to our staff. She will be joining our Inclusive Education teaching department on Wednesday mornings starting next week.

### **School Emergency Release Form:**

We are still missing some green emergency forms that were sent home a couple of weeks ago. If you have misplaced the form, please call the office or email your child's teacher so that we can send home another one. These forms are crucial for us to have should there be an emergency.

### **Next Pizza Day:**

A reminder that our next pizza day is Friday, November 18th. Cut-off for ordering pizza is Tuesday, November 15th at 11:00pm. We have three classes going on a field trip to Goldstream on this day. Any pizza orders made from these classes will be delivered to students on their field trip.

### **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.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences and Reporting:**

Teachers have or will be sending out communication for available dates and times to meet with them for a parent/teacher conference. They will also communicate when you can expect their reporting information to come home. Please note that it will vary from class to class. If you have any questions regarding conferences or reporting, please email your child's teacher directly.

### **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.

### **Chip Sale:**

Chips that were left over from the Halloween Dance will be for sale for \$1.00/bag after school on Thursday, November 10th.

### **Next Popcorn Day:**

Popcorn Day on Thursday, November 17th. This will be the last popcorn day until January. Popcorn is \$2.25 per bag.

### **November PAC Meeting:**

The November PAC meeting will be next week on Thursday, November 17th. Here is the link to join the meeting on MS Teams. We look forward to seeing lots of parents, even if you just wish to listen in. Please find the agenda and PAC minutes from October's meeting attached to this email.

### **Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 215 594 515 955

Passcode: jPUDzk

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 am
- November 10 - PAC Chip Sale
- November 11 - Remembrance Day - No School
- November 17 - PAC Popcorn Day
- November 18 - Pizza Day
- November 21 - Hold and Secure DRILL
- November 24 - Early Dismissal at 11:38 am
- November 25 - Non-Instructional day - No school for students

- December 9 - Pizza Day
- December 16 - Last day of school before the break
- December 19 - January 3 - School closed for Winter Break