



Husky Happenings

SEPTEMBER 2016

Our Vision: Excellence, Integrity, Leadership

Our Mission: Celebrating our Leadership

Our Mission: Being a Husky means being a Leader

ENROLLMENT

We have had a very smooth start to our new school year! Our actual enrolment is 502 students, which is down from our enrolment last year. In total we have 23 instructional homerooms: Kindergarten: 2 classes; grade 1: 2 classes; grades 2-4: 3 classes at each level; grades 5 through 9 – 2 classes at each level. Our Heritage Heights team is comprised of 28 teachers and 9.5 support staff. Our reduction in enrolment has relieved some space issues we have encountered the past few years!

OUR SCHOOL /PARENT COUNCIL

Our School/Parent Council is an informal group that does more than fundraising. This is a great way to be informed of what is happening in the school and work together in an advisory capacity. Our first Council meeting is **Monday, September 19th**. All parents are welcome to attend.



BBQ, Meet the Teacher and Terry Fox

Thank you to all families that attended our welcome back BBQ on September 9th. What a beautiful sunny day! Our Leadership class served over 900 hot dogs to students and their families. We are very grateful for the support of Rylie's Cattle Barn and their donation of the smoker for our hot dogs. Thank you to all families who joined us on September 15th for Meet the Teacher and those who joined us today on our Terry Fox walk. Over \$1400 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation! It was great to be able to walk through our Norris Coulee community on such a beautiful day. These events are such a nice way to welcome parents and guardians into our school early in the year.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Enrolment**
- **BBQ, Meet the Teacher and Terry Fox Run**
- **Playground Update**
- **Our School/Parent Council**
- **Upcoming—Bullying Presentation**

Upcoming - Bullying Presentation

We are excited to bring Sgt. Brian Trainor (retired) to Heritage Heights School on September 22nd. Sgt. Trainor is a retired police detective who specializes in educating students, parents, and teachers on cyber bullying, bullying and cyber safety. He is a regular guest on national radio and television, and presents at national conferences. Sgt. Trainor will be speaking to our students in grades 5-9 in the morning beginning at 10:45. He will also be speaking to parents at Ecole Secondaire Foothills Composite High School at 7 pm on September 22nd. All parents from Heritage Heights are welcome to attend this presentation.

Playground Update

Several parents have commented on the state of our playground – yes, we agree it is a bit of an eyesore. This area continues to be a work in progress. Key points to remember:

- The work on the storm pond is complete. This area inside the permanent fencing is the property of the MD. The pond is functioning as intended; collection of run-off water from 3 parcels of land (St. Francis of Assisi Academy, Scott Seaman Sports Rink and Heritage Heights School), slow release valves opening to allow the water to drain into the ditch and ultimately the river.
- The internal/temporary fencing will remain in place until the spring. This will allow the grass to firmly establish.

The MD has sprayed this area to control the weeds.

We have re-seeded the area to fill in bare spots.

- Administration and FSD are continuing to work closely with the MD to ensure this work continues and our playground is a safe and suitable area for our students to play on.
- Please contact me directly at higginsj@fsd38.ab.ca if you have any questions or concerns.





Administration

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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