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Student/Parent/Staff Newsletter



2016-17 Issue 1

September 6, 2016

Hot Dog day - Sept. 8

Hot Dog, Chips and drink



THEME - School Colors

Red/White/Black

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

**Lunch Cards can be purchased
for \$25.00 each.**

Hot Dog Days - \$2.50

Hot Lunch - \$4.00

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

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 16 - no school
Sept. 17 - Harvest Party
Sept. 23 - Terry Fox Run
Sept. 23 - Welcome Back BBQ
Sept. 30 - no school

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.

All students also need to sign in if they are late for school and sign out if they are leaving school early.

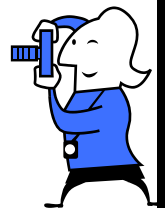
Welcome Back BBQ and Terry Fox Run

On September 23rd our school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research. At approximately 10:00 a.m. we 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.

We have attached a Terry Fox pledge sheet for your family. Your support in the Terry Fox run is greatly appreciated. Extra pledge sheets can be picked up in the office.

School Pictures

Lifetouch photographers were here today, September 6th and took all of our school pictures. You should receive proofs and an order form within a few weeks. Retakes are scheduled for October 25th.



STUDENT FEES - Due to the new regulations by the Alberta Government, school fees will not be collected this year for textbook, workbook and supplies for all K-9 students. However, there will be a fee for junior high student projects in CTF classes (examples: shop and home ec.) Notice of these fees will be sent out as soon as possible. Any extra fees for field trips will be charged to families once all costs have been determined and will be collected prior to the date of the field trip.

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. 23rd 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.



Principal's Message – September 2016

Summer is a time for everyone to get some rest, relaxation, and the chance to recharge and get ready for the upcoming school year. The warm sun, the chance to visit with family and friends, and opportunities to try new things, and getting new supplies are all wonderful things associated with summer.

September is the most exciting month of the school year as the students, and the staff, come back to school after a long summer break and everyone is excited for the new school year to begin. Some are more excited than others, but the chance to see classmates again makes it exciting.

This year there are some new things happening around our school. The Horizon School Division has been repairing some areas of the school – new cement in the front of the school, new flooring in the lower hallway, a new garage out back to provide some needed storage is a very welcome sight (it continues to be built), and some other minor items in other areas. We also welcome two new staff members. First is Mrs. Helena Thiessen who is taking over the caretaking duties here at the school. Second is Mrs. Heather Dutton who is filling in for Ms. Holmes (now Mrs. Newell) for the first part of the school year. I would like to personally welcome them to our school. Sadly, we say good-bye to Mr. Leni Howg for all of his time in our school and also to Mrs. Wanda Mathieu who decided to retire over the summer. We will miss them both.

Also new this year will be Horizon Division report cards for both the elementary and junior high students. More information will be distributed closer to our first report cards in November. The teachers will be learning how to use the new Students Achieve program to help in developing these report cards. In the office, Mrs. Howg will be using a couple of new computer programs during the school year, and I will be using a new budget program within the school division. A great deal of learning will be taking place in all areas of the school. New again for this year, is our Pre-Kindergarten program. There was not enough interest in the last 2 years, so it is nice to see it back again. Welcome to Mrs. Amber Blindback and Mrs. Catrina Howg who will be leading this wonderful program.

One area the school will be focusing on this year is to improve upon the level of respect here in the school. This focus will continue all year long with some fun group activities through the year ahead.

I would like to welcome the new families to our school. It is great to see a number of new families coming to our school. And I would like to welcome back all of the families who have continued to support us the past many many years.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me here at the school. I wish you all a wonderful 2016-17 school year.

Yours in education,

Mr. Kelly Schmidt
Principal



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 2016-17 will be held on Tuesday September 20th, 2016 starting at 6:30 pm. 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 Caught Awards – have been in use for a long time here at our school. This year we are focusing on Respect, Courtesy, Responsibility, Appreciation, Acceptance, Motivation, Patience, Attentiveness, Manners and Resiliency. Students who get caught showing any of these will be given a U Got Caught ticket to put in the draw bucket for a prize at the 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.

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.

PRE-K - We are excited for the upcoming year in the Horizon Early Learning program. After a two year break we are able to run a program in Enchant on Monday and Wednesday mornings. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Amber Blindback with her experience and enthusiasm to lead the program as the Instructor. We also want to welcome Mrs. Catrina Howg to the Early Learning team. We are all looking forward to a great year. We do still have some spaces open for additional children in the program. If you are interested, please contact Diane Howg at the school or call Elisha Boulay at 403 223 2347 ext 145 for more information.