

ENCHANT SCHOOL

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Student/Parent/Staff Newsletter



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May 4, 2021

THURSDAY, May 13 - Hot Dog Day - \$2.50
SCHOOL SPIRIT THEME
SPORT DAY or SCHOOL COLORS
Red/White/Black



HOT LUNCH
Thursday, May 27
Pizza Lunch - \$4.00
\$1.50 for extra slice pizza

May 07 - No School
May 09 - Mother's Day
May 13 - Hot Dog Day
May 14 - Kindergarten day
May 17 - ESAC Meeting 6:45 pm
May 21 - No School
May 24 - No School
May 24 - Victoria Day
May 27 - Hot Lunch
May 28 - Kindergarten Day
June 10 - Hot Dog Day
June 14 - Last day of Early Learning
June 15 - Last day of Kindergarten
June 18 - Last day of School
June 20 - Father's Day

Dates to Remember

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY Monday, May 3

Thank you to our bus drivers for getting our students to school and back home again safely every day.



EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

REGISTER NOW FOR 2021-2022

EARLY LEARNING

If your child is **3 on or before September 1**, they are eligible to be enrolled in Early Learning.

Funding may be available for children who are learning English as a second language or identified with a developmental delay.

KINDERGARTEN

If your child is **5 on or before December 31**, it is time to register for Kindergarten!

Registration forms are available online at horizon.ab.ca or at your neighbourhood school. Bring your child's Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship status card and Alberta Health Care card.

If you require clarification of your neighbourhood school, please contact Horizon School Division office at 403-223-3547 ext. 10145.

www.horizon.ab.ca



Thursday, May 6th wear a Hat for Mental Health Awareness



Get ready to
#GetReal

CMHA Mental Health Week

May 3-9, 2021

Visit mentalhealthweek.ca
for info and tools!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - May 2021

May is usually sunny and warm, with one exception – Track Day! It is nice to see the sunny and warm weather once again!! Two more months and summer will be here!!

Positive COVID Case here in the school – Last week a notice was sent home to all families notifying parents that a person who tested positive for COVID had been in the school. As has been shared with parents, we have put lots of steps in place to keep our students and staff safe. Our school continues to be a safe place and we remain committed to following provincial health guidelines for our students and staff. I would like to thank the parents for their cooperation with regards to isolating and quarantining their children in hopes of reducing the spread.

Track Day – We plan to move our Track Day into June this year. We usually have our track day the second Friday in May to in preparing for the division junior high Track and Field Meet later in May. Since the division meet is cancelled due to COVID we've decided to move out track day into June in hopes that provincial restrictions allow us to have it as we believe it would be such a positive thing for our students.

Parent Council meeting – At our last parent council meeting we talked about the reason for having our front doors locked and why we stopped using classroom microwaves.

A) Locking of the front door – Our School Re-Entry Plan, shared at the beginning of the year, Mentioned that the plan was to keep the front door locked and have parents call the school upon arrival if they were dropping off their child late or picking them up early. This has worked well, given that our office is not close to the door and the provincial expectation that we must screen visitors and ensure they sanitize and wear masks. Most schools have their office close to the front door, not having our office close by means that we cannot see who is coming into the school. To meet government expectations, we installed a doorbell for visitors.

I have heard several concerns from parents about the locked front door and want to work with parents to find a solution that still meets provincial guidelines and expectations.



NEW/CHANGE IN PRACTICE - Once all our students who are quarantining at home return to school (**Monday May 10th**) we will have decided to leave our main door open so that parents can access the school more easily. I would please ask that if you need to come to the school:

1. Before leaving home, please do your own self screening prior to coming to the school and if you are not feeling well, please stay home.
2. When arriving at the school, please press the doorbell (to let us know in the office that you are coming into the school) and go directly to the office before going anywhere else in the school to let us know who is in the school.
3. Make sure you are wearing a mask inside the school.
4. Use the hand sanitizer on the wall inside the entryway (bright orange sign).
5. Once in the office our secretary will let your child's teacher know you are picking up your child or dropping off a lunch, etc.

IF we are told we have a positive case of COVID in our school and have people quarantined, we will temporarily go back to locking the front door during the required quarantine period. The goal is to reduce the spread and ensure the safety of students and staff.

- If a parent has called the school to meet with a teacher/principal at a specific time, please follow these same steps listed above.
- If you would rather just call the school from your vehicle to pick up your child, please continue with that process (no screening is needed); and we will send your child down to meet you at the doors.

B) Microwaves - Our School Re-entry Plan mentioned that “Until further notice, no microwaves will be available for students to heat food. Please use alternative forms of food or containers that retain heat.”

In our school council meeting I said that some schools allow the use of microwaves. Only 6 (4 junior high/2 elementary) of Horizon’s 17 schools let students use a microwave. Eleven schools are not letting students use microwaves as it is one more high touch surface that needs to be cleaned regularly.

Teachers recommended the use of a “thermos” to send a hot lunch with your child. This has helped greatly to provide a warm meal and removed wait times at the microwave as in past years.

As a staff we discussed this issue and feel that it is best to keep things as they are now, with no microwaves. We plan to review this prior to next school year.

At other schools, some parents have been dropping off hot lunches for their children at the front door. At lunch time the students would then go down and pick up their lunch from the table at the front door. If this is something that a parent would like to do, we can help with this request and ask that you put your child’s name on the lunch.

Masks –are still required by the government for students, teachers, staff, and visitors who enter the school. For our school, students in Grades 3 to 9 are required to only wear their mask on the bus and in the common areas of the school (hallways, bathrooms, walking into and out of classrooms). Students do not have to wear their mask when sitting at their desk. If they are working closely with another student, teachers then remind students to put on their mask. This is not a school rule, rather it is a government rule.

My Thoughts - During this pandemic, COVID has made all our lives more challenging. Our students have adapted well as we look to finish the school year. It has been a year of constant change as guidelines from Alberta Health Services, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Alberta Education continue to change as restrictions are reduced or increased. I would like to thank everyone for their support during this school year.

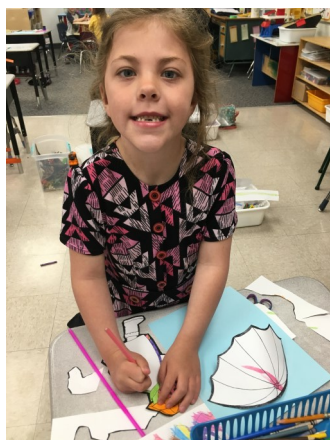
It seems like more updates are constantly happening these days as we are heading in a third wave of the Pandemic as the number of cases of COVID is on the rise once again. We have the month of May and three weeks in June until summer time and I look forward to the day when we no longer will need to wear masks, think about social distancing between all people, worry about hand sanitizing and proper hand hygiene (many times per day), and the ability for everyone to play, grow and get together with their friends and family. I know that day is coming soon, **BUT** we are not quite there just yet. Please remember to keep your children, family, school, and community safe by following the rules; when we all work together, the easier it will be in the long run.

Have a wonderful month of May,

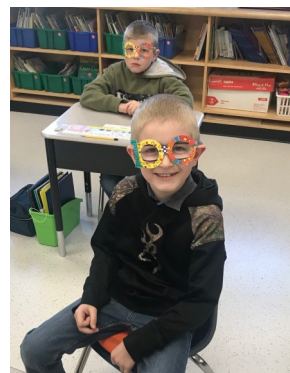
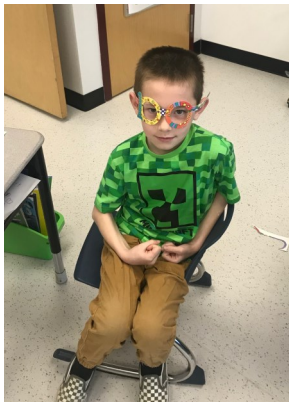
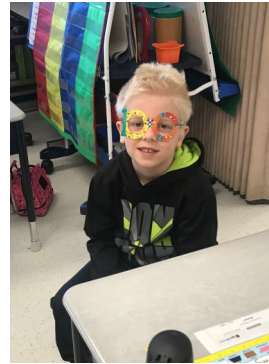
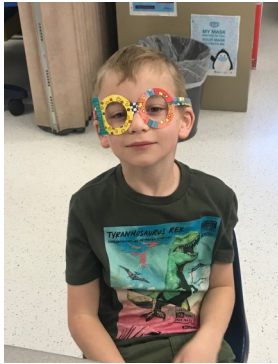
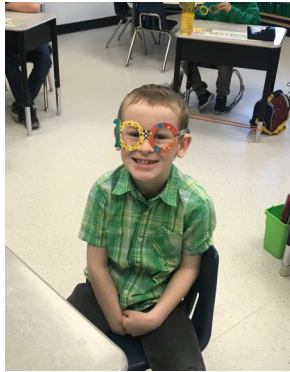
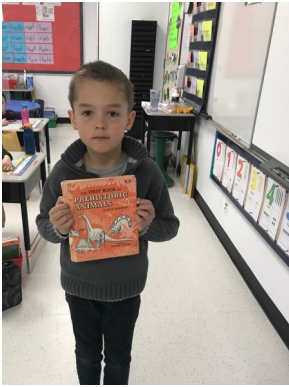
Mr. Kelly Schmidt
Principal



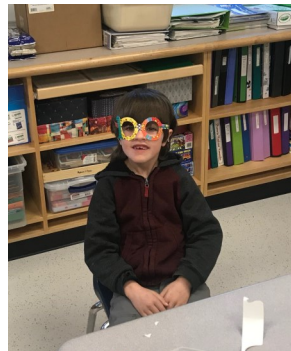
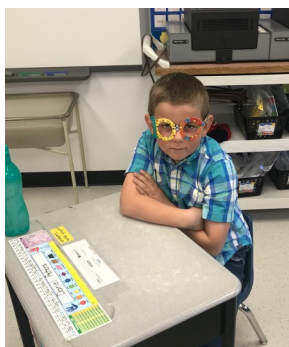
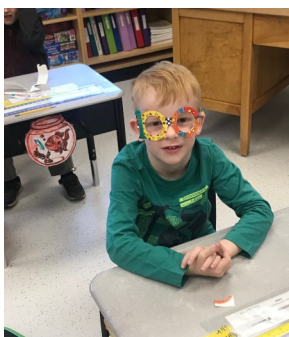
Kindergarten has been learning about the sights and scenes of the spring season. We are all finished with the letters of the alphabet and your child should know the names and sounds to these letters. We are now focused on listening for sounds in words. In fact, we are learning to build some short vowel words! In math, our focus has been on measurement (length, height and weight) and soon we will start 3D shape exploration.



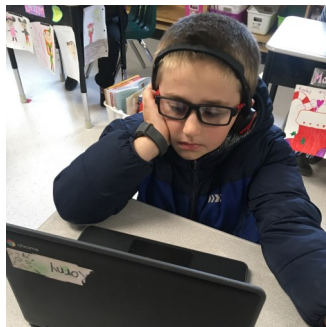
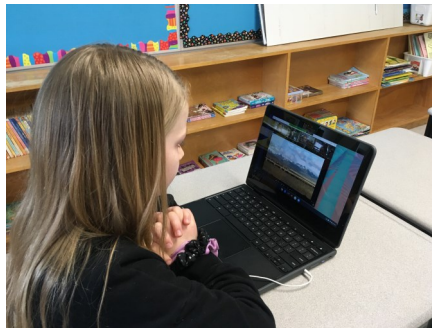
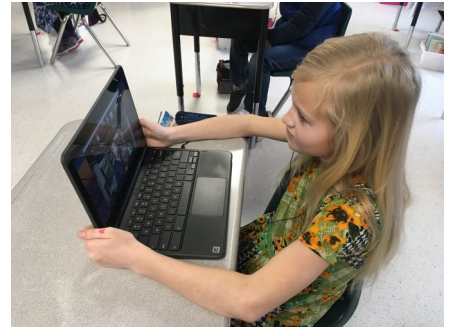
The grade 1/2 class has been busy celebrating spring and the lovely weather! Our 100th day of school was in March and we had a great time making crafts and counting to 100. The kids are continuing to grow as readers and writers. They have just finished writing their own picture books. In math we have been busy exploring fact families. Science class has been all about magnets. We are looking forward to more beautiful weather and playing outside!



Happy★
100th
Day of
School★



Unique times call for unique measures -- this year the Farm Safety presentations went virtual! The grade 3/4 class had a lot of fun on Zoom with their instructor. They learned about all sorts of great tips for staying safe on the farm, were able to view videos, and could even ask questions "through" the Chromebooks! This month we also had to say farewell to our student teacher, Mr. Vandebruinhorst. His six weeks with us flew by, and the kids will really miss learning from him.

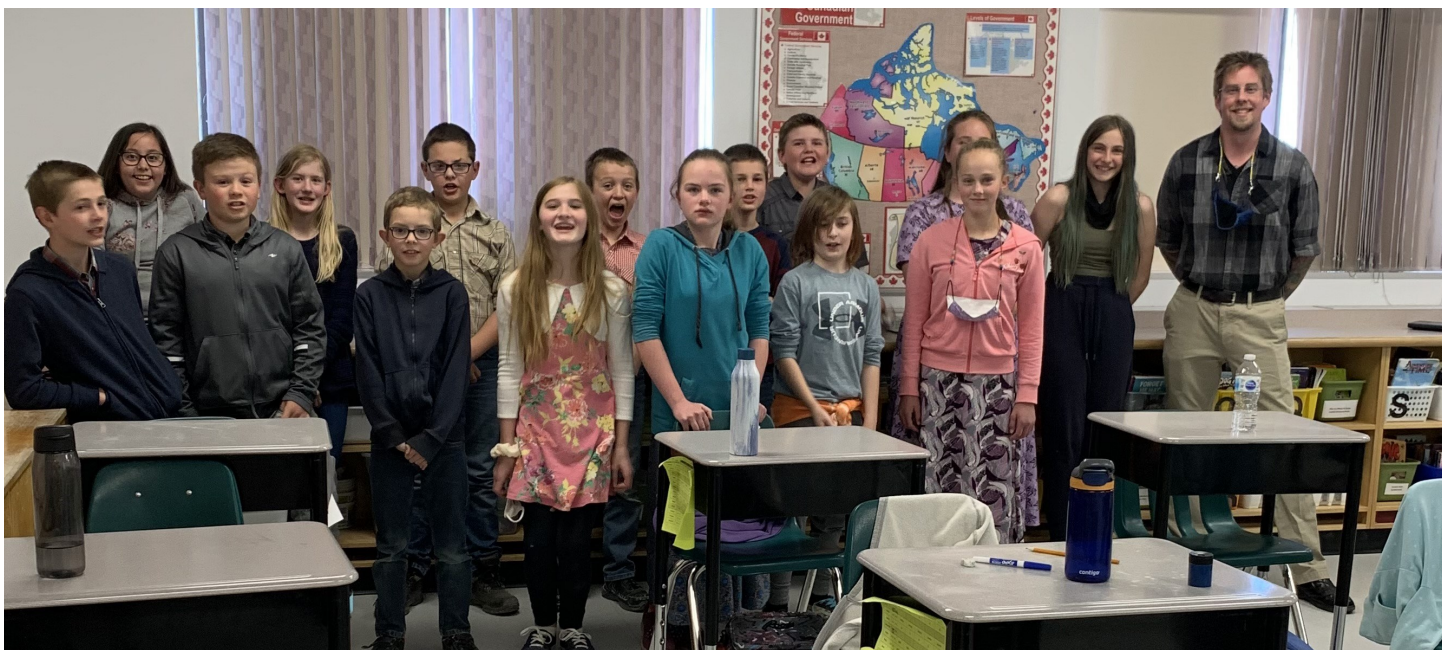


**Farewell
and
Good Luck**

We wish all the best to Miss Andrea DeGroot who was a student teacher in Mr. O'Connor's classes.



We said goodbye to our student teacher, Mr. Hanson. He did many fun activities during his stay like teaching us to play our "theme song" on the bells, how to say recess and home in Japanese and building an ancient Athens replica on Minecraft.

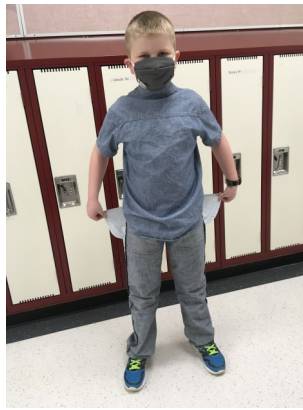




We are thankful the Enchant Golf Club is so welcoming to our Junior High students. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to learn and practice the game of golf and enjoy some fresh air and sunshine at the same time.



Baking and having fun in German class

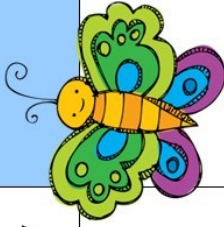


BACKWARDS
DAY



MAY



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9 Happy Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 HOT DOG DAY Theme: Sports or School Colors Red/White/Black	14 Kindergarten Day	15
16	17 ESAC Zoom Meeting 6:45 pm	18	19	20	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Victoria Day	25	26	27 HOT LUNCH Pizza Day	28 Kindergarten Day	29
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June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10 HOT DOG DAY Theme: Beach Day	11	12
13	14 Last day of Early Learning	15 Last day of Kindergarten	16	17	18 	19
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