



Husky Happenings

Excellence, Integrity, Leadership

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HERITAGE HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS

Our Vision: *Excellence, Integrity, Leadership*

Our Mission: *Celebrating our Leadership*

Our Motto: *Being a Husky means being a Leader*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Administration / Office News
- Monthly Calendar
- Social Events
- Community Info
- School Contact Information

We have had a great start to our new year! We are pleased to welcome our new families to Heritage Heights as well as our returning families! Our September 30th enrolment will be 527 students K-9. We are organized into 22 instructional groups in the morning; 21 instructional groups in the afternoon (our 3 grade 6 classrooms collapse into 2 in the afternoon). Students are settling into a new school year and routines are underway!

As a Leader in Me School, we continue to promote and celebrate our student leadership abilities through The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. This proven personal-leadership system is based on timeless principles of effectiveness. Each month we will focus our learning on one of the habits. This learning will be grade level appropriate; our primary grades will learn what the habits are and what it looks like to demonstrate each habit while our older grades will embed the language and behaviours of leadership into our daily activities. We believe in our students as leaders and we see their greatness. The 7 Habits provides us with a common language. In the month of September, we have been focusing our learning on Habit 1: Be Proactive. This is the habit of personal responsibility and is based on the principles of responsibility, choice, accountability, initiative, and resourcefulness. Ask your child how they demonstrate being proactive. Looking ahead to October, in addition to practicing being proactive, our learning will focus on Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind. This is the habit of personal vision and is based on the principles of vision, commitment and purpose. Our goal is to be a school of leaders. No matter who we are/where we are we can say, "I have Husky Pride. That means I am a leader." Each classroom is sharing their commitment to leadership with individual mission statements posted outside each classroom.

This year Heritage Heights is very fortunate to be a part of two new initiatives. In support of our academic learning, we look ahead to our STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) residency in the month of January. The STEM Learning Lab in Calgary will be our expert instructors for the residency. Our Parent Association was fortunate to obtain a CPIP grant from FSD to fund this incredible learning experience for all students. HH staff participated in Professional Learning on September 20th at the STEM Learning Lab to build our common understanding of design thinking and computational thinking. Design thinking provides a solution-based approach to solving problems. In a design thinking model, classwork moves students through the stages of innovative thinking from recognizing a problem in the world through empathy and storytelling, to prototyping and pitching a solution for it. Staff and students learn how to transform the classroom into a collaborative, creative space that effortlessly encourages and teaches 21st century skills.

the plan + the result + the process (building and iterating) = design thinking

In support of our safe, caring and welcoming goal we look ahead to our partnership with CMHA (Canadian Mental Health Association). Focusing on mental health is important for everyone in the Heritage Heights school community. Students, staff and parents will come together to define the top mental health issues/problems to be solved, then co-develop solutions to address them. For example, our data collected from student surveys continues to identify internal resiliency as an issue our students are faced with. Resiliency is the ability to bounce back from adverse situations. Despite challenging or stressful experiences, resilient individuals have developed skills to adapt and move forward. Our goal with this partnership will be to build resiliency through the combination of supportive relationships, adaptive skill-building, and positive experiences. Very similar to our STEM residency, our process will follow design thinking and move through 5 distinct phases: assess, design, implement, measure and reflect. Our kick-off to this partnership will be on November 22nd during our Professional Learning Day.

Thank you to all parents and families that attended our Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday, September 19th. Huge thanks to Big Sky BBQ for their continued support and also for cooking our 900 hotdogs! Thank you as well to McLeod Law for their generous donation to our BBQ. Despite moving inside due to the wet field for the BBQ, both these events are an important welcome and celebration in our school year.

Thank you to our Parent Association for their support in purchasing playground equipment for all students to use outdoor at recess. We all recognize the importance of play to energize our brain for learning and this equipment will be well used by students!

UPDATES

With the beginning of the new school year, we sadly say farewell to Ms. Hillestad and Ms. Harrison. Both have moved on to new teaching opportunities at Meadow Ridge School. We will be staffing Ms. Hillestad's Learning Coach position. Mrs. MacLeod will be joining our grade 6 team for the remainder of Mrs. Penner's maternity leave.

Please join us this Friday for our annual Terry Fox run/walk. Our afternoon will begin with an assembly at 1:30 pm followed by our buddy walk through the Norris Coulee community.

Our School Council is an informal group that meets each month. This is a great way to be informed of what is happening in the school and work together in an advisory capacity. Our remaining Council meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, October 28th AGM (School Council & Parent Association)

Tuesday, November 12th (School Council & Parent Association)

Monday, January 13th (School Council)

Tuesday, February 11th (School Council & Parent Association)

Monday, March 9th (School Council)

Tuesday, April 7th (School Council & Parent Association)

Monday, May 11th (School Council)

Tuesday, June 9th (School Council & Parent Association)

All parents are welcome to attend these meetings at 7 pm in our Learning Commons.

By now you will have received a classroom newsletter from your child's homeroom teacher. Teachers will be sending these curriculum updates and learning celebrations by the last Monday of each month. As well, you can expect a school newsletter with an admin message and any community notices the last week of each month. We are in the process of determining how best to move forward with Remind messages. Currently our Remind messaging is not available as Remind no longer offers free subscriptions for schools if the number of subscribers is beyond 150. Once we have found a solution to this, we will communicate with parents. Parents who have signed up to receive school Remind emails or texts will receive reminders of full school events throughout the year.

Our first round of PTS conferences will soon be upon us. This is a valuable opportunity for parents, teachers and students to come together and set goals for learning for the year. Please note the following dates and format:

- Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday October 24 (4:00 pm – 7:30 pm): individual conference times for all students in grades K-9.
- Conference times will be available for booking online for students in grades K-6 beginning October 9th.
- Conferences for junior high students will be drop in format in our gymnasium (no online booking). This will allow parents to meet with a variety of teachers as needed (both core and options).

Please remind your son/daughter to check our lost and found. We have quite a collection of light jackets. All lost and found will be in our front foyer on our mobile rack. Items not claimed by the end of each month will be donated as we just do not have sufficient space to hold items for an extended length of time.

Please remember to check our website for updates on all important activities (such as swimming) and dates.

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

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Health & Wellness.....

Heritage Heights Community,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you all, as I am new to the school. My name is Brooklyn Rogers and I am this year's Family School Liaison Counsellor here at Heritage Heights. I am very excited to be a part of such an inclusive and compassionate community. My role here at Heritage Heights is to support the community as a whole to empower students to create the tools they need to be the best version of themselves. Please feel free to reach out at any time if you need any resources or have any questions! Thank you for welcoming me into your community and I look forward to connecting with you all!

"Asking for help isn't weak, it's a great example of how to take care of yourself."-Charlie Brown



Brooklyn Rogers, BSW, RSW

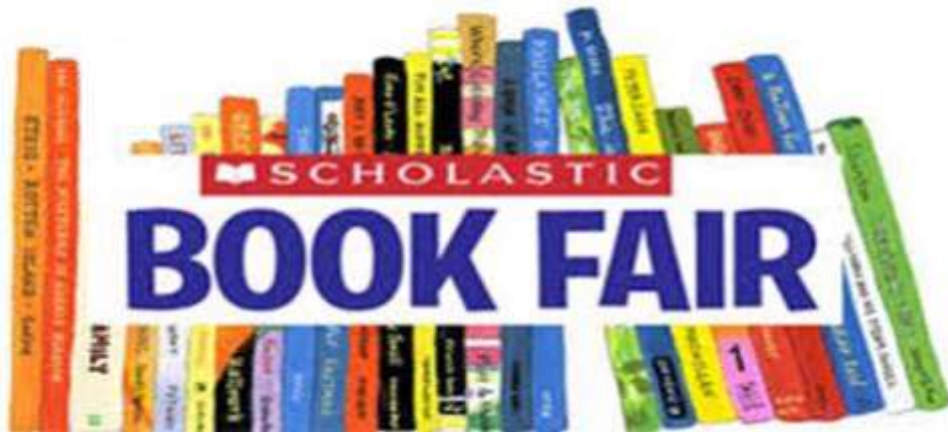
Family School Liaison Counsellor

Foothills School Division

Heritage Heights Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair
is coming to our school from
October 21st - 25th!!

Our FAMILY EVENT NIGHTS will be on
Wednesday, Oct 23 & Thursday, Oct 24
4:00 PM-7:30 PM



Watch for more information to come...

Monday/Wednesday group (Oct. 21, Oct. 23, Oct. 28, Oct. 30, Nov. 4, Nov. 6)

10:00-10:40 Grade 1

10:40-11:20 Grade 5

11:20-12:00 K1

1:00-1:40 Grade 4

1:40-2:20 Grade 6

Tuesday/Thursday group (Oct. 17, Oct. 22, Oct. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 7)

10:00-10:40 Grade 2

10:40-11:20 Grade 3

11:20-12:00 K2



Our fall issue features back-to-school tips, hundreds of class and

program choices and plenty of ideas for fall fun!

To read our latest issue, visit

<http://calgaryschild.com/current-issue/>

School Photo Day's

Wednesday, October 2nd

K1, Gr 4, 5, 6

Thursday, October 3rd

K2, Gr 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9





On Sunday, October 6, 2019, the Davisburg Community Hall is hosting it's 10th annual Turkey Dinner. This is a great gathering of community & a fundraiser for our hall. The money raised through its profits go back into the community through improvements to the Hall & it's grounds. We typically serve 600 plus.

If any are interested in volunteering, or would like to talk further, I have listed my contact info below.

I would love to have my fantastic recruits in place by Wednesday Oct. 2, so I might follow through with any necessary planning & info distribution.

Thanks for sharing,

Shelley Donnelly

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2019

- Oct 2—Picture Day K1, 4,5,6
- Oct 3—Picture Day K2, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9
- Oct 9—Fire Prevention Week Presentation (K-4)
- Oct 11—NO SCHOOL
- Oct 14—Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
- Oct 15-18—Gr 6 Eco Camp
- Oct 23—Vaccinations Gr 6 & 9
- Oct 23—Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct 24—Parent Teacher Interviews
- Oct 30—Orange Shirt Day
- Oct 28—School Council Mtg / AGM @ 7:00 pm
- Oct 31—K-5 Monster Mash / Spirit Day
- Oct 31—NO SWIMMING LESSONS TODAY



November 2019

- Nov 1—No School
- Nov 8—Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11— Remembrance Day—NO SCHOOL
- Nov 21—Term 1 Ends
- Nov 21—Gr 6-9 Dance
- Nov 22—NO SCHOOL
- Nov 25—Term 2 Begins
- Nov 29—Learner Profiles sent home
- Nov 29—Spirit Day
- Nov 29—Gr 6 & 9 Vaccinations Round 2



NOTE: See the Swim Schedule and Photo Day information (Included in newsletter)



**MEETING / AGM RESCHEDULED TO
OCTOBER 28TH 7PM**

**PARENT ASSOCIATION
MEETING / AGM TO FOLLOW**

**VACANT ROLES:
VICE CHAIR
TREASURER
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR**

INTEREST OR QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT ERIN JAMES AT CHAIR.HHSC@GMAIL.COM



Administration

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

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