



Horace Allen School Newsletter

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Although the snow continues to fall, spring-like weather is here with puddles and mud and messy outdoor play. Students are enjoying the puddles and mud, but do get dirty. Please send students with an extra set of clothing for this messy play. We hope by the time we come back from Easter break, the field, hill and play areas will be dry.

After a very busy month of March with Music Festival, report cards and Trickster, both staff and students are looking forward to Easter Break. There will be no school starting Friday April 7 through the following week. Students and staff return to school on Monday April 17.

A warm HAS thank you is sent to the following for their help during Trickster.

- Sue Burgman for coordinating volunteers for Trickster week.
- Volunteers who gave of their time to create costumes and props for the Trickster production
- Families and community members for attending and cheering on our student performances. Students have not had the opportunity to perform for the community for the past few years due to COVID and it is wonderful to provide these types of opportunities to them again.
- Ms. Dembicki for writing the grant and coordinating with the Trickster group prior to their arrival.
- School Council for cost sharing the extra cost (beyond the Alberta Foundation of the Arts grant) to pay for the Trickster residency.
- Staff and students for a wonderful performance! We are Stronger Together!!

Upcoming Dates

April 4 - Dan Bar-El virtual presentations to students

Will be rescheduled

April 4 - Hot Lunch

Thank you to Kana Miklos for arranging this free lunch for students!

April 5 - Student Led Conferences 4-8 pm

April 7-16 - Easter break

April 28 - Rodeo clown performance

May 1 - Music Monday with ISS 2:00-2:45 pm

HAS gym (all welcome)

Music Monday - May 1, 2023

Once again, we are able to come together as two schools to celebrate Music Monday! We haven't been together since 2019 so this will be a very special event for both schools. HAS will host ISS on Monday, May 1 for our Music Monday assembly. It will be from 2:00 - 2:45 pm.

Both schools will provide selections that were performed at the music festival in addition to special guests from the community. Families are welcome to join us at HAS for a celebration of music!



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

– please check for upcoming community events: <https://www.horaceallenschool.ca/about/community-events>



Kindergarten in the News!

Kindergarten, along with all the students at Horace Allen School, enjoyed a very special week with our Trickster theatre residency. The kindergarten pieces focused on working together to make ice cream, and working together on a camping trip! Students also needed to work together to follow a new class schedule, as we rehearsed multiple times each day. We are proud of our young performers and their focus and bravery in the show!



Planning and Changes for 2023-24

Planning has started for the 2023-24 school year. Although staffing allocations have not been determined yet, HAS is currently aware of two staff who are retiring. HAS sends out best wishes for retirement to Ms. Dembicki, Assistant Principal and Mrs. Arbuckle, EA. Both have been valued members of the HAS team, and will be missed. Kara Kulak has accepted the position of Assistant Principal for the 2023-24 school year, and we look forward to working with her in this new capacity.

Goodbye and Thank you!

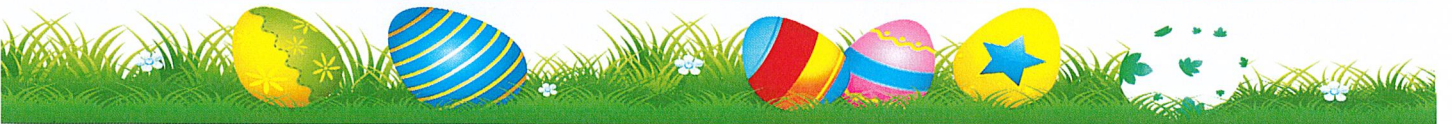
We say goodbye to Ms. Perkins who will complete her internship at HAS on Friday April 21, 2023. 3A has enjoyed having her as part of their classroom community since the beginning of January and HAS has appreciated all that she has brought to the school. We wish her the best as she graduates from the U of Lethbridge and begins her teaching career.

MRA (Measurable Results Assessment)

The MRA is a rigorously developed tool used by Livingstone Range School Division to annually collect, analyze, and report student, staff, and school-level outcomes related to the focus on improving leadership, culture, and academics at each school site. It can be used to help a school identify its strengths and weaknesses, develop improvement plans, and monitor progress. A link for the MRA will be sent out to all families and staff after the Easter break for completion. In addition, Gr. 3 students will complete the survey at school. Results will help guide HAS's annual plan which will include specific goals for the 2023-24 school year. Please watch for the link to the MRA parent survey the week of April 17. Once the surveys are completed and results are tallied, results will be shared at a spring School Council meeting.

Dan Bar-El Presentation

The Very Very Far North was enjoyed by all in January as we celebrated Family Literacy during the 1 Book 5 Schools event. On Tuesday April 4th, the author Dan Bar-El, will virtually spend time with HAS students. He will present to K - Gr. 2 at 9 am and to Gr. 3 at 10:30 am. Thank you to Mrs. Lowe for making arrangements for these presentations with Dan Bar-El. We also thank the Crowsnest Pass Literacy Foundation for providing the funds to make this virtual visit available to HAS students. (Will be rescheduled).



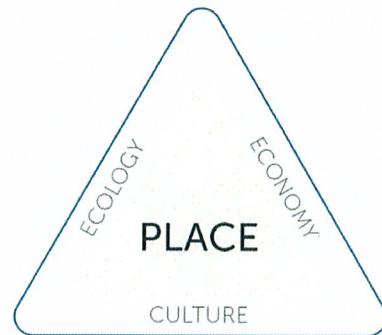


Teton Science Schools

Horace Allen School is excited to partner with Teton Science Schools to inspire curiosity, engagement, and leadership through transformative place-based education.

What do we mean by “Place”?

We approach place through the lens of a community's ecological, cultural, and economic perspectives.



Benefits of Place-Based Education

Place-based education is an approach that connects learners and communities to increase student engagement, boost learning outcomes, impact communities, and promote understanding of the world around us.

Place-Based Education Principles



We believe in learner-centered practices implemented by teachers who are lifelong learners in content and craft. Mrs. Fast is our school's Network Advocate and she will be attending the Place Network Spring Conference from April 18-22 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.