

Hello Hans Helgesen families!

We are looking forward to upcoming opportunities to connect with parents about student learning and first term progress. **Tomorrow (Thursday, Nov. 23rd) is a District-wide early dismissal day at 11:38 am.** Many teachers will be using this time to meet with families. Other classes have arranged alternate opportunities for parent meetings. Please connect directly with your child's teacher with any questions. Here are a few timely updates about other school and PAC happenings.

- **Congratulations to our Handball teams** for their excellent effort this season! Our girls and boys played in the District Handball Jamboree at Royal Bay and represented HH with great sportsmanship and teamwork. Thanks to Ms. Bombardir, Ms. Bergman and Mr. T for coaching our teams. Thanks to families for cheering at our games!
- We are collecting non-perishable food items for the **10,000 Tonight Food Drive** led by Royal Bay Secondary on November 29th. The food collected will be delivered to the Goldstream Food Bank. **We have boxes for donations at the entrance to the school and are aiming to collect 200 items this year! Thank you for considering bringing a food donation when you come to the school for conferences this week!**
- We are **collecting Adult Clothing items** (new socks, toques, scarves, gloves and gently used warm sweaters) to support the unhoused. As an incentive for students who bring in clothing items, **students will be entered in a draw** to win either a gingerbread house or a handmade stuffed animal. Thanks to Mrs. Struch for distributing the ballots! **Please see the attached poster.**
- **WINTER TREASURES** (formerly "Attic Treasures") will be back at HH in December. PAC are organizing Winter Treasures shopping opportunities for children again this year. **Donations of small gift items are being accepted at school from November 27th to December 18th. The "store" will be open for classes on December 19th and December 20th.** PAC needs volunteers to help with sorting, set-up, shopping day and clean up (link to volunteer signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/BQJQ9) **Please check out the attached poster for more details!**
- **HAPPY HIPPO - PAC has started a new fundraiser with "Happy Hippo Bath".** Happy Hippo is based out of Sylvan Lake Alberta. Products are 98% natural and cruelty free. **This fundraiser will run from now until December 1st** and would make great Christmas gifts. The website is www.happyhippobath.com and requires the code HHES at checkout. **Please feel free to share this code with family and friends.** With each sale, the HHPAC will get a commission. Thank you for your support!
- **SPIRIT WEAR** - PAC is organizing an online store to purchase Hans Helgesen Elementary apparel. There will be Hoodies, Shirts and Cinch Bags available with the Hans Helgesen Logo. **More information to come – stay tuned!**
- **PRO-D Day is Friday, November 24th** – Staff will be involved in new learning. Students are not in session on Friday.

Thanks to all families for your continued supportive involvement at school. Have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,
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