



Horace Allen School Newsletter

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DECEMBER

December brings many types of celebrations for students and families of HAS. We appreciate the diversity within our school community, and value the opportunities this diversity brings to both students and staff. Students are always excited to share and celebrate with their families and look forward to sharing their learning at our 3 way conferences, Dec 6 and 7 and to perform for our school community at the HAS Winter Concert on Tuesday Dec. 19, 2023.

First Term Report cards were sent home December 1. Please take time to read this progress report with your child, celebrate their successes and support them in establishing goals for the next reporting period. Staff look forward to the opportunity for an in-person teacher-student-family conversation after school on Wednesday, December 6 or Thursday, December 7. Sign up for a 15 minute time slot on the school's [website](http://www.horaceallenschool.ca). Families will have a chance to ask any questions about their child's progress reports, and provide input as students set goals for their continued learning and growth in Term 2. On behalf of HAS staff, may peace, joy, hope and happiness be yours during this holiday season and for the coming New Year. See you back to school on Monday, January 8, 2024!

Winter Concert

Our HAS winter concert will be on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 pm and is expected to last about an hour. Students will need to be in their homeroom classes at 5:40 pm that evening so that we can start the concert on time. The concert will showcase what students have been working on in music class and will feature singing, poetry, movement and instruments. School doors will be locked until 5:40 pm to allow teachers time to go home and have a quick break.

Horace Allen will gratefully accept silver collection donations at the Winter Concert, with all proceeds going to the local Food Bank.



Thank you to Mrs. Neudorf and HAS students for creating this evening of music for our school community!

'12 Days of Giving' Dec. 4-Dec. 19, 2023

HAS will once again be collecting food for the local Food Bank as a community service project this holiday season. Students will be invited to bring food items based on the colour of the day to add to the donations from the school. Thank you in advance for caring and sharing this holiday season!

Dec 4- Red
Dec. 7 - White
Dec. 12- Red
Dec. 15- Blue

Dec. 5 - Orange
Dec. 8 - Yellow
Dec. 13- Orange
Dec. 18 -Yellow

Dec. 6 - Green
Dec. 11- Brown
Dec. 14- Green
Dec. 19- Black

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>



December Special Events

Artist in Residence

Imagination Academy is excited to be the visiting Artist in Residence at Horace Allen School this year. The week of December 11-15, each class will participate in an Art Workshop to learn about Linocut Printmaking. Students will be creating art by carving into soft plastic, learning about brayers and then using a real printing press to print their final artwork. We can't wait to see all the creative and unique artwork your kids create!

We are looking for 1-2 parents to volunteer per classroom. If this interests you, please email your child's teacher.

Thank you to the School Council for applying to the Alberta Foundation of the Arts for a grant to cover the cost of these workshops. We look forward to having Meghan Cooper spend the week with our students sharing her expertise with printmaking.



Holiday Train

Students and staff are excited to walk down to Coleman to see the Holiday Train on December 12th! We will leave the school at 12:15 pm, with the train scheduled to arrive at 12:40 pm east of the railway crossing, south of 17th ave, between 69th & 70th street. **Adult volunteers will be needed** - please contact your child's teacher if you are able to join us!

ISS Winter Concert

HAS will attend the ISS winter concert on Thursday, December 14, leaving at 1:00 pm. Watch for a field trip form that will come home for you to sign.

December Spirit Days!

- Friday, December 1 - Crazy Hair Day
- Friday, December 8 - Candy Cane Day - wear red, white and green
- Thursday, December 14 - Wacky Tacky Sweater Day
- Friday, December 22 - Last Day before break! PJ & Popcorn Day (wear your PJs or comfy clothes & bring a stuffy)

SPIRIT
DAYS

Student Leadership

Grade One students have taken on a leadership role in selling **Candy Cane Grams** to raise funds to purchase supplies for their Exploration Days. Students have volunteered for a variety of jobs as speakers, artists, collectors, and deliverers.

Candy Cane Grams will be available to purchase in classrooms from Dec. 4-7. They cost 0.25 cents each and students can purchase as many as they want, to send to anyone in the school. **Candy Cane Grams** will be delivered on **Candy Cane Day Friday, Dec. 8.**

All HAS students and staff are invited to wear red, green and white that day!





Book Fair

4-8 pm Wednesday Dec. 6 and Thursday Dec. 7, 2023. This cash only event will be held **upstairs in Room 210.**



Books bring us together!

Our annual Scholastic book fair will be held during our three way interviews.

This is the only fundraiser we hold to buy books for our Learning Commons.

Please stop by if you can and do a little Christmas shopping, or choose a book with your child.

December 6 & 7 from 4-8 pm.

Watch for signs!

***** THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT *****



One Book Five Schools

The Friends of the Crowsnest Library are thrilled to announce that TC Energy has approved the grant application allowing us to continue with the One Book, Five Schools Program. Thank you, TC Energy! We are very grateful for this generous grant. This program was initiated by the Crowsnest Pass Literacy Foundation ten years ago, and is now continuing under the Friends of the CNP Friends of the Library Society. The launch of the event will be in January 2024 with a book chosen by representatives from the schools involved-HAS, ISS, Livingstone, Canyon, St. Michael's- and Myrna Dembicki as the volunteer Coordinator of this event. Stay tuned for more information coming about our 11th annual One Book, Five Schools event. Thank you again to the Social Impact Team at TC Energy.



School Choir (Mrs. Neudorf)

Mrs. Neudorf will be taking the Grade 2 & 3 choir to Peaks to Pines on December 18, 2023 to perform for the residents. Performing for our local seniors is a great experience for both the residents and our students. Thank you to Mrs. Neudorf for giving of her time to offer students the opportunity to participate in a school choir.



Intramurals (Mr. Lach)

Back in early October, the majority of grade 2 and 3 students signed up to participate in an intramural sports tournament called First to Four. First to Four is similar to Baseball, but in order to get the opposing team out, the fielding team must first obtain the ball, then successfully throw and catch it 4 times from the designated throwing plates within the infield before the runner makes it home. Games took place every Monday and Wednesday during lunch recesses. Eight teams battled it out over the past 6 weeks, with Team's B and C making it to the finals. Team C was victorious, and went on to play the teachers in a wind-up match on Friday, December 1st. The gym was loud and both teachers and students gave it their all!! Thank you to Mr. Lach for offering this to our Gr. 2 and 3 students.



Thank you to our local A & W for providing meal coupons to the school to be used to celebrate student successes over the past month. Each class was able to choose 2 students as winners. Students were recognized for achieving goals, being responsible citizens, using Kelso's Choices to solve problems and taking on leadership roles within the school.

Congratulations to our November winners: Sasha, Gwentyth (K1); Kensley, Jake (K2); Bentley, Jaxxon (K3); Colter, Whitney (1A); Soul, Davey (1B); Finn, Teyka (2A); Kyson, Codi (2B); James, Clara (3A); Grayson, Jace (3B); and Callie, Olivia (3A/B)

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!



Student Teachers

2A and 1B have enjoyed having PS1 student teachers from the University of Lethbridge in their classrooms. We will be sad to see Joshua Thomsen and Liam McLean finish their practicum with us on December 14. Our time together has passed quickly and both Josh and Liam have quickly become a part of our staff. We wish them all the best as they continue with their studies towards a teaching degree!

Long Term Service Awards

Horace Allen has a number of staff who were recognized at Divisional Day for their long term service to LRSD. Congratulations to:

- Ian Poole - 5 years of service
- Michele Pitt - 10 years of service
- Roy Lach - 15 years of service
- Bernice Dunbar - 26 years of service
- Elaine Garner - 26 years of service

Contest

Answer the December newsletter trivia question to be entered into a draw for a \$50 IGA gift certificate! The final day for entries will be Friday, December 8th. A winner will be drawn on December 11th. Click the link to enter: [Trivia Question \(Forms\)](#)

Dates at a Glance

Dec. 1: Report Cards sent home
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Dec 4 – 19: 12 Days of Giving – Food Bank Donations
Dec. 6 & 7: Teacher-Student-Family Conversations - from 4:00 – 8:00
Dec. 6 & 7: Scholastic Book Fair – cash only - from 4:00 – 8:00
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Dec. 23 -Jan. 7: Winter Break



We have an urgent need for

Bus Drivers

in the Crowsnest Pass

You can contribute to education by safely transporting students to and from school. Training will be provided for successful applicants at no cost to you.



INFO NIGHT
DEC 12
7:00 PM
Isabelle Sellon
School,
Blairmore

ARE YOU:

- Looking for a rewarding career with summers and holidays off?
- A confident driver with a clean Driver's Abstract?
- Safety-oriented, dedicated, and punctual?
- Able to obtain a Police Intervention/Vulnerable Sector Check?

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Come to an information session to learn more about this rewarding career. Enjoy refreshments and enter a draw to win a \$100 IGA gift card.

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