

ENCHANT SCHOOL

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Student/Parent/Staff Newsletter



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Hot Dog day - Sept. 10

Hot Dog, Chips and
drink



Students please wear school colors
Red/White/Black for team spirit on our
first hot dog day

Cost this year will be
\$2.50 for Hot Dog Day

Please get your order in by Tuesday
for Thursdays lunch.

Lunch Cards can be purchased for
\$25.00 each.

Hot Dog Days will be on the
second Thursday of the month
and Hot Lunch program the
4th Thursday of the month.
Hot Lunch this year will be \$4.00

September's Hot Lunch will be
replaced with free lunch at the
Welcome Back BBQ

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 04 - No School
Sept. 07 - No School
Sept. 10 - Hot Dog Day
Sept. 18 - Terry Fox Run
Sept. 18 - Welcome Back BBQ
Sept. 25 - No School - PD Day
Oct. 08 - Picture Day

Welcome Back BBQ and Terry Fox Run

On September 18th our school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research. Mrs. Kurek will be handing out pledge forms to all students. At 10:00 a.m. will be walking from the school to the Enchant Park and around the campground. After completing the walk we will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ for all students and their families. Parents are welcome to do the walk with us or meet us at the camp kitchen at 11:30 for lunch. Students will be walking back to the school to catch the bus for school dismissal at 12:35 p.m.

School Pictures - Thursday - October 08



We have gone with a new photographer this year.

We have signed up with Lifetouch photography.
We look forward to working with this company.



Das Blatt is a children and young person magazine produced by MCC in Manitoba. It includes stories, word games, pictures for coloring and a section where children can write their own stories and send their artwork to the editor, who will include them in the next copy of Das Blatt.

If you would like a copy sometime please let me know. There will also be some available at Enchant School.

George Epp

Mennonite Liaison Worker

School Visitors

We believe that the personal safety of our students is of paramount importance, and therefore we require that all individuals entering the school sign in at the main office before proceeding to other locations within the school.

Principal's Message – September 2015

Happy New Year!!! I would like to start by welcoming everyone to the new school year! It was a fabulous summer filled with great weather, some vacation time with family and friends, and a few rounds of golf (I think I had about 35 rounds this summer) and some time to rest and recharge in preparation of the new school year.

As part of our welcome back I would like to remind parents of our Terry Fox Run and Welcome Back BBQ that will be held on Friday September 19th. Students will start the Terry Fox Run about 10:00 here at the school and we will proceed over to Enchant Park. Students will be running/walking for about an hour and we will have our Welcome Back BBQ starting at about 11:15am. I hope you will be able to join us for some food and a chance to meet with your child's teachers. Students will head back to the school about 12:10 in order to catch the buses home at 12:35pm.

One of the main goals of both Alberta Education and Horizon School Division is for our students to become Engaged thinkers as Ethical Citizens, with an Entrepreneurial Spirit. Engaged thinkers think critically and creatively make discoveries through inquiry, reflection, exploration, experimentation and trial and error. Ethical Citizens understand that life is not all about them, it is about learning what others have done and continue to do to make sacrifices that contribute to the betterment of society; or helping others in our world - economically, culturally, socially, politically, through collaboration and teamwork while respecting the diversity of all people. Entrepreneurial Spirit refers to motivation, resourcefulness, self-reliance and continuously setting goals to achieve them through hard work; students who strive for excellence, meet the challenges, and are ready to try new ideas individually or in a group to make a difference in our school, community, country and world. The goal for the school year is to keep our students moving on the path to becoming more involved and understanding of the world around them.

A major change at the school this year will be the introduction of our Fountas & Pinnell Intervention program. This program is geared for students who struggle with reading and language learning. Extra help from the staff will be dedicated to these students to help improve these areas. As part of our regular and ongoing literacy testing, levels of students who are much lower than grade level, will take part in this intervention program.

I look forward to seeing all of the students ready to begin their learning this upcoming year. Parents are vital partners and we hope you will help your child throughout the year and if any questions or concerns arise please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself as principal.

Upcoming Events:

September 4th and 7th – No School
September 8th – Practice Fire Drill
September 10th – Practice Lock Down
September 18th – Terry Fox Run and Welcome Back BBQ
September 19th – Harvest Party
September 22nd – ESAC (Enchant School Advisory Council) Meeting 7:00pm
September 25th – No School for Students – Division Wide PD Day for staff

I wish everyone a great school year!

Mr. Kelly Schmidt
Principal

"The only place success comes before work, is in the dictionary." Vince Lombardi

Newsletters - Newsletters will come out once a month that will have a calendar of upcoming events, information from the teachers about the goings-on in their classrooms, important information from Horizon School Division, and any other tid-bits that we can put in to let you know what great things are happening here.

Monthly Calendar - A monthly calendar has been set up in the main foyer by the gymnasium. Students and parents can check it out and see what will be happening each and every day during the month.

School Advisory Committee - One item that I believe is essential for our small rural school is to have an advisory group made up of parents and community members. A meeting of the Enchant School Advisory Committee for 2015-16 will be held on Tuesday September 22nd, 2015 starting at 7:00pm. It would be great to have a mixture of people, both men and women, parents of students in various grade levels and a community member or two to meet once a month or once every two months (at least) to discuss items of importance for our school. If you are one of the people who would like to sit on this committee, please let the school know of your interest.

Bus Loop - A reminder to parents using the bus loop to drop off your child for school. Please use the parking lot on the north end of the school or the area to the east by the playground rather than using the bus loop. Congestion in the bus loop, especially during the morning drop off times and the afternoon pick up times, makes it difficult for the busses to get in and drop off or pick up the students in a safe environment free of extra vehicles. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

U Got Awards – have been in use for a long, long time here at our school. Each month we will provide a list of students who have been “caught” doing something nice for someone else. Students who receive this award for some kind of good deed will be put in a draw for some kind of prize at our monthly assembly.

Signing In or Signing Out - One more reminder for parents: if you need to pick up your child from school please sign your student out in the office so that we know who is here and who is not. This is very important especially if an emergency situation arises.

Permission slips - Permission slips for Off Site Activities and Sports Travel are attached. Please sign these and return to the school as soon as possible so your children can participate in all activities.

Student Information Update - Included in the newsletters are student information update sheets. Please check the information we have on your child and add or update information. Sign and return sheets even if there are no updates.

Magnetic School Calendar - We have ordered fridge magnet school calendars for all families. We will be sending one home for each family.



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To the Parents of students taking German Language instruction,

As the principal of Enchant School I believe that it is very important to ensure that a program that offers German instruction takes place in our school. I feel it is important for all parents to know that the school will do its best to make sure German language instruction will be available to all students. As the principal it is part of my duties to decide who will deliver the program to the students, what kind of expectations are required of the person teaching the program, and any other important matters as they relate teaching German in the school. It is important to note that the guidelines regarding all of the items previously listed, must follow the protocols and procedures of the Horizon School Division.

It has come to my attention that parents of students in our German program have been notified that Mrs. Susana Dyck will not be instructing here at the school next year. Also, that Mrs. Edna Thiessen will be taking over that position starting in September. The school would like to thank Mrs. Dyck for her years of service within our school community and we are also very happy to welcome Mrs. Thiessen.

Part of the letter sent home to parents in May 2015 by Mrs. Dyck informed you of the transition for next September, I believe that there is some incorrect information in that letter. The school, as part of the Horizon School Division, is responsible for directing what is to be taught as part of the German language program (discussed between the instructor and the principal) and the school division is responsible for paying the instructor. **Parents are not expected to pay any additional money to the person instructing the students as this is part of the school's regular program.** This practice may have occurred in the past but will not continue in the future. I have heard that this extra payment is difficult for some parents who may not have the money to do so. If German Language instruction occurred outside of the school day, then the practice of paying the instructor for the delivery of the program is acceptable.

If parents have any questions or concerns about what is happening within the school, please feel free to contact the school during school hours.

Sincerely,

Kelly Schmidt
Principal

Lunch Cards

We will be selling lunch cards for \$25.00 per student. This makes the accounting part of our hot lunch program very easy as we do not have to deal with so much cash. We encourage families to take part in this procedure if you can. Hot dog day is the second Thursday of the month and Hot Lunch will be on the fourth Thursday of the month. (September's hot lunch will be Welcome Back BBQ be on Friday, Sept. 18th at no charge).



We will once again be doing a school spirit theme for our hot dog days. The first theme will be wearing our school colors Red/White/Black.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - When you are sending lunch for your child to warm up in the microwave please make sure it is something that can be heated in a few minutes. Since there is only one microwave per classroom there is not enough time to heat up items taking longer than 2 minutes. If your child has something in their lunch that requires a spoon or fork please try to send them one in their lunch kit.

TEXTBOOK RENTAL

- Kindergarten - \$50.00 per student
- Grades 1 - 6 - \$65.00 per student
- Jr. High - \$110.00 per student

Textbook rentals are due **September 30th, 2015** If there is a reason you cannot make this deadline please contact the school and make other arrangements.

FAMILY NAME: _____

Please fill out and return student fees.

Students:	Grade	Fee
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

_____ Lunch Cards @ \$25.00 each