



Husky Happenings

December 2017

Excellence, Integrity, Leadership

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HERITAGE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to December! While we have certainly been spoiled with the warmer temperatures, we all know that winter will arrive. Parents, please be diligent in ensuring students have the appropriate outerwear every day. Our students are outside for morning recess (K-6) and lunch recess (K-9) every day unless temperatures are severe. We know the value of fresh air and exercise and expect all students are outside.

Learner Profiles were sent home with all students yesterday. As shared earlier this year, comments will demonstrate a literacy and numeracy focus specific to each child's strengths and areas for growth/next steps as a learner. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you have any questions or concerns. Our next formal Student Led Conferences will be held in February.

Thank you to families who joined us last night for our grade 6-9 Band celebration. It is incredible to hear the progression of playing ability from grade 6 to grade 9. We are incredibly proud of our students and their musical talents.

UPDATES

Thank you to parents for parking in the south parking lot if you are entering the school for any reason. This includes picking up your child for an appointment. Please park in our south lot as opposed to right in front of our entrance doors as this area is designated as a fire lane. I have been asked by RCMP to reinforce the message to parents that it is vital we adhere to our fire lane no parking areas. RCMP will be doing 'drive throughs' to help us educate parents that it is a fine to leave a vehicle unattended in a fire lane. We continue to experience increased parent traffic in dropping off and picking up students. By working together, I'm confident we can keep our traffic flowing smoothly before and after school during those drop off/pick up times.

Welcome to 2 new staff members who are joining our Heritage Heights team. Mrs. Stone is currently filling Mrs. Clarke's maternity leave. Mrs. MacDonald will be joining us in January filling Mrs. Szott's maternity leave. We wish both Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Szott the very best as they welcome their new addition to their family.

Please be aware of important celebration dates happening prior to our Christmas break. We hope you are able to join us to get in the Christmas Spirit with the music of the season. Our K-grade 5 students will perform on December 6th and 7th. Doors open each night at 6:30 pm. Please refer to our website for performance nights for individual classes.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Administration / Office
- Hot Lunch Orders
- Parent Association News
- Health & Wellness
- Important Dates
- Christmas Concert Dates
- Kindergarten Registration
- School Contact Information

We hope you will be able to join us for our 5th annual family fun skate. On December 20th our grade 5-9 students will skate from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Grade K-4 students will skate on December 21st from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Please note that all students and adults skating must wear a CSA approved helmet. Those students not skating will enjoy hot chocolate and a movie in the common room at Scott Seaman Sports Rink. On Friday, December 22nd our Husky Ice players will put their skills to the test in an inter-squad game.

Our next School Council meeting will be January 16th at 7 pm in our Learning Commons. We will welcome Mr. William Young, our new School Trustee for Ward 2. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

As a “ME to WE” school, Heritage Heights is committed to supporting both a local and a global charity each year. Our Leadership students in grades 7-9 work to pick these charities and find ways to get our school population involved.

Our Global Charity

This year, we will be supporting education for girls in Tanzania through fundraising to build “House of Hope.” House of Hope is currently under construction and will be a refuge for girls living in poverty who have outstanding dreams, but cannot afford to attend school. In Tanzania, public schooling is only provided up until grade 8. A disproportionate number of girls end their education at this age and never reach their true potential.

House of Hope is a project sponsored by the non-profit agency, Bridges of Hope. Bridges of Hope is involved in many different projects to support children in Tanzania and other countries. They also offer the opportunity to sponsor individual children to attend private school. Our first goal this year was to sponsor Glory, an 8-year old girl living in Arusha, Tanzania. We successfully raised the \$950 needed to send Glory to school in the bake sale that we had this week! See pictures of Glory below proudly wearing her Huskies t-shirt and reading cards sent to her by our Leadership students.

Learn more at mamalizzie.blogspot.com



Our Local Charity

This year, students in Leadership were asked to research a local charity and give a presentation convincing guest judges why we should support this charity as a school. Finalists then moved on to present in front of the entire school for their votes! Two weeks ago, all students voted on either "Kid's Cancer Care" or "Made by Momma". The charity which garnered the most votes was "Kid's Cancer Care".

Kid's Cancer Care is a Calgary-based charity committed to helping children suffering through cancer, and their families. They work to help families through the process of treatment financially, engage in research to find alternative methods of treatment, and also do very important community-based work with young cancer patients. They run various outreach programs such as camps, providing meals to families, and many other positive experiences. We are currently working with Kid's Cancer Care to see how we can best support them, and will begin our fundraising efforts for them in the New Year.

Learn more at <https://www.kidscancercare.ab.ca/about-us>

Our Christmas Charity

Every year at Heritage Heights, we undertake a project at Christmas time in order to give back to our community. This year, we will be supporting Made by Momma. Our runner-up presenters gave such an inspiring presentation about this small, 100% volunteer run organization. Calgary-based, this charity works to support mothers of young children affected by short-term of life-changing illness, injury or adversity. Anyone can reach out for their help, and they offer meals, common household supplies, in-home assistance, and many other services. They are a very small charity, so our support will make a very big difference during this busy holiday season. Please stay tuned for more details coming very soon.

Learn more at <http://madebymomma.org/>

A reminder to visit our website for important dates and information. <http://heritageheights.fsd38.ab.ca>

December is filled with festive activities that bring the importance of family, friends, and community together. Whatever your traditions may be, I hope that you enjoy them to the full extent this holiday season.

On behalf of all staff at Heritage Heights, we wish you the warmest of holidays and a very Merry Christmas!

Joanne Higgins

Principal

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hotlunch orders

It's time to place your Hot Lunch Orders!

The hot lunch system will open on **Friday December 15, 2017** and will remain open till **Monday January 15, 2018** for February-June term.

Go To: <https://heritage.hotlunches.net/admin/>

The School Code is: [HH2017HL](#)

Parents who have already signed up in September will only need to sign in, new parents will have to create an account.

Kindergarten parents please double check your Friday lunch dates to ensure your child will be at school that day.

Deadline

Orders and Payment must be received by January 15th, 2018 or Orders will not be fulfilled.

Cheques or Paypal are preferred method of payment

Hot Lunch Coordinators will not be responsible for re-distributing absent children's lunches to siblings. Refunds cannot be given for children absent on hot lunch dates but you welcome to pick their food up at lunchtime if you wish.

Parents please note days your child will be away at scheduled schooled trips Refunds will not be provided for lunches ordered these days, Please see main login page of hot lunch website for known scheduled trips.

Thank you for your orders!

Questions? Contact hotlunch_heritage@hotmail.com



Happy Holidays from the Heritage Heights Parent Association!

New Website

Now live... our brand new website is up! www.hhparentassociation.com - please visit to sign up for email updates directly from the parent association.

We will be sending out communication on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and general information helpful to parents direct from the website.

Any information related to the School Council will still be communicated from the school.

2017-2018 Executive

The 2017-2018 executive was confirmed at the October Annual General Meeting .

Chair - Erin James

Vice Chair - Katrina Da Silva

Secretary - **NEED A VOLUNTEER**

Treasurer - Jo Scott

Hot Lunch Director - Jen Angelstad

Volunteer Director - Jen Hoyle

Fundraising Director - Melissa Christensen

****We are still looking for a Secretary... Are you interested?***

This role is a great way to get introduced to the workings of both the school council and the parent association!

Commitment to this role includes attending monthly school council meetings as well as periodic executive meetings. The secretary position is represented on both the school council and the parent association simultaneously. Commitment to the role is a 3 year term.

Please email Erin at chair.hhsc@gmail.com if you are interested or would like further information.

Kind regards,

Erin James



Health & Wellness.....

As adults we know that as the calendar turns to December we often have to be prepared for a busy, and stressful month and even as adults the busy holiday season can overwhelm our ability to cope.

Christmas can feel like a roller-coaster of emotions for kids and, as they manage feelings of excitement, anticipation, joy, disappointment, jealousy, etc. For many of them their ability to be self-aware and regulate their emotions becomes challenging.

Some strategies that you can use at home to continue developing SEL competencies over the holidays are:

Talk to your child about what events are planned and when they will have free time.

Make time for one-on-one talks with older kids or play with younger ones.

Teach kids how to use visualization (picturing themselves handling a situation well) and self-talk ("I know I can do it") to prep for stressful situations.

Take a moment each day to focus on gratitude. Stop and name 3 things you are grateful for in that moment.

For more information about the SEL competencies please visit: <http://www.casel.org/in-the-home/>

Sharon Rae, B.S.W., R.S.W.

Family School Liaison Counsellor

Heritage Heights (M, W, F) – 403 938 1400

Red Deer Lake (T, Th) – 403 938 5984



Important
Information

December 2017

Dec 6—Christmas Concert (K1, 1, 2, 4)

Dec 7—Christmas Concert (K2, 3, 5)

Dec 8—Staff Learning Day—NO SCHOOL

Dec 20—Family Skate Gr 5-9

Dec 21—Family Skate Gr K-4

Dec 22—Staff/Student Hockey Game

Dec 22—Early Dismissal 12:15 pm (Start of Christmas Break)

January 2018

Jan 08—First day back from Christmas Break

Jan 16—Parent Council Meeting 7 Pm

Jan 18- Gr 5 & 9 Round 2 Vaccinations

Jan 22-24—Gr 7-9 Band Camp

Jan 24— Kindergarten Registration 7 pm

Jan 25— Family Literacy Day / Spirit Day

Jan 26- NO SCHOOL

Jan 29— Feb 2—Trickster Theatre

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This years Christmas Concert will be on the following dates:

December 6th— K1, 1, 2, 4

December 7th— K2, 3, 5

Concerts begin at 7:00 pm

(Students are asked to be in their classroom by 6:30 pm)



Heritage Heights School

Kindergarten Registration (2018-2019 School Year)

Will be held on Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm

This is an information session and registration night

(Only Parents need to attend please)

Please bring a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Proof of Residency (Copy of current Utility bill, or Copy of Land Titles or Copy of Offer to purchase) showing parents names and legal address.

Any questions please call the school office at 403-938-1400.



Administration

Please remember to check our website for updates on all important activities and dates.

We are always happy to meet with parents to discuss any aspect of our school.

Joanne Higgins

Principal

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Transportation (Bus)

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