

HONGDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HongDe Elementary School
洪德中英文雙語小學

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear HongDe Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope all our families had a safe and healthy winter break, making the best of the holiday season, despite the current restrictions. As we look ahead, I encourage all of us to remain diligent as we begin this new year, as we are not out of the woods yet. The health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our top priority. We ask that your child(ren) continue to wear a mask to school and have extra masks in their school bags to replace soiled or lost ones. Please continue to assess your child(ren) for daily symptoms of influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory diseases before sending them to school. Students and staff are to stay home if they are sick, to help prevent the spread of germs/viruses to others. When our students are safe, healthy and happy, learning flourishes.

While looking forward to welcoming our students back to the start of a new term, we are excited to share some great news with you:

Starting this term, our new, improved timetables will be in place to help maximizing engaged learning time, facilitating student well-being, adding flexibility and providing more opportunities for authentic learning.

All students will start learning Dizigui (as extra curriculum) with Ms. Chiu. Dizigui is based on the ancient teaching of the Chinese philosopher Confucius that emphasizes the basic requisites for being a good person and guidelines for living in harmony with others. Your child(ren) will also learn extra Mandarin words along the way.

To ensure the quality of our transportation service, we now have our own school buses! These two beautiful, brand new yellow school buses will certainly wow our students and provide even better riding experience for all.

Pretty soon, HongDe families will be able to order our handsome school uniforms for your child(ren). Please stay tuned.

To celebrate Chinese New Year, which is on February 1 this year, we have invited a Chinese Art educator Ms. Huang to come and teach our students New Year art crafts on January 31.

A parent volunteer form will be sent to you soon. Please consider signing up if you are interested in helping out in the classroom, on a field trip... etc. Any parent volunteers must have a criminal record check completed and QR code for COVID full vaccination proof.

Studies have shown that children who eat a complete breakfast, demonstrate improved concentration, alertness, comprehension, memory and learning. So please make sure your child(ren) have breakfast before coming to school. Packing nutritious snacks for your child(ren) is also important because they help satisfy hunger between meals, boost energy and fuel children's growth and development.

Thank you to all our families for working alongside us. Wishing each of you all the best for 2022!

Sincerely,

Sarah Fan Chiang
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 04 Teachers will return to school
- Jan 05-07 Online Learning (optional)
- Jan 10 Students will return to school
- Jan 17 PRO-D Day (No Students)
- Jan 31 Chinese New Years Arts & Crafts with Ms.Huang

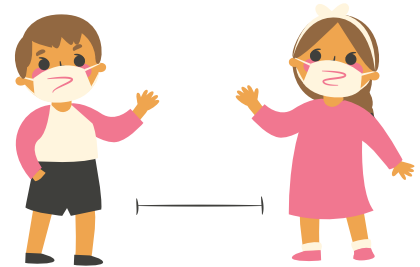


JANUARY'S VIRTUE

Determination: The power to intent that drives our dreams. Persevering until we meet our goals.



LET'S HAVE A SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL 2022!!



MEET OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Calling beautiful Vancouver home, Ms. Tara Sikorski was born and raised in Saskatchewan, but has also spent time living and teaching in Venezuela and Spain.

She has earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English and a minor in Theatre Arts from the University of Regina, a Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA) from Cambridge University, an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme Instructor Certificate in English Language and Literature, and a BC Independent School Teaching Certificate.



Ms. Sikorski has over 16 years of experience teaching at primary, secondary, and post-secondary levels. She is very excited to be joining the educational team at HongDe Elementary School.

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School Uniform Update

We are on the next steps in finalizing, adjusting and approving our school uniforms. Everything from a long sleeve shirt, cardigan, hoodie, athletic wear and many more will be available to order on the form (colours may defer from the photo).



Get excited and keep a lookout in your inboxes for more information!!



**Meet Our Bus Drivers
Ninh & Gilbert**



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Hot Lunch Menu-January 2022



"Libby's Kitchen is a hot lunch provider dedicating in preparing delicious hot lunch meals for children."

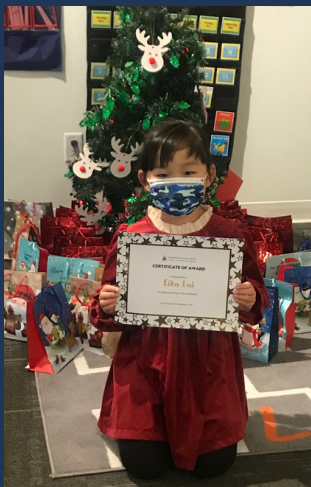
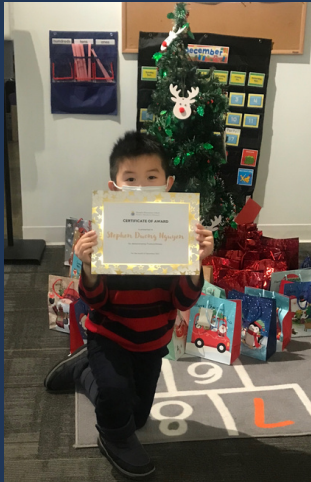
Hot Lunch Registration Forms for January-March 2022 were sent out in December! Please, if you are interested or if you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	10 TW Style Braised Pork	11 Farfalle with Meat Sauce	12 Sweet & Sour Tofu Ball	13 Chicken Veg Dumpling	14 Beef Lasagna
Week 3	17 PRO-D Day (No School)	18 Farfalle with Meat Sauce	19 Teriyaki Chicken with Rice	20 Tuna Salad Sandwich	21 Grilled Chicken with Rice
Week 4	24 Tonkatsu with Rice	25 Korean Beef Bibimbap	26 Kyoto Style Pork Chop	27 Beef Broccoli with Rice	28 Ham Cheese Sandwich
Week 5	31 Stir-fried Beef & Carrot				

Lunch served with seasonal vegetable and rice
(except for noodle & fried rice items).

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Our month of December was filled with holiday cheers and celebrations! The students share their first online dance performance with family and friends, created gingerbread houses and learnt about the virtue of trustworthiness. Big congratulations to Eika, Stephen and Landon for being awarded December's virtue of the month! And congratulations to Henry, Eva and Yuna for November's virtue of the month, Respect. We are extremely excited to see what the new year has in store for us!





JANUARY 2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 In Lieu of New Year's Day	4 School Reopens (Teachers)	5 Online Learning (Optional) ←----->	6	7 Jan 05-07	8
9	10 School Reopens (Students)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 PRO-D Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Chinese New Years Arts & Crafts	1 Chinese New Year	2	3 Lockdown Drill	4	5

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