



Horace Allen School Newsletter

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September

Welcome HAS Families to the 2023-24 school year!

We are excited to have our students back in the building, reconnecting with friends, spending time in classes and getting to know new teachers. HAS staff will work hard to help every child feel welcomed, connected and part of the Horace Allen School family. We strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic, and social/emotional abilities through both classroom and outdoor activities.

K students have met with Miss Pohl or Mrs. Nelson at scheduled times for a family meeting and will begin following a staggered start schedule. This information should have been received by email from Miss Pohl or Mrs. Nelson.

Communication and involvement are extremely important to us at HAS. Please be sure to regularly check the school's website at www.horaceallenschool.ca for updates, current events and opportunities for you to get involved in our school community. Teachers will communicate classroom information to you through classroom newsletters, emails and phone calls. If your address or contact information has changed over the summer, please contact Cherie Snider, Admin Assistant to make the changes. (403-563-3998)

Your child's timely arrival at school is important so that instructional activities can begin promptly. Supervisors are available outside at 8:25 a.m. and the bell rings to enter the school at 8:30 a.m. **If you are dropping off your child in the morning, please park in the parking lot and walk your child into the playground area to ensure everyone's safety. At the end of the day, please wait for your child at the front of the school.** Students exiting through the back door will be brought to the front by their teachers for pick-up. With buses parking along the north side of the school, foot traffic can become congested and we ask families to wait at the front of the school.

On behalf of the staff, thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us. Together, we look forward to a fantastic 2023-24 school year!

2023-24 School Staff

HAS has a number of new staff this year. Staff photos are on the bulletin board outside the office to help you put a face to a name.

Early Learning - Meagan McKenna, Jolie Anctil, Deb Hammer
Kindergarten - Abigail Pohl, Glenys Nelson, Kana Miklos, Barb Lindsell
Gr. 1 - Brandie Fast, Carol Lach, Bernice Dunbar, Kaori Aindow
Gr. 2- Lenore Tarcon, Sue Provencal (for Kayla Marra until Thanksgiving) Michele Pitt, Jan Rolston
Gr. 3 - Ian Poole, Tammy Gregory, Elaine Garner, Roy Lach, Jan Rolston, Michele Pitt, Molly MacDonald
Gym - K to Gr. 3- Roy Lach
Art - Gr. 1-3 - Roy Lach
Music - K - Gr. 3 -Annemarie Neudorf (shared with ISS)
Administration - Elaine Garner, Principal and Kara Kulak, Assistant Principal
Administrative Assistant – Cherie Snider
Learning Support - EL-Gr. 3- Kara Kulak
Learning Commons Facilitator and Nutrition Coordinator - Laurie Lowe
Family School Liaison Counsellor - Karen Manzer (shared with ISS)
Head Custodian - Charlotte Kang, Housekeeper - Kaya Skura



School Council

A Back to School Outdoor Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday September 13 at 5:30 pm outside at the school. This evening's event is sponsored by HAS Parent Council. We thank our Parent Council Executive and volunteers for putting on this social event as a celebration of being back to school.

The AGM for Parent Council will be held on Tuesday September 26 at 6:15 pm in HAS's Learning Commons. Childcare is provided. The school looks forward to parent involvement through volunteer opportunities, and by supporting School Council initiatives again this year. If you would like to be a volunteer at the school, please contact Cherie Snider at the front office for the necessary volunteer paperwork that is required to volunteer in the school.

Highlighting Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

(all board policies and administrative procedures can be found on the Livingstone Range School Division website @ [LRSD](#))

The following Livingstone Range School Board Policies and Administrative Procedures provide important information for families as we start a new school year. Please follow the links for more information.

[Board Policy 23](#) Channels of Communication and Dispute Resolution
[Administrative Procedure 152](#) School Dispute Resolution
 Admin Procedure 330 [Student Attendance](#)

Safely on Board

Safely on Board will present a bus safety program to K, Gr. 1 and Gr. 3 students on September 25 and 28th. For information about this program, please visit: [Safely on Board](#) Grade levels are offered this program on a rotational basis from year to year and it is sponsored by Livingstone Range School Division.



Bus Safety

We are grateful for the dedicated bus drivers that deliver our students safely to and from school each day. Thank you for the important role you play.

As we start a new school year, please remind your child(ren) that riding the bus is a privilege that can be revoked if the rules are not followed. Children are expected to sit in their assigned seat, remain seated with their bottom to the bottom and back to the back of the seat at all times. Expectations also include students keeping their hands to themselves and using a quiet voice when visiting with those sitting with them. Belongings stay with the children and are not used as objects to throw at friends. The bus is considered an extension of the school and students are expected to respect and acknowledge the bus driver requests just as they would any school staff member.

Bus drivers report behaviour that interferes with the safety of the bus to HAS administrators in addition to calling parents. Mrs. Garner or Mrs. Kulak will follow up on the report, call parents to share information and provide a written copy of the report to the family. The privilege of riding the bus will be revoked for the following:

- ***If a student receives 3 bus reports, they will be suspended from the bus for a week.***
- ***Once they return to riding the bus and another infraction occurs, the student will be suspended for a month.***
- ***A third additional infraction will result in suspension for the remainder of the school year.***

Please remind your children to make choices that support a safe bus ride to and from school each day. Thank you!



Parking Lot Safety

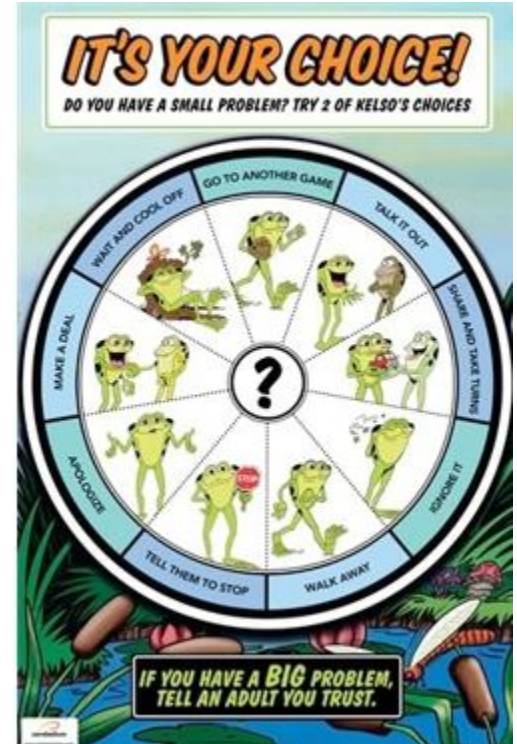
Although not always convenient, it is important that families follow the rules of the parking lot to keep everyone safe. Please park in the parking lot and walk your children to the fenced area outside the school using the crosswalk in front of the school or the one by the flagpole. The road and area outside the fence is **not a drop off zone**. Dropping students off at the gate or parking along the fence creates safety concerns for our students and families. **If you are parked in this area, we will ask you to move.** We appreciate your help and support in keeping everyone safe.

Fire Drills

Before the end of October, the school will be providing students with 3 opportunities to participate in a fire drill. Students will be informed on the day of a drill, but will not know the scheduled time. Students will practice with their teachers prior to having a drill of what to do from various places in the school. Staff spend time preparing students prior to drills and talk about the importance of knowing what to do if there was a fire at the school. Please let your child's teacher know if these drills cause stress or anxiety for your child.


Kelso's Choices

Conflict or disagreement is normal and often happens when children get together. HAS has a program in place called "Kelso's Choices" which aims to teach students several positive ways to deal with difficult situations. Students learn that they are "strong enough and smart enough" to deal with "small problems", and that they can try two of Kelso's Choices before asking for adult help. If a child is not feeling satisfied with the result, or the problem continues, a request for adult help is made. Of course, the adult will immediately handle any serious conflicts that cause a child to feel threatened, frightened, or put a child in danger. We refer to these as "big problems". By teaching and encouraging the use of Kelso's Choices, we believe that our students will develop effective problem-solving skills that they can use again and again.



 **Horace Allen**
students care!

 **Take care of yourself**

Take care of each other 

 **Take care of our environments**

3 School Rules

Horace Allen School follows 3 school rules in all our learning environments:



17th Annual Emerging Artists Program recipients

Congratulations to Mr. Lach and the following students for having their art chosen to hang in at the Livingstone Range School Division office for the 2023-24 school year. These students and their families will be invited to an Art Gala on October 16 in Fort MacLeod, where they will be recognized for their beautiful art work.

Callie Strandquist
Molly Chambers
Jolie McCue
Kiarra Hillaby
Katelyn Snow



Thank you to:

- Women of Steel for their donation of backpacks and supplies for HAS students.
- Municipality of Crowsnest Pass for their donation of a popcorn machine to the school.
- All Staff for supporting a great start to the new school year.
- HAS School Council for the Welcome Back Pizza Party!
- Custodian, Charlotte Kang for filling in this year. She does her job with care and pride in keeping the school in tip-top shape and always with a smile.
- Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Margetak for keeping the outdoor gardens alive over the summer. They look wonderful!
- Mrs. Snider for getting bus tags ready, classes set up, bus schedules made, answering questions, making phone calls, class lists, ordering supplies.... and a multitude of other things that support staff in doing their jobs.

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>



Nut-free environment

As we have students with peanut and nut allergies attending HAS, we do our best to be a nut-free school. If sending Wow butter sandwiches to school, please label them as peanut-free. Thank you for following our school rule of 'taking care of each other'.

“Achieving our personal best in a safe and caring community”