



# School News

Helen Haller Elementary

## From the Principal

Dear Helen Haller Families,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the Winterfest on 12/7/23. Thank you to our PTA and our staffs for their efforts in providing so many fun activities for students and a place for parents to get to know each other.

We started our winter MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) Testing this week. I have watched teachers help students set goals, students working hard to achieve the goal they set, and some great growth for students. Students receive a score after they take the MAP and feel free to ask your student(s) how they think they did.

Our math team of Karla Wiker, Sheri Suryan, Eliza Klinger, and Cheryl Daniels are working with third graders on their math facts. We have a before and afterschool session where they all get practice time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays. Any extra practice you can do with your 3rd grader would be appreciated. Practice with your 4th or 5th grader is also helpful considering how often math facts are necessary in math problems. We appreciate your efforts!!

We had our second Cougar Cave today. Students use their Cougar Call Outs to “buy” items or experiences from the Cave. Thank you To Mrs. Ring who organizes this process and listens to students about items they would like to see in the Cougar Cave. This is one way we acknowledge positive behaviors at school.

As you can see there is a lot going on at Helen Haller. Attendance is a top priority in student achievement, accessing learning, receiving support, and participating in the fun. Thank you for sending your student(s) on time everyday! If you think you need support in helping your student to get to school please let us know by calling 360-582-3200. Our front office staff can connect you with our Assistant Principal - Dr. Lanning, Ms. Shaw - School Counselor, or Mrs. Stanton, Principal.

Rebecca Stanton – Principal

## A LOOK AHEAD:

**12** PTA Meeting  
6:00 HHE Library

**25** Winter Break  
NO SCHOOL

January

**08** Welcome Back from  
Winter Break!

**15** Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day—NO SCHOOL

**11/27/23-12/1/23**

**Specialist Classes of the Week (Top Scores & Trophy)**



**2nd grade:** Minard

**3rd grade:** Lewis AND Nash —tied with *perfect scores!*

**4th grade:** Caron, Klinger AND Tuttle—tied with *perfect scores!*

**5th grade:** Reno—*perfect score!*

**High-Performing Awards Green Certificate**

**(scores of 3 & 4 all week!)**

**2nd grade:** Mooney, Saul

**3rd grade:** Burr, Little, Miller, Oden, Rayburn, Riggs

**4th grade:** Beaver, Merring

**5th grade:** Castell, Danielson, Holt, Lancaster

As we anticipate the arrival of colder weather, I want to ensure that our school community is well-informed about our plans in the event of inclement weather. Our primary concern is the safety of all our students, and we strive to make decisions promptly despite the unpredictable nature of weather conditions.

[Inclement weather/School Closure Information](#)

**From the Nurse**

**Vision & Hearing Screening Results:** Volunteers from the NW Lion's Foundation completed school vision and hearing screening for K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th grade students on Dec. 5th, 2023. The results have been forwarded to the school nurse and you will be notified if there is any concern by mail. If you do not receive information from Health Services, it means your student met the standards stipulated by Washington State [Chapter 246-750 WAC](#): Questions? Call your school's health room, or contact Sonja Bittner RN District Nurse [sbittner@sequimschools.org](mailto:sbittner@sequimschools.org)

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# Turkey Trot update

**Total raised \$25,688.00** (with 115 students participating from Helen Haller).

Top earning class raised \$1500.00 and that class has won a WIN THE GYM with Mrs. Stanton. That class is Mrs. Forrest's 5th Grade Class!

We really want to emphasize students participating in this fundraiser and registering on the website. The top registering class had 10 of their students registered on the website!! And, they had a big push right at the end to pass by several other classes who had 9 students registered in the final days of registration. That class is Mrs. Miller's 3rd Grade Class! They have also won a WIN THE GYM with Mrs. Stanton.

The individual top earner for the school was Miss Kharmyn Pickens in 5th grade!

## Top Runners for the Turkey Trot:

### Girls:

2nd Grade—We have a five way tie of 9 laps between: Zayleigh McCullem, Rose Rasmussen, Peatarangi Ruddock, Aaliyah Turner & Summit Snow

3rd Grade—Nevaeh Thompson had the most laps ran with 10!

4th Grade—A three way tie: Harriet Mavy, Gabriella Laboy and Mia Miano who all had 10 laps!

5th Grade—Anne Mavy ran 11 laps!

### Boys:

2nd Grade—Andrew van de Weghe ran 13 laps!

3rd Grade—Dakota Hayter ran 13 laps!

4th Grade—Maks Lopez and Fisher Melsheimer ran 13 laps!

5th Grade—Makai Wilhelm ran 14 laps!



# Highly Capable Program

The Sequim School District is accepting referrals to the Highly Capable Program now through January 31<sup>st</sup>. The program is designed to provide services for students performing in the top 3% of the student population based on high cognitive ability, high academic achievement, or intense creativity. Details on the program and the referral process, including the referral packet, can be found on the district's website at [Highly Capable \(Hi-Cap\) - Sequim School District \(sequimschools.org\)](https://sequimschools.org). All materials are available in Spanish as well. There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, December 14 at 5pm on Zoom [https://sequimschools.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKfu2rrzoiHNMDAgKCJ2nmImFjLc3otXfl](https://sequimschools.zoom.us/join/91234567890)



**MONDAY**  
DECEMBER 11, 2023  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Sequim High School Library

## PARTNERING TO SUPPORT & MANAGE STUDENT BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOL: A COMMUNITY FORUM



### Join the conversation:

- ✔ Procedures, processes, and policies
- ✔ Hear from behavior management professionals
- ✔ Community Q & A
- ✔ Privacy requirements explained

...and more



**HAPPY Holidays**  
from the **SEQUIM FOOD BANK**

**Family Holiday Food Bag Distribution**

*All are welcome!*  
**DRIVE THRU CARRIE BLAKE PARK**  
**Friday, Dec. 15, 2023**  
**11am - 2pm**



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# HELEN HALLER ELEMENTARY

## 12 days of giving!

We are excited to start this new tradition here at Haller during this magical season. HHE's 12 Days of giving will start on Wednesday 12/6 and run until 12/21. In partnership with the Sequim Food Bank, we are hoping to help bring holiday cheer by gathering food donations and help stock the food bank shelves. The list below, have the items that are most needed, please look in your homes and see if you have any of these items.

You may also bring in any non-perishable item if you don't have what is listed below.

All students can take donations straight to the stage in the cafeteria.

4



PASTA SAUCE

5



PEANUT BUTTER



6



CEREAL

7

CONDIMENTS,  
DRESSINGS,  
SALT AND PEPPER



8

CANNED  
TUNA OR  
CHICKEN



9

PANCAKE MIX



10

CAN OF  
SOUP  
OR CHILI



11

CANNED  
VEGGIES



12

CAN OF FRUIT  
OR A  
\$1 DONATION FOR  
FRESH PRODUCE  
OR MILK



# WINTERFEST 2023



Thank  
you



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