



In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

May 10, 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"



Coast Salish Moon: PENAWEN-Moon of the Camas Harvest (May)

PAC Spring Fair: Wednesday, May 17

Doors will open at 5:00pm. Cost is \$20 per family. There will be a welcome table near the front of the school to pay and collect stamps for your children so that they can participate in the fun. Students **must** have a stamp in order to participate in the events. If this cost presents a hardship for your family, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or to Mrs. Schwartz. We want all families to be able to participate and do not want the financial cost to be a barrier for anyone.

There will be a cash only concession to purchase pizza by the slice, hot dogs, drinks and snacks. The concession will be in the gym with tables and chairs to be able to sit down and enjoy your meal.

Our amazing PAC continues to be working hard behind the scene organizing this event. In order to make this evening a huge success, they rely on support from everyone. There are many opportunities to contribute in whatever way you can. Some of it is with time and others it is with 'stuff.' Here are the things the PAC needs help with:

- 1) Lots of volunteers please
 - a) Follow this link to sign up for a shift (or two) <https://volunteersignup.org/RT9BT>
- 2) Prizes
 - a) We are looking for pocket sized prizes. Please send them to school ASAP. Students can put them in the blue bin near the office.
- 3) Things in Jars
 - a) Things in Jars is BACK! This is a very exciting activity for our kids. Please consider filling a clean jar with something/anything fun. You can use a baby food jar, jam jar, a pickle jar, or any other sized jar. If you do not have any empty jars, please feel free to use a clean ziploc bag. Fill it with something fun like

candy, trading cards, pennies, stickers, marbles, little trinkets, costume jewelry, crafting items or any other thing you can think of that kids might like to win. Please drop your filled jars off at the office to be displayed and admired leading up to the fair. We are hoping to collect 200 jars so that all kids can leave with a jar if they wish to play. We have received about 40 jars so far. They are on display and the kids are enjoying the anticipation of winning one.

4) Bake Cupcakes

- a) Volunteers needed to bake cupcakes for the cupcake walk. These should be brought to school the morning of the fair. They can be dropped off in the multi-purpose room.

Warmer Weather:

As the weather is getting warmer, please be sure to send your child to school prepared for the day with a water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Next Pizza Day:

Our next pizza day is **Friday, May 19th**. A reminder that orders are due on **Tuesday, May 16th** by 11:00pm. All orders can be placed through the Cash Online system.

Change to June 2 Pizza Date:

June 2 is our District Track Meet which is an all-day event. Given that we will have many intermediate students at Royal Bay for the day, we are moving this pizza date to June 16th. If you have already ordered pizza for June 2, that order will be rescheduled for June 16th. No need to make any changes except to remember to send a lunch with your child on June 2nd.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day:

May 19th is Bus Driver Appreciation Day. If your child rides the bus to or from school, please consider having your child make their bus driver a card or saying an extra thank you on this day. This is a very difficult job and our bus drivers do an incredible job of making sure our students get to and from school safely every day.

Hans Helgesen Na'tsa'maht Family Dinner:

We are thrilled to be partnering with Beecher Bay Sc'ianew Nation and the Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education Department from our District to hold a Na'tsa'maht Family Dinner for our school community. Remember to save the date for June 8th. Please watch for a **special email coming home tomorrow** with more details and the **registration link**.

Plans for Next Year:

It is that time of year where we are beginning to plan for next year. If your child(ren) will not be returning to Hans Helgesen next year (with the exception of Grade 5 students), please email Mrs. Schwartz directly at sschwartz@sd62.bc.ca to let the office know. This information

is crucial for our planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or contact the office so that we can help you with your own planning.

Lost and Found:

Our lost and found continues to accumulate many jackets, sweaters, hats, water bottles, and other items. If your child is missing something, please remind them to look through the lost and found. Please feel free to stop by and take a look yourself. We are hoping many of these items can find their homes.

Important Dates to Remember

- May 11 - Moose Hide Campaign
- May 11 - Cross-Country Finals at JdF
- May 12 - Pizza Day
- May 17 - Spring Fair (5:00 - 8:00 pm)
- May 19 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- May 19 - Pizza Day
- May 22- Victoria Day (No School)
- May 25 - Talent Show @ 1:00pm (parents welcome)
- May 25 - Ready Set Learn Event for new kindies (5:00 - 6:00 pm)
 - Student must be registered to attend
- May 29 - Professional Development Day (No School)
- May 30 - Welcome to Kindie Orientation 9:00-10:00