

Henderson Elementary



Henderson Elementary works to foster an environment to nurture individuals academically, socially, and emotionally so that they are equipped to tackle academic challenges and become productive members of society.

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Check out newsletters and calendar items on-line.

Everybody Deserves A Smile (EDAS)

January 2024

...is a service learning project that started 20 years ago in the Comox Valley. The project focuses on empathy and creating with local students, hoping to reach out to those community members who are unhoused and in need at Christmas time.

For the fifth year Henderson School hosted the EDAS qathet project. Along with Brooks Secondary, James Thomson Elementary, Edgehill Elementary, Westview Elementary, Texada Elementary, and Kelly Creek Community School, 521 bags were created for our region. Students painted bags and created personal cards. Each bag was packaged with a hat, socks, scarf, mittens, hygiene items, and Christmas cookies baked by Brooks Secondary culinary arts and foods classes. Sugar cookies were decorated by several local community groups.

On December 18, community volunteers and students and teachers from participating classes in qathet School District gathered in the Henderson gym with Ms. Gahan, Mrs. Boyd, and Ally Boyd to pack their EDAS bags. The next day, these 398 bags were picked up by the Powell River Firefighters, Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department, and Tla'amin Fire Department and delivered to local agencies in our community. Edgehill Elementary packaged 123 EDAS bags, specifically for seniors, and delivered them to Gerry Gray Place seniors lunch on Dec 20.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this project. We couldn't have done it without the love and support of our school district and local community.



Recognition Awards...Fri Jan 12

Ms Gahan's class

Demonstrating an awareness of how our words and actions affect those around us in the classroom * yiq̓aʔet - accountability

Dayja Heins	Naia Lavigne
Isaiah Larscheid	Sierra Letkeman
Meadow Nicholson	Violet Cote Black
Milana Khalemska	

Ms Caldarone's/Mrs Robinson's class

For following the guiding principle of SPIRITUALLY specifically the virtues of patience, kindness and being a peaceful citizen and friend to all

Aliyah Mendoza	Connor Matovich
Amelia Hildering	Ieuan Jones
Cadence Letkman	Kai Holdsworth
Jordyn Messner	Harrison Koller-Quigley
Macy Minifie	

For improved focus and making good choices throughout the school day

Eli Peterson	Max Hammer
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Mrs Hodgins' class

For their input, heart and commitment to our class territorial acknowledgement. It is through this work that they have demonstrated xaxgiyanən (xax gee ah nun)

Suzy Browne
Anna Goebel
Kai Goebel
Arya Hildering
River Larscheid

Mr Mendoza's class

For showing improved writing skills

Tyson Lansimaki	Carter Radonich
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For showing dedication and perseverance

Bowie Wilson-Tilberg	Ametys Bergeron
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For being kind & supportive towards peers

Lynden Caldarone-Findlay

Mr Ball's class

Leadership and Teamwork

Cole Meilleur	Rylee Sheldon
Logan Greenwood	Druanne Boyd
Brayden Messner	



GUIDING PRINCIPLES - ʔaʔamin taʔaw (TLA'AMIN TEACHINGS)

The following guiding principle is taken from the tla'amin Education Agreement (2023). Descriptions have been adjusted to fit our school community. We recognize and give thanks for the work done by the Parties involved in writing the TEA, and honor the intent behind these taʔaw (teachings).

pit qʷayegəns (peet qwayeh guns) - Humility (January)

To be humble is to recognize the beautiful in others as we respect the beauty within ourselves. As we have care and compassion for others we enrich our own lives. Honour the experience of others, and the knowledge of those who came before us.

PEAK Contest Winners



Sophia Carano, Kindergarten
Naia Lavigne, Grade 1
Hendrix Smith, Kindergarten
Una Jones, Grade 5
Kalvin McClinchey, Grade 1
Ashton Borchert, Grade 6



December Highlights

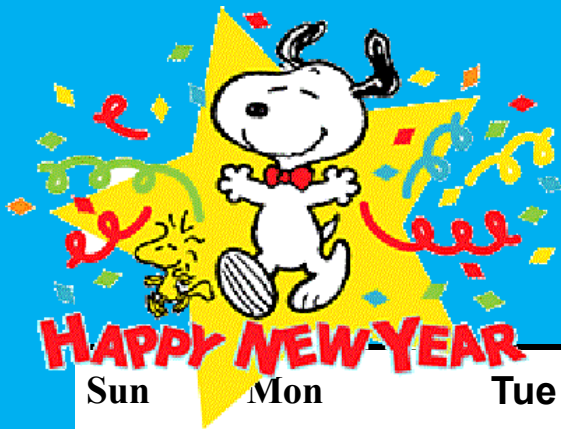
- ◆ Whole school Turkey Lunch
- ◆ Winter Concert
- ◆ Family Pancake Breakfast & PJs



Family Literacy Day Pancake Breakfast * Jan 26

Volunteers needed * 7 am—9:30 am and for clean up

Please contact Mr. Hull if you can help. Any amount of time helps!



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Winter Vacation						
7	8 <i>School Reopens</i>	9	10	11	12 Recognition Assembly 9:05 am	13
14	15 Black Excellence Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Whole School Book Read 11:45 am</i>	23 <i>Whole School Buddy Read</i> District Basketball Season begins	24 <i>Wear Your Words Day</i>	25 <i>Viewing of Door</i> <i>Decorating for Literacy Week</i>	26 Literacy Day Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m.	27
LITERACY WEEK						
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3