



Hanley School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER
2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

From the Office:

Thanksgiving Holiday	Oct. 12
Tri-Conferences 5:00-7:30 3:30-6:00	Oct. 20 21
PD Day No School	Oct. 26
No School	Nov. 2
Report Cards Gr. 1-12	Nov. 19

Welcome back to Hanley Composite School for another awesome school year! We're making some adjustments to our day and our classrooms that all the families are aware of this year as we change our practices in light of the COVID pandemic. Thank you to everyone who has sent those great words of support and encouragement to our staff and the office here – those messages do help us all through a tough year of so many adjustments. We have some new families in the area and some new students in our school this fall and I want to take this moment to welcome you all.

I'm also happy to announce some additions to our staff this year. We welcome Mr. Chad Freeden to the IA shop and part time in the grade 7 homeroom, and Mrs. Jensen Carpenter to our school as our SERT! I look forward to your many contributions to our school this year and in the years to come.

One of our biggest changes this year is a move to home-room classrooms in the junior high and high school that is helping us limit the cohort sizes for many classrooms

and also limit the number of staff and rooms that those students are contacting. While those changes are new, I'm pleased to say that the transitions have been pretty smooth and students and staff all seem to be adjusting well. The Quad system we adopted for the high school students aims at helping them get a few important credits completed early this fall, and also aims at helping some grade 12s finish early this year if they choose.

There are some items I normally give you a heads up about in this first newsletter that I'm sorry to say have to be missing this year, like the Meet the Staff bbq and the Flu Clinic. Our hopes, like yours, are that these items will be in our routine and in our school next fall.

The fall Tri-Conferences are still scheduled in October on the 20th from 5:00-7:30pm and on October 21st from 3:30-6pm. They will need to be done through a video conference or a phone call and we hope to schedule them the same as other years, through Mrs. Block at the

office. Please continue to be on time for your interview appointment and honour the end time in order for the next Tri-Conference to start on time as well.

I'm also in the habit of giving you updates in the newsletter for the current athletics and other extra-curricular items taking place. While these events and teams are all on hold at this time, we are all looking forward to one day soon when we'll be able to get those school favourites started again.

That's all from me for this month. Monthly newsletters will follow like other years before. For further information and updates from the students and classrooms, check out our school website at <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/hanley/>. As always, Mr. Anderson and I would love to talk to you if you have time to drop by the office or give us a call – bring a mask. Take care and I'll talk to you soon.



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with nut allergies.
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bring nuts or nut
products to school. Make sure to
check packaging.*



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Kindergarten

We've had a great slow start to the school year. I was able to have individualized meetings with each K kid and their families which were so valuable. I got to know the kids, they got to tour their class-

room, and they got to see the schoolyard.

We've had 3 groups for a staggered start and the whole group will start this week. They're excited to be at school and we're excited to

have them!

We'll be spending lots of time outside to enjoy the nice weather as long as we can.

Ms. Martineau

Grades 1 & 2

September Newsletter!

We have "Sailed into Grade 1 and 2"! The first few days were full of learning lots of Covid procedures, classroom rules, great stories, lots of outdoor activities, creative art projects and getting to know each other. The thing that I am most excited about this year is our new approach to reading! We have two new reading programs we are going to implement! One is a new reading program called Reading Horizons. This program uses research-based strategies to help students understand the rules and patterns of the English language—leading to high accuracy in reading, spelling, and pronunciation. We are also doing a program called "The Hegger Curriculum". It is explicit and systematic instruction in phonemic awareness. We will

spend about 10-15 minutes a day with "word play". The lessons include all 8 phonological and phonemic awareness skills beginning with compound words and working our way to the phoneme level. Teaching these skills each day will allow our children the repetition and practice they need to hear, blend, segment and manipulate sounds in words. I am super, super excited about this as I think these two programs are going to help our students on their way to having outstanding reading skills!

For math, the Grade 2 class gets to venture off to Mrs. Romanchuk's room each day and the Grade 1's get Mrs. M. all to themselves. We are starting the year off with Number Talks (a great way to develop number sense) and sorting. The rest of September we will work on pat-

terns and the concept of numbers. They will count, pair numbers with their corresponding quantities and numerals, put numbers in order and compare quantities (more, less, few, as many as) up to ten.

The other things we will be working on this month are handwriting, germs, sense of self, and self regulation in Health, daily and seasonal changes in Science, basic motor skills such as cutting, gluing, drawing, colouring and painting in Art, as well as starting a scrapbook of our year!

The students and I are so excited to be in the classroom again! When the masks are off...the smiles are huge! It's such a good feeling!

~Mrs. Menshenfriend



Grades 2 & 3

Happy Fall! These first few weeks of school have been awesome in the grade two-three classroom! Everyone has done such a great job settling into our new classroom routines and following the new Covid procedures! Great job, kiddos! For ELA, we have been learning how to choose just right books and how to read and write independently. We have also started a Robert Munsch author study, which will take us well into October! I have been doing reading, writing and spelling assessments as well to better plan for our class. For math, the grade twos and I have been learning about patterns, while the grade

threes have also been learning about patterns, but with Mr. Freeden. We have also had an opportunity to learn about our new classmates and peers by making a Guess

Who...All About Me booklet for social studies and health. We will soon also begin a science unit learning about and classifying animals!



Grade 4 & 5

Welcome back everyone!

Although this school year looks a lot different than most, the grade 4/5 class has had a great start! We have been working hard to remember our new classroom routines and procedures, and are all getting used to wearing our masks for most of the day. So far in class we have been discussing why reader's read and why writer's write and have been brainstorming writing ideas as well as choosing books that are just right! In math we have been playing morning routine games such as Estimysteries and Guess That Number and working through some number sense

review from last year. Our first unit in Science is Habitats and Communities and so far students have learned what organisms need to survive and what a habitat, population, and community are. In Health we have been discussing and practicing ways to regulate our emotions. Our PE class has and will be outdoors for as long as the weather permits. Students have had fun participating in a variety of social distancing activities such as team building, obstacle courses, hop scotches, and volleyball with Mrs. Koroll. It has been great getting to know these stu-

dents so far and I look forward to the rest of the school year with this great group!

Mrs. McCubbing & The
Grade 4/5's

Grade 5 & 6

I can't believe we are all back in the swing of things. It is a new year, with new rules that we are all adjusting to. We have begun units in all classes. In Language Arts, we are working on grammar, spelling, proper paragraph structure and style, as well as, reading a novel together. I am reading Pay it Forward to the class and we are discussing and getting into the meaning of the novel. In Math, we have started with a unit all about number sense. We will keep moving for-

ward when we can and take a little extra time to further develop skills if any were missed due to Covid in the spring. In Science, we are focusing on the Diversity of Living Things. The students have learned how a tree classification system works and how to make their own. In Health, the students have begun work around media and understanding skills we all have. We will start the Social Studies unit once we have

completed the Science unit.

Thank you for helping the students be prepared for school every day with masks, sanitizer, water bottles, and wearing appropriate clothing to be able to be outside more often.

I am looking forward to a fun and full year of school.

Ms. Bishop Moisan

Grades 7.1

I can't believe we are already nearing the end of September! Where does time go? We started the year with a "soft start" and have progressed to full-time days. The students have been doing very well! The new routines and scheduling are challenging for everyone, but I sure am lucky to be working with a great bunch of troopers like these kids! We have started our Science Fiction unit in ELA. In math, we are trying to strengthen our foundational skills. Please try to help your child master his/her times-tables; they are an essential "tool" for

the kids. We are starting Social Studies by working through some mapping skills. Finally, we have begun to explore Ecosystems in Science.

This year, we have implemented a digital classroom for students who need to be away for a couple of days. Your child is aware of how to log in to our Google Classrooms. I will post the daily assignments or materials necessary on each site. If you have any questions, please send me a note (nicole.bain@spiritsd.ca) or

give me a call at school (306-544-2511). This has been a year like no other. Thank you for your support. Your children have been a pleasure to work with!

I would like to remind parents that we will be doing Tri-Conferences by phone this year. Please call Carey at the office to book a time when we can discuss your child's progress. Tri Conferences are on October 20 and October 21. Take care and try to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been getting!

FUN FACT

**Regina is the geographical centre
of North America.**



Grade 7.2

We have had an excellent start to the school year! Our students have done a great job of following the new guidelines and should be commended for their consistent efforts! Keep up the great work Grade 7!

Our ELA class has started the year with a few writing assessments just to see where everyone is at. We will soon be jumping into our first unit where we will study what it means to give your personal best and study those people who we believe are good exemplars of giving their best. In Science we are learning about different types of ecosystems, and how each organism interacts with one another. Our Social Studies

class has started to learn about the concept of globalization and we are looking back at events throughout human history that have influenced the process of globalization. Currently, we are learning about the agricultural revolution and the development of trade among early civilizations. Our Math class has been steadily moving along. We are finished learning about the division rules from numbers 2-10 and are now moving on to Integers. In PAA, we have started working on our drafting unit. Students are just finishing up their first lettering assignment before we progress into our

first orthographic drawings. In conjunction with their Art class, the students have started a reoccurring "Genius Hour" where they will do self-guided research and create a project on a topic that interests them. It is awesome to see the passion and enthusiasm the students have for their projects and we are excited to see the products they are creating!

We hope everyone had a great month of September and we look forward to the remainder of the year!

Grade 8.1

In Math, the students are working on their review unit about "Integers".

In ELA 8, the class has begun looking at the theme of "Survival" using many stylistic writing elements. In Science 8, the unit of study is "Water and the Water Cycle". In Career Education, we are working on

personal growth skills, which includes both Hard and Soft skills necessary for employment.

In PE we have started to play games and activities that align with our Covid-19 restrictions. The Social Studies class is learning about early Canadian History, pre-confederation. In

PAA, the students are learning about the History of Computers and the inner workings of a computer itself. We will progress into an Information Processing unit soon. Lastly, in IA they have started Drafting their Numbers and Letters practice for Orthographic drafting.

Grade 8.2

Greetings from the Grade 8.2 class! 2020 has been an interesting year and the beginning of the school year has been no exception. The grade 8's have been reviewing basic math concepts – focusing on order of operations and fractions. They have also reviewed the elements and principles of art and created their own op art. In Phys Ed. the students are working on their athletic skills. In

ELA, the grade 8's are learning about the Holocaust and are focusing on a survival unit. They have also learned about the power of imagery in writing. In Science, they are learning about cells, tissues and organs and are also creating a plant or animal cell diagram. In Social Studies, the grade 8's are learning about the Canadian identity and how their personal worldview has been

formed. In Home Ec., the students are learning about the sewing machine and how to use it and in Industrial Arts they are working on isometrics and drafting.

The grade 8's are having a fantastic start to the 2020-2021 school year and we hope you are too!

Grade 9

The Grade 9's have been busy throughout September. They returned to school ready and willing to learn and work hard. In ELA, they have been working to analyze and write their own slam poetry. Social has them looking into Ancient Mesopotamia and Science is focused around reproduction and genetics. Careers is just getting

started and has the students analyzing their own positive attributes and ambitions. For PAA, the students have all picked their own topics including things like: robotics, sewing, interior design, drafting and more. Rational numbers are the focus in Math class. It's been great to be back at school and we are all

looking forward to what the rest of the school year has to offer!

Grade 10

Well, the Grade Tens have been adjusting well to the Quad system this term. In Science, they have been studying Chemistry. In Mathematics, they have been working on unit conversions between Metric and Imperial, as

well as finding the volumes and surface areas of a number of different solids. In ELA, they have been examining heroes and courage. Enjoy the fall!



Grade 11

It has been an interesting start to the year but we are getting used to the new routine of the quad system, wearing masks and social distancing. In Health Science 20- We wrote our first exam on health philosophies and ethics. We are now

looking at infectious diseases that are caused by viruses and bacteria.

In ELA 20- We are writing reflective narratives.

In Foundations 20- We are doing trigonometry and look-

ing at the sine and cosine laws.

Grades 12

Welcome back, grade 12s! The students are busy in their classes already. In Foundations 30, the students just finished a unit on economics. They will begin a

new unit this week. In Biology 30, the students are learning about RNA and DNA. In ELA 30, the students finished studying landscape poetry.

They will begin short stories and an author style study this week.
