



# Horace Allen School Newsletter



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Thank you to families for your participation in phone conversations with your child's teacher over the past week. If you were unable to connect, and would like a conversation, please email your child's teacher to arrange an alternate time. We all would have enjoyed an evening of Student Led Conferences at the school where students could celebrate their successes and share their learning with their families. With continued COVID related restrictions, phone conversations remain the best way to connect with families to discuss student learning.

## Learning and Nature Discovery (L.A.N.D.) Update from Kindergarten (Mrs. Kulak and Ms. Dickson)

Kindergarten was excited to return to Flumerfelt Park in March. We read stories together, and checked for changes in nature and signs of spring. Climbing and jumping off the boulders was a very popular free play activity. We also enjoyed our first Fireside Friday. This was a special time to connect, visit and play some games together. There are many members of our school community that we would like to thank this month for helping support out outdoor learning: Bill Messner who came to teach us about fire science and fire safety; Parent Council who purchased us a school firepit; Families who donated firewood; Adult volunteers who helped to supervise our off-site adventures. We couldn't have done it without you!

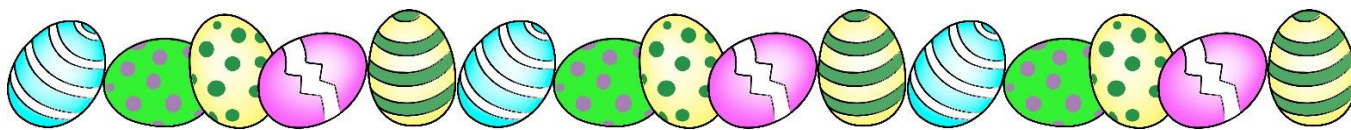
## 'Scientists in Schools' to visit HAS virtually!

*Scientists In Schools* recently received a grant from the Henry S. Varley fund, through the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta. The purpose of this grant is to provide complimentary virtual workshops to rural schools. Each class at Horace Allen will be provided a virtual workshop around a science topic related to grade level curriculum. HAS staff are excited to bring additional science opportunities into the classroom this year. Resources for families are available on the Scientists In Schools website at <https://www.scientistsinschool.ca/>

## Goodbye to Ms. Stewart

HAS will say goodbye to Hope Stewart on April 16, 2021. Hope will have completed her final practicum in 2A, and will graduate from the U of Lethbridge with her teaching degree this spring. We look forward to having Hope in the building as a substitute teacher and wish her every success as she begins her teaching career. She will be missed!





### Grade 2 ECO Club News (Mrs. Margetak)

There are so many activities that we could not do this year but the Gr. 2 ECO Rangers are hoping to submit some of the Challenges for the SHELL/CANADIAN GEOGRAPHIC ENERGY DIET CLASSROOM CHALLENGE.

Calling All Families: Do you have or - can you create a recipe using all LOCALLY (within 400 km) produced ingredients?

Please share it with us for the "WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?" Challenge so we can put together a Horace Allen School LOCAL cookbook. Have your child print the recipe if possible, and maybe they could illustrate it too! Please return your handwritten recipe to Mrs. Margetak at the school, or email it to her @ [margetakl@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:margetakl@lrsd.ab.ca) by Friday April 16, 2021. All recipes will be compiled, scanned and posted on the school's website for family viewing! Thank you from your Grade 2 Eco Rangers!!

### Early Learning Program 2021-22 (3 and 4 year olds)

Registration is now open for Horace Allen School's Early Learning Program. Children who are at least 3 years old by December 31, 2021 can be enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year. We offer a morning program, with the option of 2 or 4 mornings per week. Full details and online registration link are available on our [Early Learning Program page](#).

### Kindergarten Registration 2021-22

Registration is open for Kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. If you have a child who will be 5 by December 31, 2021, they are eligible to start Kindergarten in September. Online registration is available at [www.horaceallenschool.ca](http://www.horaceallenschool.ca) (Quick Links)

### Ned's Mindset Mission

HAS is excited to present a 45 minute virtual presentation to all students Thursday April 1 at 2 p.m. The captivating performer will take students on a journey filled with humor, yo-yo and magic tricks, puppetry, and storytelling. NED's Mindset Mission introduces a cartoon character named NED who is on a very important mission: to find his mindset. Led by clues and memorable characters, he overcomes Mt. Everest's toughest obstacles, uncovers inner-treasures on a Caribbean island, and grows his brain while repairing a sputtering spaceship. Throughout the performance, students discover how to activate their growth mindset to overcome social, emotional and academic challenges. Visit Ned's Mindset Mission at <http://www.mindsetmission.com/>

This presentation is offered free of charge to our students as part of a pay it forward initiative. In order for us to support another school in accessing this free presentation, HAS will have yo-yos available for purchase after the presentation and the week of April 12-16.

**If you wish to make a purchase and support the school in paying this program forward, please send money in a ziploc bag, clearly labeled with your child's name and your item request. Thank you!**

Classic Yos	\$8	learn the basics with a fixed axle yo-top
Super Spinners	\$10	great for basic and intermediate tricks. This auto return yo-top 'sleeps' at the end of the string and then comes back to you automatically
Specialty Selection	\$15	a professional long spin yo-top for next level tricks
Replacement String Pack -	\$4	Pkg of 10 replacement strings
Yo-Top Holster	\$5	Keep track of your Yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack!



### **HAS Nutrition Program Hot Lunch**

The school's nutrition program will offer a free hot lunch to all students on Wednesday April 21, 2021. Permission slips will be sent home after the Easter break, which will be **required** for your child to participate in this lunch. (A second lunch will be offered in the future to accommodate the Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students).

Students will be provided with chicken nuggets and fries prepared by a local restaurant, following current guidelines.

Please watch for the permission slip that will be sent home on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, after the break – we require this form to be signed and returned by Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. If we do not have your permission slip signed and returned, your child will not receive a hot lunch. No exceptions please!



### **Morning Drop Off / Supervision**

**Outside morning supervisors are available at 8:25 am each day.** If you drop off before 8:25, your child will be on their own in the playground. For your child's safety, **please drop off after 8:25 am.** Thank you.

Please visit Horace Allen School's website regularly for current information:

<https://www.horaceallenschool.ca/>

If we receive information about an upcoming event within our community, we post this information on our website:

<https://www.horaceallenschool.ca/about/community-events>

### **School Volunteers**

Although HAS is still limiting visitors inside the school, a decision has been made to invite volunteers to participate in our outdoor learning classes. In order to volunteer at the school a current police check is required. Please call the school if you are interested in volunteering outdoors. Mrs. Snider (Cherie) can confirm if you need an updated police check and to arrange for delivery of other volunteer forms. These can be sent to you electronically or they can be sent home with your child. Watch for your child's teacher to provide a schedule for planned outdoor learning that requires volunteer help. Your help and support is appreciated.



**Wishing all HAS families a safe and healthy Easter Break  
(April 2-11)!!**