



School News

Helen Haller Elementary

Letter from the Principal

Dear Helen Haller Families,
 It's hard to believe it's already November. The best part is that this month we get to have all students back on campus. We are thankful to get that opportunity. You should know that all the students we have brought back are doing a great job of following all the safety protocols we have put in place. I'm thankful to you, as parents, for helping your student be successful at school. If you have shared that you want to remain remote, I'd like you to know that you are welcome back to campus anytime after your grade level comes back. You can call our front office and let them know you'd like to make that change – 360-582-3200.

AFTERSCHOOL PLANS – If you have already communicated your student's afterschool plans, thank you. If not, please let your classroom teacher know where your student is going afterschool.

PINK SLIPS – If you've been at HHE for awhile, you know what these are. Pink slips are our way of tracking afterschool plans or changes in afterschool plans. Perhaps your student is going to Grandma's afterschool, please fill out a pink slip and send it with your student to school and instruct them to give the slip to their teacher. Don't worry, teachers are great about asking if there are any pink slips. This is our common form of communication amongst buildings and busses. Thank you for helping out with that.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP-OFF – *We are opening the parking lot and having students enter the gates at 8:05* (this is a change from 8:10 to facilitate an increase in traffic with more students). During busy times we will ask you to pull forward to get more cars in the lot. Thank you for being patient and courteous to staff and other families.

1. **STAY IN YOUR CAR**
2. **STUDENTS ARE READY TO EXIT – STUFF READY TO GO**
3. **STUDENTS EXIT ON THE SIDE CLOSEST TO THE SIDEWALK (For safety)**
4. **CONSIDER SENDING YOUR STUDENT ON THE SCHOOL BUS – call 360-582-3274. They follow all of the same safety protocols that we do at school.**

AFTERSCHOOL PICK-UP – Our parking lot has been much less crowded because we have a fraction of our students back. It will get busier and we need your help to get traffic moving more efficiently. We will make changes as necessary. Monday, November 9th brings 2nd and 3rd grade back. That's an additional 80 students each day. Here are our helpful parking lot tips and safety rules. Thank you in advance for helping out!

1. **Kindergarten parents may enter the main lot at 2:25. All other grades enter at 2:40.**
2. **If you have a kindergartener and an older sibling please pick up your kindergartner then exit and get back in line so that we can get most of the kinder families out of the parking lot to make space for other grades.**
3. **STAY IN YOUR CAR – There is no parking and walking in.**
4. **STUDENTS ENTER ON THE SIDE CLOSEST TO THE SIDEWALK (For safety)**
5. **PULL AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE (We get more cars in the parking lot that way)**
6. **HAVE YOUR SIGN IN YOUR WINDOW SO WE CAN GET YOUR STUDENT TO YOU**
7. **ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR STUDENT YOU ARE ABLE TO PULL OUT OF THE LINE AND EXIT**
8. **THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARKING LOT IS ONE WAY ONLY – IN**
9. **BE PATIENT AND COURTEOUS TO YOUR FELLOW HALLER DRIVERS**
10. **CONSIDER SENDING YOUR STUDENT ON THE SCHOOL BUS – call 360-582-3274. They follow all of the same safety protocols that we do at school.**

Thank you for partnering with us – We appreciate you!
 Sincerely, Mrs. Stanton – Principal HHE

A LOOK AHEAD:

- 09** 2nd & 3rd grade (AA group) return
- 09** Online Scholastic Book Fair opens through Nov. 22nd
- 11** NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day
- 12** 2nd & 3rd grade (BB group) returns

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| GW - HH - MS - HS - SOS - OPA | |
| Date of Pass: _____ | <input type="radio"/> Permanent |
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| Student Name: _____ | |
| Teacher Name: _____ | <input type="radio"/> OK <input type="radio"/> PK |
| <input type="radio"/> Bus Name: _____ | |
| Bus Stop: _____ | |
| Emergency Phone Number: _____ | |
| <input type="radio"/> Pickup Drive-Through Looper Park & Pick-up | |
| Pickup By: _____ | |
| <input type="radio"/> Walk To: _____ | |
| Person Completing Form: _____ | |
| Relationship to Student: _____ | |
| <small>12-202014 Original to Office – Duplicate to Student/Driver</small> | |

Counselor's Corner

From the OESD 114 Family/Educator Newsletter



Embracing Changes

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go. Letting go means being willing to allow life to carry you to a new place, instead of holding on or trying to push life in a certain direction. "To let go does not mean to get rid of. To let go means to let be. When we let be with compassion, things come and go on their own." – Jack Kornfield. When we have expectations or try to control life, it can make us feel stuck and lead us to fear or worry if the outcome is different from what we want. There are no guarantees in life, and sometimes there's nothing we can do to get the outcomes we want, especially when dealing with the world. When our expectations or needs aren't met, it helps if we can be rationale and understanding. Sometimes this means letting go, accepting changes, understanding that we do our best, and sometimes things are out of our control. Instead of wishing or worrying that things could be different, bring yourself into the present moment to see all the great things that are happening with you and your family.

Parent Self-Care Tip

Rituals and traditions help people feel connected to their families, to their past, and give a sense of stability when there is more chaos than usual. Tradition adds a sense of comfort and belonging, it brings families together, and is a way to reconnect with friends. Do you have any family rituals or traditions? Here's some ideas:



- Start a Happiness Jar - everyone shares the happiest moment of their day; write them down, put them in a jar, & read them back at the end of the week or month
- Have the same meal on the same day every week
- Host a family talent show
- Have Show & Tell night
- Plan a monthly mommy/daddy date with each child

<https://theeverymom.com/family-traditions-creative-new-ideas/>

Scholastic Book Fair

Helen Haller's SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is online this year! All of the books and fun gifts you love are still available just in time for holiday shopping and everything ships to your home!

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!

The virtual fair will open on **November 9th!** 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!

Want a sneak peek at some of the new books that will be available? Check out the book fair preview video!

<https://bcove.video/2zoSgmB>

And browse the book fair flyer!

<https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/F20-K8-booklist/F20-K8-booklist.html>

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

PTO Winter Plant Sale

It's time for our PTO's winter plant sale! Choose from a variety of poinsettias, center pieces, and holiday decorations. Orders are due by Monday, November 16th. Orders can be completed online by clicking [here](#).

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; mridgeway@olympen.com).

2020 Winter Order Form

HELEN HALLER ELEMENTARY PTO

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| <p>\$10</p> <p>6.5" Premium Poinsettias A holiday favorite! Brighten up any room this winter with a colorful poinsettia. Available in red, white, and pink. The 6.5" poinsettias are perfect for your home, hotel, restaurant, and more over the holidays.</p> | <p>\$30</p> <p>10" Premium RED Poinsettias Make a statement! These 10" red poinsettias are the center of attention due to their size. Just like the 6.5" poinsettias, they are ready to display and include a color-coordinated pot cover. Available in RED only.</p> | <p>\$30</p> <p>Indoor Tropical Planter Add a festive touch to your table with a mixed tropical planter. There are four different live plant varieties included with holiday decor in a handsome tin. Other container designs do vary and cannot be requested.</p> | <p>\$30</p> <p>Holiday Wreath The perfect wreath is getting an upgrade! A large, dried flower wreath in the middle of fresh holly, cedar and juniper. Perfect for your home and ready to hang. Complete the new look - ready to welcome guests of your door!</p> |
| <p>\$30</p> <p>Succulent Bowl A beautiful succulent centerpiece bowl is 8" in diameter - perfect for your coffee table or as a housewarming gift. An assortment of popular succulents are planted with a flowering succulent in the center.</p> | <p>\$20</p> <p>Table Top Trio Add a touch of fresh greenery to your home with this holiday trio! The decorative pot covers are decorative included. There are three different 4" plants in this trio: Guatemalan Holly Fern and Aloe Vera.</p> | <p>\$30</p> <p>Hanging Greenery Bouquet Celebrate with a fresh bouquet of greenery! A fun, unique, but long lasting greenery centerpiece, and live ferns, succulents and an array of seasonal decorations. This hangs outside on your front door or inside on the table.</p> | <p>\$40</p> <p>Outdoor Greenery Arrangement Welcome guests to your home with a festive greenery arrangement! This large outdoor planter stands over 2 feet tall with beautiful greenery holiday greenery, and live ferns, succulents and decorations.</p> |

* All items may not be exactly as shown. We have a variety of plant/greenery mixes, containers, and holiday features. *