

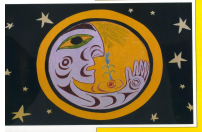


# In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

May 24, 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)

## HH Talent Show:

We are thrilled to be sharing our student talent with our school community. This anticipated event will begin at **12:50pm** tomorrow (**Thursday, May 24th**). Parents are welcome to join us for this afternoon of entertainment! Please note that the performances will take the full afternoon as we have so many talented students!! There will be chairs set up at the back of the gym for families and guests. A BIG thank you to Mr. Epp and all the students for putting so much time and energy into making this an exciting show for the rest of us to enjoy!

## Hans Helgesen Na'tsa'maht Family Dinner:

This is a reminder to register for our first Na'tsa'maht Family Dinner at Hans Helgesen on **Thursday, June 8th**! Feel free to come and play on our shared beautiful land starting at 5:00 pm if you would like to arrive early. Then please **meet in the forest at 5:30 pm** for a special announcement and celebration to begin our evening together. **To register go to the attached poster's QR code.** If this is a barrier, please call the office to register at 250-478-3431. **This event is free.**

## Pick-Up During the Day:

If your child needs to be picked up during the day due to illness or an appointment, please remember to sign them out in the office. There is a clipboard on the front counter with a blue sign-out sheet to indicate who you are picking up, date and time, teacher's name plus your signature. This helps us keep track of students leaving midday. Thank you for your help with this.

## Upper Parking Lot:

We are noticing a continued increase in parents using the upper parking lot to pick up students after school. This is a safety concern as the parking lot becomes more congested, restricting room for buses and increasing children walking through the parking lot during a busy time.

Please do **NOT** use the upper parking lot after school unless you have an accessibility sticker and need to park in one of our accessible parking stalls. If you have extended family who pick up your children after school, please pass along this message to them as well. The Upper parking lot is for staff only and for midday pick-up/drop-off. We sincerely appreciate ALL families helping us to keep this area clear of extra traffic and pedestrians which will keep our students safe.

### **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, June 9th**. Orders are due on **Tuesday, June 6th** by 11:00pm. All orders can be placed through the Cash Online system. A reminder that our June 2nd pizza date has been changed to June 16th due to the District Track Meet for our participating intermediate students.

### **Plans for Next Year:**

It is that time of year where we are planning 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](mailto: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.

### **Parent Volunteer Recognition:**

SPEAC will be celebrating all parent/caregiver volunteers at their upcoming PAC Summit. They are asking you to nominate those folks who deserve special recognition. Please use this nomination form: <https://forms.gle/peAvbsHzt73sh6Vm7>

### **Next PAC Meeting:**

Our May PAC meeting will be held next week. There will be a special email with the date and link for this virtual meeting coming out when the date has been confirmed.

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

- May 25 - Talent Show @ 12:50 pm (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 am)
- June 8 - Na'tsa'maht Family Dinner (5:30 pm)
- June 9 - Pizza Day
- June 13 - Science Venture will be visiting all classes
- June 16 - Pizza Day
- June 20 - Grade 5 Leaving Celebration (1:00 pm)
- June 21 - National Indigenous People's Day
- June 23 - Beach Day
- June 27 - Fun Day
- June 28 - School-Wide Year-End Assembly
- June 29 - Last Day of School