

# HONGDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HongDe Elementary School  
洪德中英文雙語小學

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear HongDe Community,

It is my great pleasure to work as HongDe Elementary School's new Principal. Fan Chiang is my last name and I was born and raised in Taiwan. Having taught in Taiwan and B.C. in both public and independent school systems for more than 20 years, I am very excited to work with a dedicated team of teachers and support staff to help make a positive impact for every learner in our care.

I am committed to connecting with students in a positive way and working with "parents as partners" in educating their children. We strive to create the conditions for all learners to be actively engaged in purposeful learning in a community of belonging and inclusion.

Parents are a vital part of the school community and we invite you to take an active role in your child's education. You may book an appointment with your child's teacher in person (before or after school) or by calling the school office (604-416-0386).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to serving the HongDe school community.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fan Chiang  
Principal



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 02 Earthquake Drill
- Dec. 03 Virtual Student Dance Performance
- Dec. 08 Report Cards
- Dec. 17 Happy Holiday Party
- Dec. 20- Jan 03 Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 04 School Reopens

## NOVEMBER'S VIRTUE

Respect: An attitude of honouring oneself and others through our words and actions. Treating every person with dignity and courtesy.

## DAILY HEALTH CHECKS

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, daily health checks are necessary for staff, students and their families to complete prior to entering the school. If you have cold or flu like symptoms, we ask that you stay at home and notify the school.

The government of B.C. has an online "K-12 Health Check" and many other resources:

- [K-12 Health Check Online](#)
- [PDF-Daily Health Check-Gov.bc.ca](#)
- Question about symptoms or illness, please call 8-1-1.



## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!!

Rainy, windy, snowy and unpredictable weather is upon us! We encourage all parents and guardians to dress and pack the children with appropriate attire to school, such as rainboots, raincoats, toques, mitts and extra socks. The student's safety is our top priority.

## EMERGENCY DRILLS

HongDe Elementary School does eleven emergency drills in the school year. We have six fire drills, three earthquake drills and two lockdown drills. Emergency drills are practised and taught to maintain the safety of our students and staff during potential natural disasters, threats or crisis towards the school.

In the event of an earthquake, the students are taught to stay calm and DROP-COVER-HOLD ON. The school is equipped and prepared with an emergency earthquake kit if this situation were to occur.

In the event of a fire, students are instructed to remain calm, quiet and attentive. They will exit the building as quickly, orderly and safely as possible with their teacher to the designated muster point.

In the event of a lockdown, the school has lockdown procedures and protocols in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Parents will be notified by the school if a major incident or threat has occurred at school.

# NEWS



## Sneak Peak of Our School Uniforms

- We have the uniforms picked out and designed! In December we will send out more information regarding measurements and sizing.



## Virtue Of The Month

- November: Respect: An attitude of honouring oneself and others through our words and actions. Treating every person with dignity and courtesy.
- Past Virtues: Responsibility & Cooperation
- December's Virtue Of The Month: Trustworthiness



## Hot Lunch Menu

- Keep an eye out for our Hot Lunch Menus sent through email every Friday!

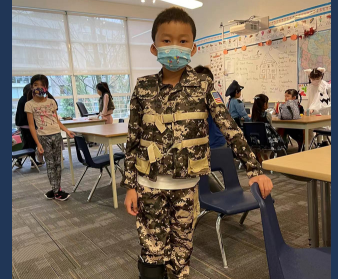
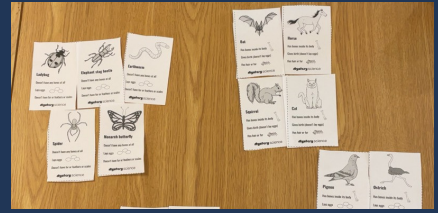
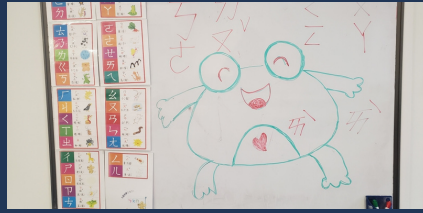
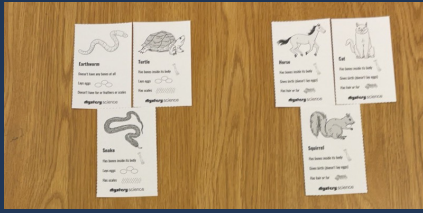


## SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

For the past few months teachers and students have been learning, adapting and of course having fun! In September the students were introduced to many new friends, an integrated arts education: dance, music, visual art and for some, a new language and culture. In October we had a blast dressing up for Halloween and learning about the virtue of the month “responsibilities”. In November the students were taught the importance and significance of Remembrance Day and what it means to honor our veterans. We appreciate your patience, commitment and trust towards us, as we are building this new school! We are beyond grateful and excited to have you all on this journey.







# SCHOOL DECEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

| Sunday           | Monday   | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                      | Thursday              | Friday                                       | Saturday            |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
|                  |  |                                | 1                              | 2<br>Earthquake Drill | 3<br>Virtual Student<br>Dance<br>Performance | 4                   |
| 5                | 6  | 7                              | 8<br>Report Card<br>Going Home | 9                     | 10   | 11                  |
| 12               | 13   | 14                             | 15                             | 16                    | 17<br>Happy Holiday<br>Party                 | 18                  |
| 19               | 20<br>Winter Break<br>(December 20-<br>January 03) | 21                             | 22                             | 23                    | 24   | 25<br>Christmas Day |
| 26<br>Boxing Day | 27<br>In Lieu of<br>Christmas                      | 28<br>In Lieu of Boxing<br>Day | 29                             | 30                    | 31   | 1<br>New Year's Day |
| 2                | 3<br>In Lieu of New<br>Year's Day                  | 4<br>School Reopens            | 5                              | 6<br>Lockdown Drill   | 7  | 8                   |

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