

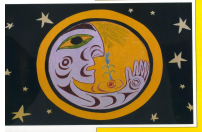


In the Hawks Nest

At Hans Helgesen Elementary

May 3, 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)

Look What's New!

If you haven't had a chance to visit the front of our school, take a moment to come by and admire the new addition to our school. A huge thank you to Ms. Jennifer Kivari for her inspiration and passion on this collaborative project with our students.



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.

Next Pizza Day:

Our next pizza day is **Friday, May 12th**. A reminder that orders are due on **Tuesday, May 9th** by 11:00pm. All orders can be placed through the Cash Online system.

PAC Spring Fair: Wednesday, May 17

The Spring Fair is back!! The PAC is very busy planning a fun evening for our school community to enjoy! In order to make this evening a huge success, we 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 need 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. 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 over the next couple of weeks 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.
- 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.

The fair will cost \$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.

Enjoy the attached poster!

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.

Save the date for 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. Our dinner will be held on **June 8th at 5:30pm**. Families will be asked to start the evening in the forest together at 5:30. At this time, we will be welcoming our new shed to our forest with a special announcement and gift provided by Sc'ianew Nation. We are

very grateful as well, to our school PAC for supporting some of the funding to purchase the shed and to the TASK Program at Royal Bay for building us the shed.

During our evening, we will enjoy a meal together with all the salmon being donated by Sc'ianew Nation. What a very generous donation to help make this event free for all families! The evening will be complete with some traditional dancing and singing. All students will sing the Coast Salish Anthem which they have been learning at school. We encourage families to bring along a drum if they have one to drum along as the students sing. This event will be completely free to families. You will need to register so that we can plan for enough tables, chairs and food. There will be a max capacity so please register early to avoid disappointment. We are really looking forward to spending an evening together sharing some traditional culture and delicious food. Please save the date. **More details and a registration link will be coming out in the next couple of weeks.**

A recap of some exciting events at HH:

- Thank you to Capital Bikes for offering Everyone Rides Program to our intermediate students, all 68 students were riding and had a blast!



- Beach Clean up was a success! We are proud of our students' active environmental stewardship.
- Cross Country Finals - 22 have advanced to the district finals next week. We wish them the best of luck!
- Our courtyard is shaping up and students are enjoying the learning space. Lots of helping hands to make this possible. More additions to come in the near future.



Important Dates to Remember

- May 5 - Red Dress Day
- 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