



School News

Helen Haller Elementary

Letter from the Principal

Dear Helen Haller Families,

We officially have grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade back at school. We are thrilled to have everyone. I'd like to share some helpful parking lot tips so that we can all move through our drop off and pick up process more efficiently. At this time, we ask that you not use the sidewalk in front of the building – we are reserving that for students and staff and trying to keep everyone safe there. **

AM Drop-Off Begins at 8:05

1. If you arrive at 8:05 or later this helps eliminate back-ups in the street.
2. Please pull as far forward as possible.
3. Only allow students to open the door when the car is next to the yellow curb, and the car is facing West toward the Boys and Girls Club.
4. Once you get as far forward as possible and the line of cars is stopped please have your student get out (think of this like an amusement park ride – everybody out at the same time and the next group pulls up and gets out – this is about 11-12 cars). Students all know where they are going now, and we have many adults to help show them.

PM Pick-Up: Kindergarten Only pick-up begins at 2:30 – Grades 1-5 begins at 2:45

1. Our bell rings at **2:45 for Grades 1-5. Students are ready for pick-up by about 2:47.** If you arrive at 2:43 or later this allows for Kindergarteners to get picked-up, grades 1-5 students will be ready for pick-up, and staff is ready for you.
2. **Please have your sign that was provided to you in your front dash or side window – with student(s) name(s) and teacher name.** If you don't have the provided sign, a homemade version will do (please include student first and last name and the teacher's name), or roll down your window to let a staff member at the beginning of the line know student(s) names.
3. Pull as far forward as possible.
4. Staff have walkie talkies and will read the names in your window to get your student from the staging area to the front of the line.
5. Staff in yellow vests are supervising and assisting getting students to your car.
6. **You may see your student early in the process but please continue to pull forward as this allows more cars to enter the lot, and for us to get students to you.**
7. At this time we are not utilizing the islands for pick-up.

If you have a vehicle please use the above process. *If you need to walk-up***, walk along the sidewalk on Fir St. to the West end crosswalk (B&G end of campus). There will be a sign there to wait behind.

Sincerely, *Mrs. Stanton*—Principal HHE

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GO HOME BAGS: Meals are free for all students until December 18th. As part of that process we are sending home 6 meals: 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches. Go home food bags are sent home on Tuesdays (for AA students) and Fridays (for BB students). If you would like to opt out of this service please send an email with your student's name to Sodexo@sequimschools.org to let our Food Services know.

PICK UP/DROP OFF: Want to skip the drop off and pick up lines? Consider putting your students on the bus! The buses follow all health and safety guidelines and are a great option to get your students to and from school. You can contact the bus garage for bus information (360-582-3274). Don't forget to send your student with a bus pass.

Scholastic Book Fair

This weekend is your last chance to shop the online Scholastic Book Fair!

Shopping dates are **November 9th through November 22nd**. You can visit our Book Fair Home page at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/helenhallerelementaryschool1>. Feel free to send that link to family and friends near and far so they can order too!

Sit down with your child to look through the virtual book fair and watch as the magic of the book fair lights their eyes with reading joy and anticipation!

Questions? Contact Helen Haller Teacher-Librarian, Sheri Kruckeberg at skruckeberg@sequimschools.org or 360.582.3280.



Winter Plant Sale Winners

The PTO Winter Plant Sale was a huge success!

1st place top earner: Nolan Bacchus (Mrs. Holt's 5th grade class)

2nd place top earners: Carter Fenner (Mrs. Riggs' 3rd grade class), Garrett Eldridge (Mrs. Rich's 5th grade class)

Orders will be available to pick up at Sun Valley Realty (609 W Washington St. Unit 7) on **Wednesday, December 2nd**.

Have questions? Contact Michelle Ridgeway (360-477-9895; mridgway@olyphen.com).