



Husky Happenings

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Husky Happenings – February 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to our Heritage Heights Parent Association for sponsoring Movie Night on January 23rd and looking for ways to bring families into the school. Thank you to all families who came to enjoy Lady and the Tramp. Once we problem solved our technology difficulties everyone enjoyed a great movie.

Thank you to all parents who helped kick off our Literacy Week Monday morning by coming in and reading with your child. Our halls were filled with students huddled together enjoying a great read with a friend, Mom or Dad, or Grandparent.

It was incredible to be a part of conversations this morning in support of Bell Let’s Talk. From our kindergarten students talking about healthy feelings and emotions to our grade 9s creating infographics on Mental Health, our full student body engaged in conversations to openly talk about positive mental health. Our goal is for Heritage Heights to be a safe place for students to openly talk about any concerns they may be experiencing. Sometimes students feel it is easier for them to report a concern either for themselves or for a friend anonymously. [PSSTWorld](#) - Promoting Safer Schools Together is an online anonymous reporting tool for students. This tool provides a safe and confidential place for students to share information about anything that concerns them at school. All reported concerns go directly to our FSD Inclusive Learning Services and are then shared with administration at Heritage Heights. This will allow us to confidentially and discreetly connect with students and ensure appropriate supports are in place to address the concern. The link for [PSST-World](#) can be found on our HH website under the student tab.

| Students | Parents | Community | Staff |
|---|---|---|---|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Learning • Dream Box • Learn 360 • PSST World | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct • Husky Wear • Moodle • Quest A* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery Education • Interactive Media Commons • Outlook Webmail • Student Handbook |

UPDATES

Student Led Conferences

You should have received an invitation to our Student Led Conferences which will happen on February 5th & 6th from 4:00-7:30 pm. Please ensure you have replied to your child's teacher a preferred time block so teachers can set a schedule for the evenings. Students will be leading the conference and explaining to you what they have been learning in class throughout the term. This format and practice fits perfectly with our Leader in Me focus. It allows students to share their learning through leadership and what they are proud of. If there are specific concerns you would like to address with your child's teacher, please contact them directly. Our student leaders will be providing child care in our Learning Commons to allow parents to focus on your child's learning and sharing. Please be aware of 2 important timelines within our conference dates: teachers will be leaving the classroom between 5:30-6:00 pm to eat dinner. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for providing us with a home cooked meal. Second, our last scheduled time block begins at 7:00 pm as our conferences will be concluded each evening by 7:30 pm.

STEM Showcase

We are midway through our STEM residency and students are excited to share their learning with you. Whether they are design thinking with Ozobots, discovering they are a conductor with Makey Makey and completing a circuit, or building their own arcade game and coding through Microbits it is amazing to witness how engaged students are in approaching learning in a new way. Please ask your child to share what they have designed in STEM when you are attending our Student Led Conferences. The learning of all students K-9 will be showcased in our hallways for parents to see.

Accountability Pillar Survey

Parents of students in grades 4 & 7 have received their survey directly in the mail from Alberta Education. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and provide us information about your child's education. Please return your survey directly to Alberta Education via mail or directly online. We will have computers and random access codes available during our Student Led Conferences outside our grade 4 and 7 classrooms for parents to complete the survey online.

FSD Assurance Engagement Plan

The Alberta Provincial Budget is impacting K-12 education in significant ways. FSD is committed to keep parents informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how parent input influences decisions. As part of this commitment, FSD has launched an [assurance engagement plan](#) to gather stakeholder input into our 2020-2021 Budget and Education Plan. Please take a moment to [participate in our Thought Exchange](#). This opportunity is open to all students, parents/guardians, staff, and members of the community. Your input will help establish Foothills School Division funding and 3-year Education Plan priorities. Please note that this consultation will close on 28 February, 2020. Full information regarding the community engagement can be found on the FSD website.

Athletics

Best of luck to our basketball teams as they compete in the tournaments and league play. Our gym schedule is very full with practices and games for our teams. All games and tournaments are listed on our school website. We look forward to the wind up FUN-ament mid-February at the Crescent Point Regional Field House for our grade 6 teams.

School Council

Please join us at our next School Council and Parent Association meetings Tuesday, February 11th at 7 pm in our Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend.

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

I am always happy to meet with parents to discuss any aspect of our school.

Joanne Higgins

Principal

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2020-2021 EDUCATION PLAN & BUDGET ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENT

We are committed to keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge your concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how your input influenced our decisions.



www.fsd38.ab.ca/Engagement.php



Foothills SCHOOL DIVISION

FACTS & FIGURES

2019-2020

CLASS SIZE COMPARISON 2018-19

| | K-2 | 3-4 | 5-9 | 10-12 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Foothills | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.4 |
| Black Gold | 19.1 | 21.4 | 22.9 | 21.7 |
| Elk Island Catholic | 19.4 | 21.8 | 24.5 | 23.7 |
| Chinook's Edge | 21.1 | 24.2 | 24.4 | 21.2 |
| Rocky View | 21.4 | 25.0 | 25.7 | 25.2 |
| Wolf Creek | 19.2 | 22.2 | 24.5 | 22.9 |

INSURANCE COSTS

| 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| \$1,343,515 | \$568,030 | \$542,271 |



SCHOOL FEES

2019-20

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| STUDENT FEES | \$1,599,400 |
| FEE REDUCTION GRANT | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$1,599,400 |

2018-19

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| STUDENT FEES | \$1,709,659 |
| FEE REDUCTION GRANT | \$648,000 |
| TOTAL | \$2,357,659 |

2017-18

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| STUDENT FEES | \$1,678,783 |
| FEE REDUCTION GRANT | \$648,000 |
| TOTAL | \$2,326,783 |

2016-17

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| STUDENT FEES | \$2,150,911 |
| FEE REDUCTION GRANT | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$2,150,911 |

2015-16

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| STUDENT FEES | \$3,004,020 |
| FEE REDUCTION GRANT | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$3,004,020 |



Budget

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| REVENUES | \$93,143,442 |
| EXPENSES | \$96,305,292 |
| VARIANCE | \$3,161,850 |



| INSTRUCTION (76.66%) | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| CERTIFICATED SALARIES | \$53,051,943 |
| UNCERTIFICATED SALARIES | \$11,603,289 |
| SERVICES, CONTRACTS, SUPPLIES | \$7,725,271 |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | \$635,878 |
| CAPITAL, DEBT SERVICING | \$451,376 |
| TOTAL | \$73,467,756 |

| TRANSPORTATION (4.05%) | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| REVENUES | \$4,348,564 |
| EXPENSES | \$4,462,300 |
| VARIANCE | -\$113,736 |



| FACILITY SERVICES (7.66%) | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| REVENUES | \$12,903,108 |
| EXPENSES | \$15,037,633 |
| VARIANCE | -\$2,134,525 |

| DIVISION OFFICE (3.44%) | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| REVENUES | \$3,325,041 |
| EXPENSES | \$3,046,148 |
| VARIANCE | \$278,893 |



| REVENUE SOURCES | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| ALBERTA EDUCATION | 93.94% |
| FEES, FUNDRAISING, DONATIONS | 4.48% |
| OTHER | 1.23% |
| FEDERAL GOVERNMENT | 0.35% |



STAFF

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|--------------|
| TEACHERS | 454.6 | \$47,789,600 |
| ED. ASSISTANTS | 95.1 | \$3,679,500 |
| SECRETARIES | 36.6 | \$2,019,322 |
| PRINCIPALS & VP'S | 49 | \$887,000 |
| LIBRARIANS | 18.1 | \$797,753 |

STUDENTS

| | |
|------|---------------------|
| 250 | JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN |
| 563 | KINDERGARTEN |
| 7536 | GRADE 1-12 |



Heritage Heights Family Literacy Bingo

To Celebrate Heritage Heights Literacy Week all students in Grades K-4 will be given a Family Literacy Bingo Card. This bingo card is full of literacy activities to do throughout the month of February and it will run until **February 27, 2020**. Please have your students return the card to the Learning Commons before **February 27th**, so their name can be entered into our Family Literacy Bingo draw for a chance to win some great prizes.



Health & Wellness.....

Enhancing a Child's Resiliency



Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties or change—to function as well as before and move forward. Many refer to this as “bouncing back” from challenges. Young people’s resilience is determined by the interplay of their individual characteristics (including skills they have developed), the characteristics of the families in which they live, and the characteristics of their physical and social environments. Everyone needs skills and supportive people in their lives to help cushion them from problems they may encounter. Introducing even a few positive elements into their lives can shift the balance and help many children and youth flourish. (CAMH, 2020)

To learn more please visit the Foothills School Division’s Parent Learning Link to find different opportunities to enhance your learning on Resiliency.

<https://sites.google.com/gm.fsd38.ab.ca/parentlearninglink/home>

Additional Resources

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/inbrief-resilience-series/>

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/activities-guide-enhancing-and-practicing-executive-function-skills-with-children-from-infancy-to-adolescence/>

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Family School Liaison Counsellor
Foothills School Division



Kids Have Stress, Too!

Where: Joe Clark School

When: February 12, 2020, 6:30-8:30

What: Kids Have Stress Too is a program focused on building emotional health and resiliency. It aims to help our children concentrate, learn, interact successfully and deal with daily life stressors! The Minds Matter Team and Parent Link Centre invite parents to this engaging presentation focused on the wellness of our children and youth. We will leave you with strategies, tools, and resources we hope will help your children deal with stress effectively!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Feb 4 & 5—Student Led Conferences

Feb 6—Jump Rope for Heart @ 11:00 am

Feb 11—Safer Internet Day

Feb 11—History Tour Parent Information Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Feb 11—Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Feb 12—Partner Band (am)

Feb 12—Foothills Composite High School—Open House

Feb 17-21—NO SCHOOL

Feb 26—PINK Shirt Day (wear Pink)

Feb 27—Gr 9—To FCHS Tour (afternoon)

March

Mar 2-11—K-6—Clay for Kids

Mar 9—Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Mar 12 - Term 2 Ends

Mar 12—Gr 6-9 Dance 6:30—8:30 pm

Mar 13—PD Day (NO SCHOOL)

Mar 16-20—Lacrosse Gr K, 2, 4, 6

Mar 16—Jr High Ski Trip (Nakiska)

Mar 20—Evergreen Theatre 1:30 pm

Mar 21-25—Sailing Trip

Mar 24—Spring Photo Day

Mar 26—Family Science Night 6:30-8:00 pm

Mar 27—Learner Profiles go home today

Mar 27—Spirit Day



2020 JAN/FEB EDUCATION & WINTER FUN!

In addition to our regular departments, this issue features our Winter/Spring Birthday and Education Guides, plus our Winter/Spring Class & Program and Winter Survival Features. We have included snow much fun for families! Happy Reading!



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ECOLE SECONDAIRE FOOTHILLS
COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL/
ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

12
FEB

OPEN HOUSE

5-8
PM

NEW DATE!

ES CHS | AHS FA

229 WOODHAVEN DR.
OKOTOKS, ALBERTA

- PARENT PRESENTATION @ 6PM
- ALL AREAS OF CAMPUS OPEN TO EXPLORE

GO FALCONS!

The complex block is a promotional poster for an open house. It features a central image of a grey backpack on a rocky ledge with a sunset in the background. The text is arranged around and below the image. At the top, it lists the schools: 'ECOLE SECONDAIRE FOOTHILLS COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL/ ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS'. The date and time are '12 FEB' and '5-8 PM'. A diagonal banner says 'NEW DATE!'. Below the image, the school logos 'ES CHS | AHS FA' are displayed. At the bottom, the address '229 WOODHAVEN DR. OKOTOKS, ALBERTA' is on the left, and a list of event details is on the right: '• PARENT PRESENTATION @ 6PM' and '• ALL AREAS OF CAMPUS OPEN TO EXPLORE'. The slogan 'GO FALCONS!' is at the very bottom.



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.

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