



Husky Happenings

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HIGHLIGHTS

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 or Mom and Dad. We will have a variety of activities all week to celebrate the joy of reading Canadian authors.

As you are aware Heritage Heights School is currently in an attendance boundary review for Okotoks and area schools. These changes are necessary to support the opening of Meadow Ridge School in Okotoks. As shared last month, the Board of Trustees has approved in principle an option that does not include our rural boundary of Heritage Heights. **It is still important for parents to provide feedback so Trustees hear our community point of view.** Based on feedback from all school communities involved, Trustees will be making a final decision in March. Trustees may make some changes within the current proposed option based on the feedback they do hear from parents. It is important they hear our HH positive feedback that we are happy with the current boundaries in keeping our communities together. Please take a few moments to provide feedback to the Trustees at <https://www.fsd38.ab.ca/Boundary%20Review.php>.

UPDATES

You should have received an invitation to our Student Led Conferences which will happen on February 6th & 7th from 4:00-7:00 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. We 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.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Administration / Office News
- Monthly Calendar
- Art Club Info
- Musical Theatre
- Family Literacy Bingo
- Community Programs
- Remind App
- Life Touch
- School Contact Information

On February 27th, our leadership class encourages everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that we must stand up to bullying. Leadership students are planning a variety of school-wide activities and discussions that will happen during our Think Pink week the last week of February.

Athletics

Best of luck to our basketball teams as they compete in the tournaments and league playoffs. Our grade 6 students have enjoyed an inaugural season of play in the basketball league. We look forward to the wind up FUN-ament on February 14th at the Crescent Point Regional Field House.

Remind

Please see the email sent home today regarding Remind messages from the school. Changes to regulations with Rogers Communications means they will no longer provide free text messages to Rogers customers. Parents subscribing by email or downloading the Remind app are not affected.

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.

School Council

Please join us at our next School Council meeting Tuesday, February 5th 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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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2019

- Feb 5—School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb 6-7—Student Led Conference 4:00—7:00 pm
- Feb 6—Gr 5—Glenbow Museum Field Trip
- Feb 8—NO School
- Feb 13—Partner Band (am)
- Feb 18-22—NO SCHOOL
- Feb 25-28—Think PINK Week
- Feb 27—Pink Shirt Day



March 2019

- Mar 4-11—Clay For Kids (K-6)
- Mar 4—COSC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Mar 5—Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm,
- Mar 7—Jr. High Dance 6:30—8:30 (Gr 6-9)
- Mar 8—PD DAY—NO SCHOOL
- Mar 15—Term 2 ENDS
- Mar 18—Term 3 Begins
- Mar 18-22—Lacrosse Lessons
- Mar 20—Partner Band (AM)
- Mar 22—Spring Photos
- Mar 23- 27—Gr 9 Sailing Trip
- Mar 29—Learner Profiles go home
- Mar 29—Spirit Day





Art Club

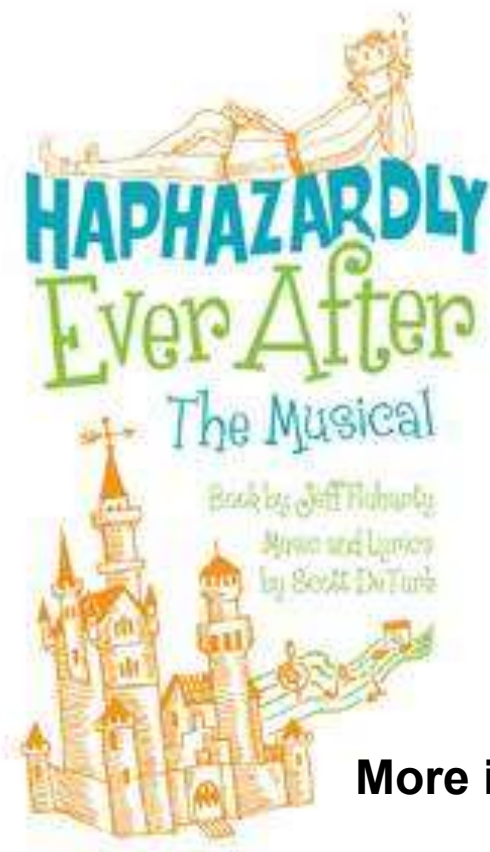
We are excited to offer Art Club as a potential opportunity for Grades 4-6. If we have enough students to support this after school club, we will proceed as follows. This would be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 starting February 28th and running until April 11th. Examples of the art projects will be displayed starting the week of February 4th outside the grade 4 classrooms. Projects will be ongoing over a few days with students working in a variety of mediums to create their works of art. Those that are interested in attending must know that there is a commitment required for attendance, prompt pick up at 4:30, and be willing to pay a small supply fee. Permission forms will be available soon with return date of February 14th.

Any questions please reach out to Mrs. Cederstrand.

Cederstrands@fsd38.ab.ca



Coming Soon!



Haphazardly Ever After The Musical

More information to come in future newsletters.

Tickets will go on sale in March!!!!



Heritage Heights Family Literacy Bingo

To Celebrate Heritage Heights Literacy Week all students in Grade K-5 will be given a HH Family Literacy Bingo Card full of literacy activities to do with your families throughout the month of February. The HH Family Literacy Bingo will run from **January 28 - February 27, 2019**. Once you have completed a line or the entire bingo card, bring the card back to the Learning Commons. Your name will be entered in our Family Literacy Bingo draw for a chance to win some great prizes.

Sodbusters

Sports Program

Register in Person: This year we will have registration night on **Wednesday February 13 from 6-8pm at Davisburg Community Hall**. If you register in person on registration night **you will receive a \$10 discount on your program per child.** (Cheques & Cash only)

At registration night we will have samples of baseball uniforms and t-shirts for soccer and t-ball to assist with sizing. It is also a great opportunity to come out and meet our co-ordinators who can answer any questions you may have. There will be drinks and treats!

Register online @ Davisburg.ca

Online Registration will be available from **February 20 until March 20**. We recommend you register as soon as possible to guarantee your child a spot on the team. (Credit card/paypal)

Soccer Start Date: Thursday May 2 .

Soccer is a once a week intersquad program Thursdays from 6-7pm at the Davisburg Community Hall soccer fields.

Last Practice: Thursday June 20th

T-ball Start Date: Wednesday May 1, 6-7pm

T-ball is a once a week program Wednesdays from 6-7pm at the Davisburg Community Hall soccer fields.

Last Practice: Wednesday June 19th

Baseball:

Sodbuster teams participate in the Foothills Baseball league (Okotoks, High River, Millarville, Black Diamond/Turner Valley, Blackie, and Nanton) with games split between the Davisburg baseball diamonds and visitor diamonds.

Combined year end fun night : Wednesday June 26, 6-8pm

Soccer

- **Tiny Mite Soccer**(\$50) *
born 2012 to 2015(Th)
- **Soccer + T-ball** (\$85) *
- **Bantam** (\$120) – born
2005-2004(M/W)

Baseball

- **T-ball** (\$60)
born 2012-2014(W)
- **Rookie** (\$100)
born 2011-2010 (T/Th)
- **Mosquito** (\$120)
born 2009-2008(M/W)
- **Peewee** (\$120)
born 2007-2006 (T/Th)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 11AM – 2PM
DAVISBURG COMMUNITY HALL

Free EVENT FOR MEMBERS (NON-MEMBERS \$5 PER PERSON)
PLEASE REGISTER AT: DAVISBURG.CA

DAVISBURG EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 29,
1-3pm
Davisburg Hall

FREE admission with your
Community Membership
\$5.00/child
(Non-Community Members)

Registration Required at
davisburg.ca



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Attendance and Lates

Reminder if your child is going to be absent, late, sick or away on extended periods of time please call the school at 403-938-1400 and leave a message on the school attendance line.

Please make sure to check in/out in the office anytime you are picking up or dropping off students.

The end of the day in the office is extremely busy so we ask parents if you need to leave messages for students regarding end of day routines /pick ups , to call the office before 2:30 pm. (if possible)



2019 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!

To read our latest issue, visit calgaryschild.com and click on our issue cover or access directly by clicking on this link: <https://calgaryschild.com/current-issue/>

Late Entry

FRENCH IMMERSION

Family Information Session:

February 12 & 27, 7:00pm

**Ecole Percy Pegler School
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Foothills School Division recognizes the important links between vision, eye health and learning. That's why we are proud to support the Eye See...Eye Learn® program, developed by the Alberta Association of Optometrists. Through Eye See...Eye Learn®, Doctors of Optometry correct vision and diagnose, treat and prevent eye health problems in children as they enter the school system.

Your child's eye exam with a Doctor of Optometry is covered by Alberta Health Care. This program takes it one step further by providing free eyeglasses to kindergarten students who need a prescription.

Why it's important:

- 80% of learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem, and more than 43% of children who have a vision or eye health problem can pass a basic vision screening or sight test.
- It's not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem, however these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having a learning or behavioural disability.
- The earlier an eye health or vision problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected.

How you can participate:

- Read the attached brochure.
- Book an eye exam for your child with your Doctor of Optometry.
- Make annual eye exams a part of your child's health checklist.

If your family does not have a Doctor of Optometry, please visit www.optometrists.ab.ca and click on the "Find an Optometrist" link.

Please contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists with any questions at 1-800-272-8843 or email esel@optometrists.ab.ca

Thank you for helping us ensure your children reach their full potential!

Sincerely,

Pamela Rannelli
Acting Superintendent of Schools

REMIND is a communication tool that many of our teachers and coaches use to communicate with parents. The office also has a REMIND account to share important school-wide messages. Remind is a free service that follows you to get messages from the school directly on your phone.

Those of you who are currently subscribed will know that recently Bell Canada and Rogers Canada had selected to impose a fee for these text messages. As of Friday (Jan 25), Bell Canada has chosen to reverse the fee and will continue to offer Remind text notifications for everyone who has a phone with Bell Canada or its subsidiaries. **There will be no disruption for anyone on the Bell network.**

Unfortunately, text notifications will still be ending as of today (Monday, January 28th) for anyone with Rogers Canada or its subsidiaries. To continue receiving REMIND messages, you will need to [download the mobile app](#) or [enable email notifications](#), both of which are free to use. You may be required to re-enter the classroom code. **Please contact teachers/coaches to obtain the classroom code.**

Thank you for continuing to support strong two-way communication at Heritage Heights School.



Sign up for important updates from HHTS School.

Get information for Heritage Heights Office News right on your phone—not on handouts.


Pick a way to receive messages for Heritage Heights Office News:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:


rmd.at/hhtss

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @hhtss to the number (587) 333-8625.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/hhtss on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

Office/Administration code for whole-school messages at Heritage Heights School.





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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Principal

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