



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.*

We have had a great start to our new year! We are pleased to welcome many new families to Heritage Heights as well as our returning families! Our September 30th enrolment will be 538 students, which is down slightly from last year. As shared in our July staffing update, our classroom organization remains at 23 instructional groups.

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.

Thank you to all parents and families that attended our Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday, September 20th. Huge thanks to Big Sky BBQ for their generous donation of the smoker to cook our 900 hotdogs! Despite moving inside due to the weather for the BBQ, these events are an important welcome and celebration in our school year.

Thank you to Parent Council for funding our new sign at our school entrance. We generally update this information twice each month advertising upcoming important dates and events.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Administration / Office News
- Monthly Calendar
- Remind App
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UPDATES

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 15th
Tuesday, November 6th
Monday, December 3rd
Tuesday, January 8th
Tuesday, February 5th
Tuesday, March 5th
Monday, April 1st
Monday, May 6th
Tuesday, June 4th

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. Parents who have signed up to receive school Remind emails or texts will also 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 17 and Thursday October 18 (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 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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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



September 2018

Sept 27—Terry Fox Run

Sept 27—Spirit Day

Sept 27—Gr 9 Round 1 Vaccinations

October 2018

Oct 3—Partner Band (AM)

Oct 4—Picture Day (Except K1)

Oct 5—NO SCHOOL

Oct 8—NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving)

Oct 9-12—Grade 6 Eco Camp

Oct 12—Fire Prevention Presentation Gr K-3 (AM)

Oct 15-19—BOOK FAIR

Oct 16—Gr 9—Vaccination (Catch ups)

Oct 17-18—Parent Teacher Interviews

Oct 19—NO SCHOOL

Oct 29—Picture RETAKE day

Oct 31—Halloween Monster Mash K—5 (PM)

SWIMMING DATES: Oct 10– Nov 1



Attendance and Lates

Reminder if your child is going to be absent, late, sick or away on extended periods of time to 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.



Sign up for important updates from HHTS School.

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

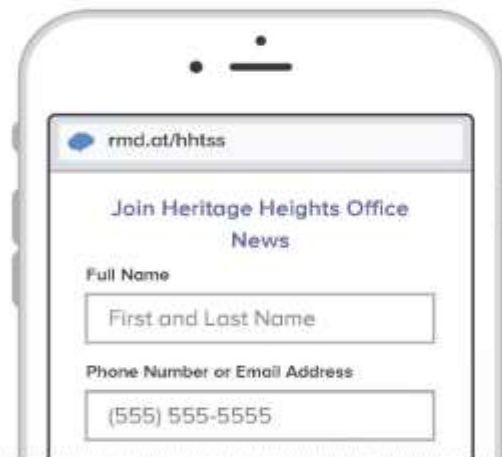
Pick a way to receive messages for **Heritage Heights Office News**:

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.



Administration

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

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