

Hans Helgesen Elementary School

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Newsletter

#9 May 29, 2009

Message from the Principal

Thank-you families, for all of the support during the closure of Hans Helgesen School. The virus that swept the building really took its toll. Thankfully, our children and staff all seem much healthier now. The district has done a through cleaning of the building and installed new soap and a few hand sanitizers in key places. The best defense is still frequent hand washing, especially after sneezing or coughing.

As we enter the final month of school we will be valuing the time we have left with two of our wonderful staff members, Mrs. Hagel and Ms. Kaiser. Mrs. Parker retired in December. A tea will be held on June 11th in the Hans Helgesen gym to honor all three retirees. This will be an ADULT ONLY event. Childcare will be provided.

I will be heading to Knoxville, Tennessee to be part of a writing team after winning an International competition. I will be representing our school and district from June 24 to June 28th. The school administration will be left in the capable hands of Ms. Erickson and Mr. Cook!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **June 3** – Grade 6 students tour Dunsmuir Track events after School – Belmont
- **June 4** – Div 4 to IMAX and RBC Museum
- **June 5** – Track Meet Gr. 4-6 qualified students Belmont Field
- **June 5** – Primary Swim 1 – 2
- **June 8** – 10 – Gr. 6's at Camp Thunderbird
- **June 11** – Retirement Tea 3-5:30
- **June 12** – Juan du Fuca Library visit 8:30 am
- "Bach to Beatles" assembly 10:30
- **Pizza Lunch (grade 6 fundraiser)**
- Run for Kids in afternoon
- **June 16** – Final Recognition assembly – 10:20
- **June 19** – Fun Day
- **Pizza Lunch (grade 6 fundraiser)**
- **June 24** – Monitor Swim – 10:00 – 1:30
Primary Swim – 1-2
- **June 23** – Beach Day
- **June 24** – Monitor Swim
- **June 25** – Year end Assembly at 10:00
- **June 26** – Year end administration day
- **June 29, 30, July 2, 3** – School office open and Mrs. Sahota, Ms. Erickson and Myrna in attendance.



SKIP-A-THON

Thank-you so much to Mrs. Volk and all of the staff and students who helped make the "Jump Rope For Heart" event such a huge success. A special thank-you to the parents who helped: Heather Hamilton, Corrie Dunseth and Laura Bell. Thanks also to the PAC for providing oranges for us. The school raised **\$2623.00** this year. **WELL DONE – This is a school record!**

School Hours – 8:30 – 2:30

Student Placement for 2009-2010 School year

At Hans Helgesen, all classes including combination classes are organized in heterogeneous groups. The goal is to provide the most positive learning environment for all children. Numerous criteria are considered when placing students in classes. In our attempt to ensure the positive learning environment the staff considers:

- Student current and past performance
- Academic, behavioural, social maturity balances
- The placement of special needs children
- The availability of support services (teaching assistants, LS/IS)
- Gender balance
- Parent input
- The match of learning styles
- Issues around student friendships

A special note is warranted from parents if they have information they would like considered in the class placement of their children. Parent input is one of the factors considered in the placement process. It is an OPTION for parents. It is not necessary for parent to submit information. Input must clearly be in reference to the placement criterion.

Form for request attached, or it can be picked up in the office.

Deadline for submission is June 12/09

IF YOU KNOW YOU WILL NOT BE AT HANS HELGESEN NEXT YEAR PLEASE LET MYRNA KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Check out the parent board for summer programs for your kids! There are lots of great camps, fine arts and sporting activities happening in the community!



Vice-Principal Message

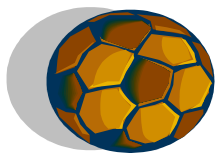
In April the Sooke School District signed an agreement with participating Aboriginal organizations. On Thursday May 21st Hans Helgesen School recognized this agreement with a special recognition assembly. Invited guests were Russell Chipps, Chief of Beecher Bay with Councillors Gordon Charles and Bernice Millet, Elders Lee Charles and Isabelle Charles. Drummers Toby Joseph from the Twawout First Nations and Scott Sam from the Tsartlip First Nations opened and closed with Drum songs to celebrate this Agreement and our coming together. The Agreement has four goals:

1. **Sense of Belonging** To increase Aboriginal students sense of place, belonging and caring in School District #62 (Sooke).
2. **Aboriginal Ways of Knowing** To increase awareness and understanding of Aboriginal ways of knowing in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.
3. **Language** To increase knowledge of Aboriginal languages by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.
4. **Achievement** To enhance the achievement and success of Aboriginal students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in academics as well as training for trades and life skills.



Congratulations to our Destination Conservation Team for winning the "Energy Campaign of the Year Award"

Zosia A., Lachlyn S., Eric P., Rayanna T., Carl S., Olivia L., Chantel L., Abby C-R., Abigail W., Briannah W., Alyson G., Rachel H., Amy L., Nikki C.



Congratulations to the girl's soccer team on their great season

Kenya P., Keltie S., Emma S., Shayna R., Aja W., Brianna D., Aida D., Kennedy T., Rachel H., Amy L., Sarah M., Lara H., Briannah W., Alyson G., Emily C., Nicole K., Sophie W., Alysha

Congratulations to the boy's soccer team on their great season

Lucas C-R., Lucas L., Colton A., Spencer B., Ben S., Austin L., Liam B-M., Rylan B., Kyle A., Elliot S., Graeme T., Brendan M., Andrew S.



A congratulation to the student's on the cross-country team on their great season:

Abby C-R., Abi W., Aida D., Alex C., Alex D., Alysha W., Alyson G., Alyson W., Andrew W., Andrew W., Austin L., Basil C., Brandon B., Breanna H., Brianna W., Caitlin W., Carl S., Carmen W., Carmen E., Chantel L., Colt G., Colton A., Conner H., Dallas F., Dylan F., Dylan S., Eliza C., Elliot S., Erik H., Erin T., Eryn D., Grace M., Hannah M., Isabelle M., Jaimey H., Jaydon H., Jessica A., Jessica R., Josie H., Kaitlin H., Kara R., Cassidy S., Kayden M., Kayla W., Keltie S., Kyle A., Lachlyn S., Liney C., Logan B., Matt B., Megan E., Molly P., Nahoa K., Nolan S., Olivia D., Patrick M., Rachel H., Raily S., Roman D., Rylan B., Sarah M., Sasha W., Savannah A., Shayna R., Spencer W., Steven M., Taylor C., Thalia A., Triston W.

Keep your child's brain sizzling this summer

Did you know children can lose more than 2 ½ months of their learning in the summer months? Summer is an ideal time to catch up or get ahead with plenty of free time to absorb new learning techniques.

With more than 30 years of local experience as a non-profit, at The READ Society we know there's no one-size-fits-all system. Every brain is unique, and our professional teachers create individual plans to bridge gaps in learning. We can help with reading, writing, mathematics and study skills. We make it fun too and guarantee only two students per teacher.

Program costs

Ten, one-hour sessions; one-hour per day scheduled-to-suit \$465

Includes abridged assessment; for full academic assessment, add \$75

For private classes [1 student:1 teacher]: add \$200 to the package fee.

Tuition assistance may be available for low-income households

Program dates

July 6 -10; 13-17; August 10-14; 17-21; 24-28 and August 31 to September 4

Program location and hours

201-2631 Quadra St.: Monday to Friday: 8:30-1:30 and 4:30-7:30

302B-9775 Fourth St., Sidney: Monday to Friday 1:30 to 5:30

Call: 250-388-7225

More information at www.readsociety.bc.ca



JUMP ROPE PERFORMERS

Grade 1

Lachlyn S., Rachel H., Zosia A., Eve R., Bree V-W., Breanna H., Ruby-Dee C., Izzy M., Jessica R., Sarah F., Megan E.

Grade 2

Kirsten H., Kayla W., Grace M., Loganne B., Olivia L., Rayanna T., Alyssa W.

Grade 3

Aurea C., Chantelle L., Eryn D., Petra F., Hannah G.

Grade 4

Courtney H., Josie H., Kara R., Jessica A., Savannah A., Jaimey H., Abigail W., Rachel P., Talia A.

Grade 6

Kennedy T.

Destination Imagination

Congratulation Destination Imagination teams on a great season;

Alysha W., Sarah M., Conner H., Kylie M., Taylor J., Taya A., Logan T., Lara H., Christian P., Rachel P., Jessica C., Nicole K., Dylan B., Liam B-M., Briannah W., Courtney H.