

Weekly Newsletter

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Track and Field House Event

On Friday, May 22, students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be participating in our Track and Field House Event. Students are encouraged to wear their house shirts and come prepared for an active afternoon outdoors.

Please remember to bring: a hat, a water bottle, sunscreen, and running shoes. As we will be outside for most of the afternoon, we encourage students to dress appropriately for the weather. We look forward to a fun and spirited day together!

Track and Field Zones

Congratulations to all of the junior and senior high track students who advanced to divisions this week at HTA! Everyone worked incredibly hard, showed great sportsmanship and represented our school with pride! Huge congratulations to all of the students who advanced to zones!

Senior High Zones: May 20 - Calgary

Junior High Zones: May 26 - HTA

Rainy Day Protocol

On days when rain is in the forecast, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, with rubber boots and a waterproof jacket with a hood. If there is only a light drizzle of rain we still go outdoors for recess; however, if there is a steady rain, students are kept indoors. Umbrellas are not necessary and should be left at home, as they often become toys or are used inappropriately rather than for their intended purpose. Thank you for your cooperation!

Grade 6 PAT Schedule

May 22: English Language Arts Part A - Writing
June 8: English Language Arts Part B - Reading Comprehension
June 11: Social Studies
June 12: Science
June 15: Math Part A
June 18: Math Part B

Grade 9 PAT Schedule

Thursday May 21, 9 AM – 11 AM — Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
Tuesday June 9, 9 AM – 10:15 AM — Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
Monday June 22, 9 AM – 10:20 AM — Grade 9 Social Studies
Tuesday June 23, 9 AM – 10:15 AM — Grade 9 Science

Diploma Exam Schedule

Wednesday June 10, 9 AM – 12 PM — English Language Arts 30-1 Part A
Friday June 12, 9 AM – 12 PM — Mathematics 30-1
Monday June 15, 9 AM – 11:30 AM — English Language Arts 30-1 Part B
Thursday June 18, 9 AM – 12 PM — Biology 30
Friday June 19, 9 AM – 12 PM — Chemistry 30
Monday June 22, 9 AM – 12 PM — Physics 30



Middle School Field Trip to Heritage Park

Grades 4–7 will spend the day at Heritage Park on Monday, May 25, travelling by school bus and exploring in small groups with teachers and parent volunteers. Students should wear their regular school uniform with sturdy, closed-toe shoes (open-toed footwear and Crocs are not permitted). Please check the forecast that morning and send your child with appropriate outerwear. Pack a snack, lunch, and water bottle; students may also bring up to \$20 for treats at the park. Parent volunteers will be contacted separately with meeting details.

Grade 3 Field Trip to the Ukrainian Cultural Centre

On Tuesday, May 26, we will be visiting St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Church & Cultural Centre as part of our social studies unit exploring the reasons settlers came to Canada from Ukraine and the farming knowledge and traditions they brought with them. We will leave Edison at 8:45AM by school bus and return by approximately 12:15PM. Hot lunch will be available for students who have ordered it. Students should also bring a snack and drink. Please ensure snacks are bus-friendly, as we will be eating on the bus. Dress uniform is required for this field trip.

Grade 2 Eco-Centre Field Trip

On Tuesday, May 26, the Grade 2 classes will visit the Eco-Education Centre to participate in the "Storm Water Systems" program. During the visit, students will explore how everyday activities can affect local waterways by polluting streams, impacting water quality, and harming the plants and animals that live in these ecosystems. Students are required to wear their dress uniform for this field trip.

Grade 2 Zoo Field Trip

On Friday, May 29, the Grade 2 classes will travel to the Calgary Zoo to participate in the "Penguin Palooza" program. Students need to bring a snack, water bottle, and a bagged lunch in a small backpack. As this field trip involves a significant amount of outdoor walking, students are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes or boots, sunscreen, a weather-appropriate jacket, and a hat. Due to the outdoor nature of this trip, students are to wear their regular school uniform.

Kindergarten Environmental Centre Field Trip

Now that spring is finally upon us, Kindergarten students will be going for our final seasonal nature walk of the year on Thursday May 21, departing from the school at 12:15PM. We will be combining this with a visit to the Okotoks Environmental Education Centre to take part in their program "Fur, Feathers, and Fins", as well as a trip to the Bill Robertson playground. We will stay at the playground until the bus picks us up at 2:40PM. Due to the outdoor nature of the trip, please be careful to dress your child appropriately for the forecasted weather. Please remember to pack sunscreen, a hat, a water bottle, comfortable walking shoes, and a simple afternoon snack. Regular uniform is required for this trip. If you wish to volunteer for this field trip, please contact your child's teacher.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Zoo Field Trip

The Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes will be attending the "Dino Styles" program at the Calgary Zoo on Wednesday, June 3. This educational program will explore topics such as dinosaur adaptations, fossilization, parental care, and food chains through classroom activities and guided zoo tours. Please make sure your child brings: a packed lunch, a water bottle, a hat, sunscreen, and comfortable running shoes. We are looking for parent volunteers to join us on the trip. If you are available to help, please contact your child's teacher.

Grade 1 Field Trips

Our Grade 1 students had a wonderful visit to the Environmental Education Centre, where they learned about local fish and wildlife. Through hands-on activities, they explored local animals and examined furs and antlers, a fun and engaging experience that brought classroom learning to life.

Next Wednesday, students will visit the Okotoks Eco Centre to learn how efficient waste disposal supports our community. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch, water bottle, and comfortable walking shoes.





Grade 6 Spanish

Our Grade 6 señoritas have been exploring Spanish in a fun and meaningful way through a cooking unit. They have been learning how to describe recipes, identify ingredients, and use key cooking verbs such as *mezclar* and *comer*. The unit began with a hands-on lesson making arepas, a traditional Colombian dish, from scratch, followed by students bringing delicious homemade food to share. They truly enjoyed the experience while overcoming their fear of speaking the language.



Kindergarten Poem

Fuzzy Little Caterpillar (optionally sung to the tune of 'Itsy Bitsy Spider')

Author Unknown

Fuzzy little caterpillar
curled up on a leaf.
Spun her little chrysalis,
and fell fast asleep.
While she was sleeping,
she dreamed that she could fly.
And later when she woke up,
she was a butterfly.

Grade 1 Poem

The Rainbow

Author Unknown

One spring day, the big round sun
Winked at a cloud just for fun.
The dark gray cloud
Thundered and cried
Scattering raindrops on all outside.
But when the sun peeked
out from a sunset low,
Together they both made a bright rainbow.

Grade 2 Poem

Sunflakes

By Frank Asch

If sunlight fell like snowflakes,
gleaming yellow and so bright,
we could build a sunman,
we could have a sunball fight,
we could watch the sunflakes
drifting in the sky.
We could go sleighing
in the middle of July
through sundrifts and sunbanks,
we could ride a sunmobile,
and we could touch sunflakes –
I wonder how they'd feel.

Grade 3 Poem

Daisy Time

By Marjorie Pickthall

See, the grass is full of stars,
Fallen in their brightness;
Hearts they have of shining gold,
Rays of shining whiteness.

Buttercups have honeyed hearts,
Bees they love the clover,
But I love the daisies' dance
All the meadow over.

Blow, O blow, you happy winds,
Singing summer's praises,
Up the field and down the field
A-dancing with the daisies.

Grade 4 Poem

Let No One Steal Your Dreams

By Paul Cookson

Let no one steal your dreams
Let no one tear apart
The burning of ambition
That fires the drive inside your heart.

Let no one steal your dreams
Let no one tell you that you can't
Let no one hold you back
Let no one tell you that you won't.

Set your sights and keep them fixed
Set your sights on high
Let no one steal your dreams
Your only limit is the sky.

Let no one steal your dreams
Follow your heart
Follow your soul
For only when you follow them
Will you feel truly whole.

Set your sights and keep them fixed
Set your sights on high
Let no one steal your dreams
Your only limit is the sky.



Grade 5 Poem

A Child of Spring

By Ellen Robena Field

I know a little maiden,
She is very fair and sweet,
As she trips among the grasses
That kiss her dainty feet;
Her arms are full of flowers,
The snow-drops, pure and white,
Timid blue-eyed violets,
And daffodillies bright.

She loves dear Mother Nature,
And wanders by her side;
She beckons to the birdlings
That flock from far and wide.
She wakes the baby brooklets,
Soft breezes hear her call;
She tells the little children
The sweetest tales of all.

Her brow is sometimes clouded,
And she sighs with gentle grace,
Till the sunbeams, daring lovers,
Kiss the teardrops from her face.
Well, we know this dainty maiden,
For April is her name;
And we welcome her with gladness,
As the springtime comes again.

Grades 6 & 7 Poem

A Bird, came down the Walk

By Emily Dickinson

A Bird, came down the Walk -
He did not know I saw -
He bit an Angle Worm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw,

And then, he drank a Dew
From a convenient Grass -
And then hopped sidewise to the Wall
To let a Beetle pass -

He glanced with rapid eyes,
That hurried all abroad -
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,
He stirred his Velvet Head. -

Like one in danger, Cautious,
I offered him a Crumb,
And he unrolled his feathers,
And rowed him softer Home -

Than Oars divide the Ocean,
Too silver for a seam,
Or Butterflies, off Banks of Noon,
Leap, plashless as they swim.

Grade 8 Poem

Summer Sun

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.

Grade 9 Poem

A House Called Tomorrow (Excerpt)

By Alberto Ríos

You are not fifteen, or twelve, or seventeen—
You are a hundred wild centuries

And fifteen, bringing with you
In every breath and in every step

Everyone who has come before you,
All the yous that you have been,

The mothers of your mother,
The fathers of your father.

If someone in your family tree was trouble,
A hundred were not:

The bad do not win—not finally,
No matter how loud they are.

We simply would not be here
If that were so.

You are made, fundamentally, from the good.
With this knowledge, you never march alone.