



In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

January 16, 2023

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"

Newsletter Monday (this week only):

We are sending home this week's newsletter a couple of days early as there is information that we would like to get out earlier than Wednesday, in particular the Grizzlies Visit on Wednesday and the PAC meeting this Thursday evening. So, this newsletter is replacing our usual Wednesday newsletter for this week.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2023:

A reminder that Kindergarten registration starts next week on January 23 - 27th. Please visit the link for more details. If you know any neighbors or friends who do not already have children at our school, please be sure to pass along the link. Thank you!

<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Literacy Week:

Next week is Literacy Week. We have many activities planned to highlight literacy and plan to start this Wednesday to fit everything in. Here is an outline of what to expect.

Wednesday, January 18 - Grizzlies Visit (see details below)

Friday, January 20 - School-wide Assembly with Read Aloud

Monday, January 23 - Every student will get to make a bookmark and will have a special guest come into their class to read them a story

Tuesday, January 24 - Tell a Joke Tuesday (see details below)

Wednesday, January 25 - Flashlight Reading (individual teachers will explain this to their classes as it may look different in each class)

Thursday, January 26 - Pancake Breakfast, PJ Day and Digital Story in the gym (see details below)

Friday, January 27 - Pick-a-book to keep and School-Wide Reading in the gym

All Week - Reader's Theatre - Mr. Epp has been teaching Reader's Theatre to all classes in preparation for presenting during Literacy Week. Each class will have a different skit to perform. Teachers have signed up to watch other classes present during the week.

Grizzlies Visit:

We are very excited to welcome the Grizzlies Hockey Team to HH this week. They will be spending most of the morning with us on Wednesday. They will visit each classroom to read a story and chat with the students. They will be outside at recess for the kids to connect with them. After recess, any interested Grade 4's and 5's will have an opportunity to play floor hockey against them while other students watch and cheer.

Tell-a-Joke Tuesday:

We need parent help with this activity. Please help your child find a simple (and appropriate) joke that they can share with others in the morning. Practice the joke at home several times or write it on a piece of paper to keep in their pocket. We will have a block of time in the morning on Tuesday, January 24th where students will be able to go throughout the school finding friends in other classes to share their joke with them and hear others' jokes as well.

Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day:

We are very fortunate and grateful to our amazing PAC who are sponsoring the pancake breakfast. Some of the hard earned money that PAC has raised will be used for purchasing all the supplies for students to enjoy pancakes and juice on Thursday, January 26th. Breakfast will start at 9:00 am. All students will gather in the gym around tables and chairs to enjoy a meal together. We are also very thankful to the Westshore Lion's Club who are bringing the grills and cooking all the pancakes for us. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their PJ's this day to have a nice slow start to our day. While we are together in the gym, we will share a digital story.

Structural Engineer Consultation Needed:

We are still looking for a qualified structural engineer to advise us. Last year our students with support from staff created a beautiful, very large rainbow mural to be hung outside our front doors in our entrance breezeway. The artwork is so heavy that it requires a structural engineer to help us plan the best mounting system. We are reaching out to our parent community to see if anyone has these qualifications and is willing to donate some consultation time to our school and facilities staff. If you are a structural engineer or you know a structural engineer who would be willing to lend us their expertise, please email Mrs. Schwartz directly at sschwartz@sd62.bc.ca to set up a meeting time. With sincere appreciation for spreading the word on this need!

Messages from the PAC:

PAC Meeting:

Our next PAC meeting is on Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be a virtual meeting so no need to leave the comforts of your home. Please log in even just to listen to the conversation in the background. Minutes from the last PAC meeting which was held in November and Agenda for this month's PAC meeting are attached to this email. The link to join the meeting is below.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 299 826 505 499

Passcode: Y2PQYW

Important Dates to Remember

- January 18 - Grizzlies Hockey Team Visit
- January 20 - Pizza Day
- January 23 - 27 - Literacy Week
- January 25 - PAC Meeting at 7:00 pm
- January 26 - Pancake Breakfast and PJ Day
- February 3 - Pizza Day
- February 6 - Non-Instructional Day - No School for students