



## Hans Helgesen Elementary

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Happy New Year! We are excited to be back at school after the winter holiday and are enjoying the start of 2024. Best wishes to our entire Hans Helgesen community for a happy and healthy year ahead!

### Winter Weather

Westcoast winter has officially arrived, and we have enjoyed a bright day in the snow today. Thanks to Erica Fraser for washing our Lost and Found clothing in the hopes it will be claimed at school! Please encourage your child to check out the rack inside the front doors if they are missing their coat. We are reminding children to dress for outside play and to keep extra clothing at school if possible. Please continue to leave sleds and toys at home.

### PAC News

- We appreciate the efforts of our PAC to organize our **Winter Treasures** event before the holidays. Children were so excited to bring home surprise gifts for their families. Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the sale and wrapping. We appreciate the many donations from our school community. The event raised approximately \$700!
- The **PAC bottle drive** on January 6<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Thanks to all parents and grandparents who came to help out on a beautiful Saturday morning!
- The **January PAC meeting will be held in-person in the library on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**. Childminding will be provided by some of our Grade 5 volunteers. Please join us!

### Thank you Mr. Wagner!

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Wagner for building a beautiful bridge for our learning forest. This has created a safer path for all students and provides greater accessibility for those with mobility issues. We are extremely grateful for this generous donation to benefit our entire school!

### Late French Immersion Visit

On Monday, January 15th, our Grade 5's will be visited by staff and students from Ecole John Stubbs. We will be learning about opportunities for students to start late French Immersion in Grade 6. Students will be bringing home a brochure for families with an invitation to a **Parent information evening next Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Ecole John Stubbs**.

### Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025

It is almost time for Kindergarten registration for next year! Children who are turning 5 by December 31st, 2024, will enter Kindergarten in the fall. **Registration is opens online at 8:00 am on January 29th**. All families must register at their catchment school, based on home address. If you are unsure of your catchment, please see the school locator on the SD62 website.

### Middle School Transition

**Hans Helgesen students in Grade 5 will be automatically registered to attend Dunsmuir Middle School in Grade 6.** Parents do not need to register their children for Grade 6 if they are attending Dunsmuir. In the coming months, our Grade 5 students will have opportunities to learn more about Dunsmuir. There will be a parent evening in the Spring and we will be doing some transition activities with Dunsmuir staff. *If parents prefer to have their child attend a different middle school, they must follow the District process and register their child.*

### Returning HH Students in Grades 1-5

If your child is currently attending Hans Helgesen and returning next year, there is no need to register for school for the upcoming school year. If you are planning a move, please let us know at the office. Thank you!

## Basketball News

Basketball season is starting for our intermediate boys and girls. Children in grades 4 & 5 are invited to participate. Interested students will be bringing home more information next week. Thanks to Ms. Crighton, Ms. Ney, Mr. T and staff volunteers for coaching and supporting basketball this year.

## "Literacy Week" - Coming Soon!

The week of January 29th-February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Literacy Week at Hans Helgesen. The whole school will be participating in some special activities involving reading, writing, listening and speaking. A calendar of events will be coming home next week. Stay tuned!

### Upcoming Dates to Note:

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - Whole school "Salish Moon" assembly at 10:30

Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - PAC meeting at 4:00 pm

Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten hearing screening

Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Literacy Week

Monday, January 29th- Kindergarten registration opens

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Tri-District Pro D Day/ No school for students

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - Family Day

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Karen Sjerven



**Karen Sjerven (she/her)**

**Principal**

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