



Horace Allen School Newsletter

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November

Grade 3 students will host the school's Remembrance Day Service on Friday November 10, 2023 at 10:30 in the gym. All are welcome to attend as we pay our respect, and remember members of Canada's armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

December 1st brings the first report card of 2023-24 for HAS students. Please remember that students learn and demonstrate achievement in many ways and the report card only provides a snap-shot of their learning so far, this new school year. Please take time to review the report card with your child and discuss goals that can be set for the second reporting period. Three-way conferences will be available the evening of Dec. 6 and 7. Visit the school's website for information about scheduling a conference time.

Grade 2A UFLI In Action

The 2A students are really enjoying UFLI. The students are learning about phoneme blending and segmentation, decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling) practice, reading and spelling heart words as well as reading and spelling connected text. Here are some comments from the students: "It's fun", "I like to write on the whiteboards", and "Making words with the magnetic letters is so much fun."



Grade 2B - UFLI (An Explicit and Systematic Phonics Program)

2B has been working hard on UFLI lessons! For those of you who are not familiar with UFLI, it is a phonics-based program that our school is following this year. We love building words with our magnet letters! Thank you to our parent volunteers who prepared all the materials for this program.

Upcoming November Events

- Friday, November 10th at 10:30am: Remembrance Day Ceremony, families invited to join.
 - November 13 – November 17th: No School - Long Weekend & Staff Professional Development
 - Tuesday, November 21st: Individual Photo's & Retakes for K2/K3 & Early Learning
 - Friday, December 1st: Term 1 Progress Reports go home.
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LAND Day with ISS - Friday October 27/23



A great day of outdoor learning was had by all on our first HAS/ISS LAND (Learning and Nature Discovery) Day! Students participated in a 2 km hike; then were able to enjoy music with Mrs. Neudorf by the fire, free play in the loose parts area, Indigenous games in the field, and the LRSD Science trailer and forest play in Flummerfelt Park. The Coleman Lions cooked hotdogs which were enjoyed by all! The sun shone and it was a glorious day for K-Gr. 6 students working and playing together. Many thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time to support our students on this special day.

Leadership Opportunities at HAS

Students and Staff are encouraged to be leaders at HAS.

- Gr. 1 students took the lead for the Halloween Assembly. They did a great job of getting our attention by putting a 'Hocus Pocus' spell on us! Gr. 1 students shared stories, music and movement with the entire school community. Costumes were 'spooktacular' and students enjoyed being together to celebrate Halloween! Thank you Grade 1s!
 - Gr. 3 students (Mason, Gia and Levi) helped to host the Assembly before the LAND (Learning and Nature Discovery) Day with ISS on Friday Oct. 27. They did a great job of providing safety rules to follow while on the hike through words and actions. Thank you Grade 3's!
 - Mrs. Tarcon will be offering a UFLI full day session to LRSD staff on November 14's Interschool Collaboration Day! She and Mrs. Pitt have taken a lead role at the school and are a wonderful support as all staff begin this program in their classrooms.
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Exploration Days- Grade 1

Grade 1 students recently participated in Exploration Days on Friday, Nov. 3rd.

The idea was created from a partnership with Teton Science School and our Place-Based Education philosophy which is to inspire curiosity, engagement, and leadership. Grade 1 students shared their wonders and then had the opportunity to choose and explore these further in a creative learning environment. The wonders they selected this month were about plants, stuffed animals, and playing games. Donations were sent in and volunteers came to assist in making our first exploration day a success!

We can't wait to see where our wonders take us next...



A Heartfelt thank you is sent to:

- The Coleman Lions for participating in our LAND Day and cooking hotdogs for all! Your help and support is appreciated.
- Laurie Lowe for ordering all of the food for the LAND Day with ISS.
- Cherie Snider for helping distribute food at the LAND Day, and for decorating the lobby for Halloween and Remembrance Day.
- HAS School Council volunteers for making sound boards for student use during UFLI lessons in all classrooms K-Gr. 3!
- Charlotte Kang, custodian, for her smile, positive attitude and hard work keeping the school clean!
- Teck for sponsoring Scientists in Schools sessions for all classrooms again this year!
- Mrs. Margetak for continuing to support our outdoor classroom area and by offering ECO Club leadership to our students.
- Mrs. Neudorf for working with the Gr. 2 and 3 choir.
- Mr. Lach for offering intramurals at lunch, 2 days a week.
- Jason Clifton, PEAKS facilitator for making the Science trailer available to students in Flummerfelt Park during our LAND Day!

thank you!





Halloween Fun!

School Council Update

Parent Council is still looking to fill some executive positions and for more members to come out to meetings. We meet once a month!

Next parent council meeting is November 21st at 6:15pm. It will be a virtual meeting. The link for it will go out closer to the meeting date! This will be our last meeting until January!

On November 30th Pizza Hot Lunch will be offered by the School's Parent Council. Watch for more details to follow.

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>

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!



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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