



In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

February 1, 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"

Thank You!

Hans Helgesen staff and students would like to extend a very warm thank you to our parent volunteers and the Lion's Club volunteers for helping us with our Pancake Breakfast last week. We heard several comments from the kids about how yummy the pancakes were, some even said "they taste just like my dad makes them!" Thank you volunteers!

We would also like to thank all the parents who helped with the 'Pick-a-book' event where each student was able to choose a free book to keep. We had a group of parents who collected, sorted and displayed all the books ready for the students to cycle through and choose a book for themselves. Thank you!

HH Cupcake Sale!

On Tuesday, February 14th, we would like to hold a cupcake sale. We are asking for 30 volunteer families to make a batch of cupcakes, including some vegan and gluten-free options if possible. If you have time to make cupcakes, please email Michelle at mqlanfield@sd62.bc.ca to sign up. We thank all volunteers in advance!

Cupcakes will cost \$2.00 each. They will be set up on tables for students to purchase at the end of the day like popcorn sales. Please send a toonie with your child on this day if you would like them to participate.

All proceeds from this sale will go to purchase additional art supplies.

Monday, February 6th:

Just a quick reminder that there is no school for students on Monday, February 6th as this non-instructional day replaces the one from September where we mourned the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Lost and Found:

We seem to be a magnet for children leaving their hoodies, mitts, hats and other clothing items behind. We would like to encourage all parents to label any clothing items that kids might remove during the day so that when we find things left on the playground or in the gym, we

can return it to the owner rather than collect it in our lost and found where things never seem to be claimed.

Lockdown Drill:

Next week on Friday, February 10th, we will be practicing our Lockdown Drill. In this drill, staff will be locking all inside and outside doors in the building so that entry into the building is not possible nor will movement within the building be possible. Staff and students will secure themselves in the least visible area of the room they are in during the drill and will stay very quiet for the duration of the drill. This is only a **DRILL** so that staff and students can practice what to do in the event of an unsafe situation that requires this level of precaution. This will only last long enough for us to sweep the building to ensure everyone is following the safety protocols for this drill. Staff will prepare the students well in advance so that it is not a surprise and so that they know what is expected. We will also ensure that students know that it is only a practice.

Important Dates to Remember

- February 3 - Pizza Day
- February 6 - Non-Instructional Day - No School for students
- February 9 - Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- February 10 - Lockdown Drill
- February 14 - Cupcake Sale
- February 17 - Non-Instructional Day - No School for students
- February 20 - Family Day - No School
- February 22 - Pink Shirt Day
- February 24 - Pizza Day
- February 27 & 28 - Role Model visiting several classes
- March 20 - 31 - Spring Break