



# HALL'S PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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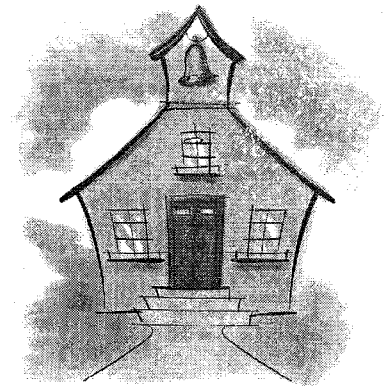
## Principal's and Vice Principal's Message

Welcome back for what we know, will be a great year at Hall's Prairie. We are hoping that you had an excellent summer and are ready, as we are, to settle into familiar routines.

The new year has brought many new faces to Hall's Prairie. Welcome to all of those students and families that are new to our school. We are sure that you will find it a friendly school and an enjoyable place to be at. We also have many new staff members. All are pleased to be at Hall's Prairie and are excited to get the year underway.

### **Our 2011- 2012 staff will be:**

Mr. McNabb	Teacher
Mrs. Smith	Teacher
Ms. Banbury	Teacher
Ms. Donaldson	Teacher
Mrs. Heinrichs	Teacher (job share with Mrs. Stubbings)
Ms. Brandson	Library
Mr. Farrugia	Band
Mrs. Hackelmann	Music
Mrs. Hurt	French
Mrs. Busch	SEA
Ms. Heath	SEA
Mrs. Jordan	Secretary
Mrs. Stubbings	Vice Principal/Teacher
Mr. Russell	Principal



A complete staff assignment list will be sent home once our classes are organized.

### **Goodbye Mrs. Otte**

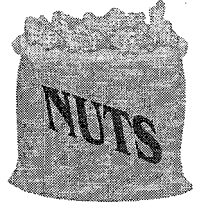
At the end of last school year Mrs. Otte decided to retire from teaching. Mrs. Otte was a wonderful teacher and a great asset to our staff. We know that she will be missed at Hall's Prairie, but wish her all the best as she begins this next journey in her life.

## Office Hours

We welcome Ms. Joylynn Jordan who will be our clerk for the month of September, as Mrs. Fraser has taken a position at East Kensington. Please welcome Mrs. Jordan when you stop by the office. Ms. Jordan will work from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Our office will be closed from 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm each day for lunch. If you are calling during this time, please leave a message and Mrs. Jordan will return your call if needed when she returns.

## Allergy Awareness

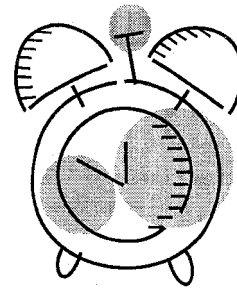
Several of our students have severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts, nuts, and their by-products. Please help us in committing to do everything possible to protect these students. Some ways you can help include: refraining from sending foods to school that contain peanuts/nuts, remind your children to wash their hands carefully after eating if there is an anaphylactic student in your child's classroom, remind your children not to share or trade snacks and do not use these products in any treats you may send into the classroom over the year. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to make our school a safe environment for all students. Please read the attached 'allergy aware' information.



**\*\* Please inform the school immediately if your child has a severe life threatening allergy or medical condition so we can ensure appropriate procedures are in place.**

## School Schedule

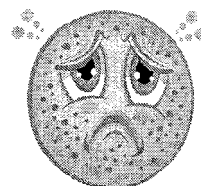
Morning Warning Bell:	8:45
Classes Begin:	8:50
Recess:	10:30 – 10:45
Lunch and Learn*	11:45 – 12:00
Lunch:	12:00 – 12:45
Dismissal:	2:43



This year we have added "**Lunch and Learn**" to our schedule. During this time students will sit in their classroom to eat their lunches while teachers continue with instruction. This timeslot is part of the school day and will include curriculum. Teachers will be using this time to teach or review material. Students will then go outside for lunch from 12:00 – 12:45. During this time the lunch supervisors will be outside supervising the students. It is important that all students have their lunches with them in the morning. If you are dropping off your child's lunch, please ensure that it is dropped off at the office by 10:45 so that students will have their lunch during Lunch and Learn.

### Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we would appreciate it if you would phone before school to let us know. We have a call home policy to ensure student safety on the way to school and, if we are not informed of student absences, the secretary must spend a great deal of time calling student homes. Your help with this would be much appreciated. We do have a school answering machine, to leave a message if you are calling during non-school hours. **The school phone number is 604-538-1083.**

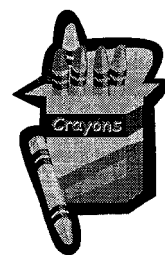


### Student Placement

As we have many new faces to Hall's Prairie, students are not placed in classes for the first few days of the school year. This is to allow us to take an accurate account of students who will be attending. Today your child(ren) met in their last year's classroom. Tomorrow morning, students will proceed to the rooms they were in today. Once our numbers and staffing are confirmed, students will be placed into classes.

### School Supplies

Please do not send your child's school supplies until they are placed in permanent classes. For the first few days, teachers will provide necessary supplies or ask students to bring a few items. School supply lists were sent home last June, and are also available at the school office.



### Student Agendas

Other than kindergarten, all of our students will need student agendas. Agendas are available to purchase for a fee of \$5.00. If used properly, this agenda is a very effective means of helping students organize their work as a tool for daily home-school communication. Parents of our Grade 1 - 7 students are asked to:

- Ensure that students used these agendas on a daily basis
- Check the agenda each night for assigned work and/or notes from the teacher
- Sign the agenda each night when the work is finished

## School Website

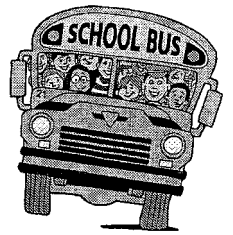
Our school website is being updated with information about the 2011-2012 school year. You can find us through the district website under schools or you can access the website directly at:

[www.teacherweb.com/BC/hallsprairieelementary](http://www.teacherweb.com/BC/hallsprairieelementary)

We hope you find this a valuable source of information. The website includes our school calendar, staff lists, school hours, parent information, as well as information about school activities.

## Bus Information

We will once again have bus service available at Hall's Prairie. Please see the attached information sheets and forms if you require this service. All students taking the bus must have the completed forms signed and returned to the school. **As per District Policy, bus drivers are only permitted to transport students who have returned the completed forms and are listed on the official Bus Manifest.**

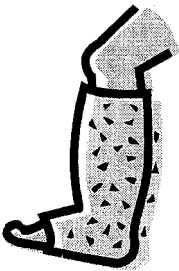


## Student Accident Insurance

Did you know that the School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. However, your DPAC and the School District provides the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program underwritten by Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance.

### **Plan features:**

- Provides coverage **365 days a year**, 24 hours a day, in or out of school.
- Covers expenses that are limited or **not** insured under private or group insurance plans or MSP; such as, private tutors, lump sum payment for fractures and dislocations, counseling and much more.
- Covers injury related **Dental** (including future expenses).
- Fully **transferable** insurance from school to school anywhere in Canada.
- **Low** annual premiums from \$13.50 per student for the Basic Plan (discounts available for families with 3 or more children).



For more information review the attached form or visit: [www.iapkidsplus.com](http://www.iapkidsplus.com).



*Message from the Superintendent of Schools*

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**To:** Surrey School District community

**Re:** Teacher Job Action

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As you are likely aware, the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and its local Surrey Teachers' Association have served notice of a first phase of job action in connection with provincial contract negotiations. ***Please be aware that all schools are open as usual and there will not be any pickets.***

During the announced Phase One of job action, teachers in Surrey and throughout BC are withdrawing from administrative meetings and related tasks. In addition, in terms of direct student impact, teachers will not be preparing or distributing report cards, except Grade 12 marks required for graduation, post-secondary applications or scholarship purposes.

The Surrey School District is committed to ensuring that our schools are safe and students are adequately supervised. During this job action, managers and other non-union staff will be performing many supervision duties (before and after school and at recess). In these circumstances, it will be most helpful if you are able to drop off and pick-up your children as close to the beginning and end of the school day as possible.

The district will inform parents through school newsletters and websites as well as on the district website at [www.sd36.bc.ca](http://www.sd36.bc.ca) of any changes or developments in the job action status, particularly as those changes may relate to any direct impact on students. For information regarding the key issues in the current contract dispute, you may wish to visit the BC Public School Employers Association (BCPSEA) website at [www.bcpsea.bc.ca](http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca).

Finally, it is important to emphasize that the Surrey School District acknowledges that our teachers are participating in legal job action. We appreciate that these situations can be difficult to manage but we are committed to making every reasonable effort to continue to support student learning.

Mike McKay  
Superintendent of Schools/CEO

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