



## Hans Helgesen Elementary

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Hello HH families,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support your child's learning and their positive school experience. We enjoyed seeing so many of our families at the November learning conferences. As noted previously, **report cards will be posted online through MyED on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for parents to access.** If you are unsure how to access MyEd, please reach out to Ms. Aimee.

As we approach the end of 2023, the Hans Helgesen staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season! We are so grateful for the opportunity to work and learn with your children every day and look forward to welcoming everyone **back to school on Monday, January 8th.**

### "Holiday Sweater Day" - Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

Our Peer Helpers and Ms. I's Grade 1 class have been advertising "Holiday Sweater Day" happening this Friday. Children are invited to wear their fun and festive attire this Friday!

### Lost and Found

Please check out our Lost and Found collection in the front hallway before the winter break. Today we counted 19 coats, 13 sweaters and several toques and mittens!

### Pizza Lunch- Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to Ms. Aimee for organizing our pizza lunches. If your child is absent on pizza day, your child's order may be picked up in the office between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Alternatively, parents may phone the office and offer their child's order to other another child. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide refunds for pizza that has already been ordered . Thank you for your understanding.

### Thank you for Donating

Hans Helgesen delivered 7 boxes of donated food to Royal Bay's 10,000 Tonight Food Drive on November 29th. Our donations of over 200 items helped the school to reach their goal of 10,000 items! **We are also continuing to collect adult clothing until Friday, December 15th.** Thanks for your kindness.

### PAC's "Winter Treasures" Event

**Next Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, classes will be able to "shop" at our Winter Treasures Event, sponsored by PAC.** Thanks to everyone who has donated small items that children will be able to purchase as gifts for their family. Items cost \$1 or \$2. We appreciate our parent volunteers who have offered to help with set-up, shopping days and clean up at this event.

### Music Showcase for Kids

On Thursday, December 21st, students will be having a special assembly to share songs they have been learning with Mr. Epp during music time. We are looking forward to performing in front of our classmates and seeing the work of other classes. Due to seating limitations and gym capacity, we are not able to invite our parents and families to this event. As noted in a previous newsletter, **we are looking forward to welcoming our parents to a concert in late February. Thanks to Mr. Epp for his work with the students!**

### PAC Bottle Drive - Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Please save your bottles and cans for our school's bottle drive on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> in the HH parking lot. Thank you to our PAC for giving of their time during the winter break to organize this fundraiser. Helpers are always welcome!

## Coming Soon- Salish Moon Assemblies

In the new year, we are planning monthly assemblies to learn about the Salish Moons. Each month, classes will take turns presenting their learning to all other classes at a short assembly. We hope to involve students, staff, families and community in these assemblies. Thanks to Ms. Tricia, Ms. Rae, Ms. Struch, Ms. Boesche, Ms. Dube for being part of this work.

## Have you heard about our Indoor Garden at HH?

Did you know that we have cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, kale and tomatoes growing in our indoor garden? **In the new year, classes will have opportunities to plant, tend and harvest food in our garden.** Last year, HH was successful in applying for a grant with Backpack Buddies food program to have an indoor garden created at the school. The grant involves school children helping to grow food for the Backpack Buddies program. Allan Murr, creator of the Harvest and Share Food Relief Society, has created the garden at HH. He volunteers his time to tend to the garden, and we are so appreciative of his expertise. Stay tuned for more news of this exciting initiative.

## January Dates to Note

- Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> - PAC Bottle Drive
- Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - Back to School
- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - Salish Moon Assembly
- Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - PAC meeting at 6:00 pm
- Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day
- Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration opens
- Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - "Literacy Week" at HH

Enjoy a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Karen Sjerven



**Karen Sjerven (she/her)**

**Principal**

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