



# Horace Allen School Newsletter

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September passed in a flash for both students and staff as everyone got back into the routine of school. Students are now busy applying their knowledge to new curricular outcomes and are fully engaged in their classes and learning. Daily attendance plays an important role in supporting students in their learning. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and school. Missing 2 days of school a month or 20 days a year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by grade 10! Please inform the school or your child's teacher if they are going to be absent. Fall weather is now here and we ask that you ensure your child is dressed for the weather. We go outside rain, snow or shine and only stay indoors when extreme weather is upon us. Daily outdoor play breaks promote curiosity, creativity and critical thinking in our students. Studies have found that children who spend more time in nature exploration have improved learning outcomes and demonstrate more positive behavior. Students look forward to both of their outdoor recess breaks each day and need to come dressed to enjoy this outdoor time during all of our seasons.

## Parent Council Update

HAS Parent Council had their AGM in September. Mallory Banting was voted in for the role of council chair, and Sarah Fulton was voted in for the treasurer role. School Council is still looking to fill the secretary and vice chair positions! If you are interested, please contact Mallory Banting at [hasparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hasparentcouncil@gmail.com) for details.



The next parent council meeting is Tuesday, October 17 at 6:15pm at Horace Allen School. Child care is provided.

Our veggie Fundraiser delivery date is **October 19th**. Volunteers are needed to help sort the veggie bundles that day. Please watch your emails for more information or contact Parent Council at [hasparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hasparentcouncil@gmail.com)

## Upcoming October Events

**October 9 – No School - Thanksgiving**  
**October 17 - School Council Meeting at 6:15 .**  
**October 18 - Joan Galat Author visit**  
**October 19 - Vegetable Fundraiser Pick up Date**  
**October 20 - School Based PD (NO School for students)**  
**October 25 - Picture Day - EL, K1, Gr. 1-3**  
**October 27 - LAND Day - volunteers will be needed.**  
**October 31 - Halloween**

## Halloween

HAS students are invited to celebrate Halloween at school on Tuesday, October 31 by wearing a costume and we will have a school assembly (details to follow). As you prepare costumes for school, please consider the following:

- weapon-like accessories must remain at home - these are not allowed on school busses or in the school.
- keep 'bloody' and zombie-like make-up to a minimum. This extreme make-up can be disturbing and/or scary for some children in our school-your child can enjoy this on Halloween evening instead.
- send your child in costumes that allow him/her to move freely and access the bathroom independently.
- please leave your child's hands free of gloves - sanitizing and handwashing occur often throughout the day.
- students will go outside for recesses, so costumes need to allow for weather-appropriate clothing, or have coats fit over.



### **Vegetable Harvest**

Although retired, Mrs. Margetak remains an active member of HAS. She and her volunteer crew offered students an opportunity to enjoy veggie wraps utilizing vegetables from the school's outdoor gardens supplemented by locally grown vegetables. Thank you to all who made this possible.



### **School Choir**

Mrs. Neudorf will start meeting with Grade 2 and 3 students interested in being part of a school choir, each Tuesday during lunch. We look forward to hearing them sing at our Remembrance Day service in November. Thank you to Mrs. Neudorf for offering her time to lead these students in song.



### **Nutrition Program Update**

Mrs. Lowe is now distributing breakfast, lunch and snack items to students who may require a supplement to what is brought from home. All food is eaten currently available in classrooms. Mrs. Lowe is also selling milk to students at lunch time. **Milk** is available for \$.25, Monday - Thursday. We ask that exact change be sent if at all possible.

If your children bring home food that you did not send, it is because they asked for something extra and may not have been able to finish all of what was taken. We cannot take food back, and rather than throw it out, we will send it home.



### **Picture Day - October 25 and November 21, 2023**

Bring your smile!! Lifetouch will be at HAS on Wed. Oct 25 for EL, K1 and Gr. 1-3, and on Tuesday November 21 for retakes and K2 and K3. Early Learning Students will have an assigned time for families to bring students to the gym on Oct. 25. More information for EL photographs will be shared by Miss Meagan.

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>



# October Happenings

## Morning Supervision

Morning supervisors are outside at **8:25 a.m.** to meet students. **You are welcome to come early with your child, but if you do, please stay with them until supervisors are outside.** Your help supports us in keeping all of our students safe. Thank you!

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## Terry Fox Walk

CCHS, ISS and HAS students, staff and family members participated in the Terry Fox Walk on Friday September 22. Thank you to HAS Grade 3 students: Brinley, Jax, Zophie and Vienna for hosting this event. They did an amazing job speaking in front of this very large crowd of people.



It is always heartwarming when the three CNP schools join together. The route this year took them through Coleman and although the weather was wet, spirits were high. HAS students collected \$306 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation.

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## Place-Based Learning

ISS and HAS staff jointly continue to develop professionally through Place-Based Learning opportunities through Teton Science School, which is situated in Jackson Hole Wy. Interested staff have the opportunity to meet virtually and in person with Teton staff throughout the school year. Teachers are able to apply their new learning both in the classroom and as they plan for events for students in the community. ISS and HAS are planning a combined LAND (Learning and Nature Discovery Day).

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**On October 27, HAS & ISS will combine for**

**L.A.N.D. (Learning And Nature Discovery) Day at HAS!**

Students will participate in hiking, campfire sing-a-longs, nature exploration at Flumerfelt Park, Indigenous games, and loose parts play. Watch for more details to follow soon! We are in need of volunteer 'Play Rangers' that day to meet our 1:6 adult-to-child ratio. All volunteers must have a HAS volunteer form completed from the office, as well as a criminal record check submitted. Please contact Cherie at 403-563-3998 or [sniderc@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:sniderc@lrsd.ab.ca) if you are able to join us that day. Thank you for your support!

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## Grade 3 Science... that you can do at home!

Grade 3 A/B have both had a blast so far with the new science curriculum. We have been studying matter and have learned about all sorts of topics, from the various states of matter to how First Nations peoples found a use for every single part of a bison. We would love to share two science experiments that you can try at home using household materials.

### [Dancing Raisins: a study of solids, liquids, and dissolved gases](#)

This experiment teaches us about a few concepts: buoyancy/density, states of matter, and the science of dissolved minerals and gases in carbonated water

### [Water Cycle in a Bag: How the earth's water is constantly on the move](#)

This experiment lasts a while! By making a miniature atmosphere in a sealed bag, you can study what happens to water as it goes through the processes of evaporation and condensation (hopefully not freezing, but you never know).

Bonus: students also learned how to spot avalanches in the mountains. Keep your eyes peeled and snap a photo if you spot one!



## 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'.

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