

**TAHAYGHEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – September 23, 2015**

**MEET THE STAFF LUNCH
Thursday, September 24**

We are inviting the parents and guardians of Tahayghen students to come out for lunch and meet the staff on Thursday, September 24 from 12:00 to 1:00. This is a chance for us to get to know each other and enjoy a sample of the lunch provided to our students by the OMVC Culinary Arts.



SCHOOL PICTURES

**StrongStart – September 24
Tahayghen – October 6**



StrongStart students will have their picture day on Thursday, September 24— starting right away at 9:10 AM. Please note that your child must be registered and attending Tahayghen StrongStart in order to have their picture taken. StrongStart retakes will be from 9:00-10:30 on Tuesday, October 6.

Tahayghen students will have their pictures done on Tuesday, October 6. We will start with the youngest students first at 11:00 AM.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILLS
Starting September 30**

Students will be bringing home the school's emergency response booklets next week. Please ensure you are familiar with all of our emergency procedures. We will be practicing fire, earthquake and tsunami drills starting on Wednesday, September 30.



Note: The International ShakeOut Day is on Thursday, October 15 at 10:15. We will be joining in with everyone for the earthquake drill – be sure to practice at home as well.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

A reminder to parents: Due to legal obligations under the Education Act we must have written permission for any student to go off school grounds at lunch time. We cannot accept verbal arrangements over the phone.

SPORTS - SOCCER

Soccer season has begun and practices will be during recess and lunch on different days starting this week. Our coaches are Amanda Buchan and Erin Reid. The play day will be on Thursday, October 1 at Port Clements Elementary. The District Soccer Tournament will be held on Thursday, October 8 at Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary. Players from all schools will be mixed together for teams on both days.



**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
Wednesday, October 7
7:30 PM**



The next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 PM in the staffroom. All interested parents and guardians of Tahayghen and StrongStart students are invited to attend.

**CULTURAL PERFORMANCE
OCTOBER 20 AT 1:30**

We will be having a cultural performance on Tuesday, October 20 at 1:30. The performance is "Fables, Fools, and Fantasy" by Story Theatre Company.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program began on Wednesday, September 9. It will run every morning from 8:30 to 8:55. Cereals, toast, fruit and milk will be provided.



LATES/ABSENCES



Please notify the school secretary if your child will be absent from school or if your child will be late. To ensure student safety, whenever a student has not shown up for school we will be phoning the listed contact numbers to verify the student's whereabouts.

If you require homework for prolonged absences, please notify the school and/or speak with your child's teacher.

"Java Good Drip"

Java Good Drip was created by the OMVC Culinary Arts program to help support the Northern Haida Gwaii HOT LUNCH PROGRAM in Old Massett and Massett. They serve 900 meals every week from September to June to children from GM Dawson, Chief Matthews, and Tahayghen. That is 36,000 Hot Lunches in a school year!



Java Good Drip is located at the Masset Airport. They have soup, sandwiches, desserts, specialty coffee and GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE! So come on out and indulge in a brownie, cinnamon bun, or grab some lunch to go.



Their winter hours are Sunday to Friday, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information call Tasha Wilson at 250-626-7763.

Coming Events:

- ☺ Sept. 24 - Meet the Staff Lunch
- ☺ Sept. 24 - Picture Day for StrongStart
- ☺ Sept. 30 - Emergency Response Drills Begin
- ☺ Oct. 1 - Soccer Play Day at Port Clements
- ☺ Oct. 6 - Picture Day for Tahayghen
- ☺ Oct. 7 - PAC Meeting, 7:30
- ☺ Oct. 8 - Soccer Tournament at SKA
- ☺ Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving (No School)
- ☺ Oct. 15 - International ShakeOut Day
- ☺ Oct. 20 - Cultural Performance, 1:30
- ☺ Oct. 23 - Pro D Day (No School)
- ☺ Oct. 28 - Parent/Teacher Conferences