

Hello families,

It's Literacy Week!

We are enjoying a fun week together as we celebrate "**Literacy Week**" at Hans Helgesen. These are a few highlights so far, and a few reminders to note.

- On Monday morning, we had a special assembly led by **Hannah, Maena, Makayla, Chelsea, Ella and Talia**. We learned about all of the events taking place this week and we listened to the story, "All Are Welcome" by Alexandra Penfold. Thanks to all of our Grade 5 volunteers who are taking the lead in many events this week!
- The whole school joined in "**Reading in the Halls**" on Monday afternoon.
- On Monday and Tuesday, we wrote letters to buddy classes and friends around the school for "**You've Got Mail**". **Thanks to Ms. Ney's class** for offering to sort and deliver hundreds of letters this Friday!
- Today is our "**Book Swap**". Thanks to the generous donations from families, all children have been invited to take home one or two books to keep!
- **Tomorrow is "Cozy Reading Day"**. Children are wearing their favourite cozy clothes and curling up with great books. We will be providing juice boxes and chocolate/chocolate chip cookies to all classes. **Please let your child's teacher know if you do not want your child to have a juice box or a Costco cookie tomorrow**. We will not be serving any cookies with nuts. We have alternatives available for students with allergies.
- **Tomorrow is also our "Poetry Party"** in the gym. Children are learning poems and jokes to share with each other. We'll be filling in our Poetry Passports tomorrow.
- Friday is **Dress as a Book Character Day** and our "**Fairy Tale Trivia**" game in the gym. We will wrap up the week with another assembly.

Thanks to all parents for your supportive involvement, and to our wonderful PAC for supporting purchases of supplies and treats for kids. Happy Literacy Week!

Best Wishes, Ms. Dubinsky!

We are wishing Ms. Dubinsky well as she starts her maternity leave next week. Ms. Dubinsky said farewell to her class yesterday and her last day in the library is this Friday. We'd like to thank Ms. Dubinsky for her kindness and expertise with our Kindergarten students, and for her exceptional efforts in both the classroom and the library this year. Enjoy your family time, Ms. Dubinsky! We will miss you.

Farewell Ms. Christine!

Our Early Childhood Educator, Christine Steadman, is completing her assignment at Hans Helgesen at the end of February. We have been fortunate to have Ms. Christine working with our youngest learners in both Ms. Dubinsky and Ms. Struch's classes this year. Thanks to Ms. Christine for her gentle ways with our students and for sharing her skills with us. Best wishes!

Welcome Ms. Chandler!

Next Monday, we are welcoming Ms. Carmen Chandler to join Ms. Wolf in teaching Division 10. We are excited to meet Ms. Chandler on Friday when she comes for a visit!

Welcome Ms. Kent!

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Julia Kent will be joining our staff as librarian on Thursdays and Fridays during Ms. Dubinsky's absence. We know Ms. Kent as a teacher in the District and a regular TTOC in our school. We look forward to seeing her next week.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2024

Kindergarten registration opened online on Monday, January 29th. If you have not yet registered your child for Kindergarten, and you reside in our catchment, please complete the online registration. More news will be coming about future "Welcome to Kindergarten" opportunities. Thank you!

