



Hanley School Newsletter

**NOVEMBER
2021**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Break	Dec 20- Jan 3
Classes Resume	Jan 4
Quad 2 Exams	Jan 27 & 28
PD Day No School	Jan 31
Quad 3 Begins	Feb 1

From the Office:

It seems like at least once each winter I find myself writing our newsletter message while we have a winter storm rolling outside. If you've had students in our school before this year, you know the next part of my message is going to remind families that adequate footwear and jackets and mitts and head coverings are important not only for recess time outside, but also includes for bus students in case of a bus breakdown on route.

Thank you for your emails of support and well wishes as we all move ahead this year. Staff continue to do an amazing job adjusting to this year's restrictions and I know a lot of that is also due to the way our students take in stride the adjustments they have to make as well. We'll continue to find ways to be creative in our planning for annual Hanley School events. We moved ahead with a Remembrance Program this year, and the grade 11 students did a wonderful job planning it for a separate elementary group in the gym followed by a second program of grades 7-12 students, separating the grade 7-8 students on the balcony and the grade 9-12 on the gym floor. Great job, Grade 11 and your teachers Mr. Hutchinson and his intern teacher Mr. Imes!

We were so happy around here this fall to plan and cheer on our extra-curricular programs as well! The SRC and School clubs as well as Cross-Country, junior and senior Volleyball and Football teams moved ahead this fall and the good feelings brought to our school this fall are making a big difference for the positive for

everyone. We all hope that continues and we can plan for more of the same as the year moves ahead.

With the current weather happening I'll add here some details of the PSSD policy of bus-sing in cold weather – a combined temperature and wind chill that drops to minus 40 degrees at 6am will cancel buses for the morning run. That announcement can be made at <https://www.spiritsd.ca/buses/>. In previous years that would cancel the trips for the day – the new practice will be that if the temperature improves then the bus will run in the afternoon. Classes will never be cancelled on those days – the school is required to remain open for those students who do make it to school, including those whose parents drive them in. Class work will continue and students can look for online work posted by their teachers to keep up on those days.

I'll offer the Cold Cats program for students again this year for students in grades K-7. Again, remember that this is an option on the indoor recess days for students who still want to go outside for some fresh air and outdoor play. I'll be supervising them on those days on the playground. They can go back in when they get cold or once they've had enough, but it's sure a great option for many of them to get some fresh air and exercise, even though its very cold.

Please ensure those students are prepared with warm clothing and accessories so they can enjoy the recess – head and face coverings are a must. Call or email the school to sign up your Cold Cat student to be on our list. We even have long sleeve Cold Cats shirts for sale for \$10!

The annual Christmas lunch and the Family Fun night will still need to be cancelled this year while the restrictions about large gatherings are still in place. That said I know that the staff will work on a few in-school ideas that will be done instead in December.

The Quad One classes are now completed for High School students and the first evaluation part of the year as well. We are not sending home paper copies of report cards again this year and I'll direct you to the PowerSchool Parent app that will give you access to all the details of those marks and comments on the progress your children are making this year. Teachers are always reachable by email or phone calls at the school if you have questions or concerns on the details of the student progress reports.

That's all for now. For further information and updates from the students and classrooms, check out our school website at <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/hanley/>. As always, Mr. Hindmarsh and I would love to talk to you if you have time to send us a message or give us a call. We'll talk to you soon.



*Hanley School has several students
with nut allergies.*

*Just a reminder we are a
NUT ALERT school.*

*Please make sure your child does not
bring nuts or nut
products to school. Make sure to
check packaging.*



Grades Kindergarten & 1

We are having so much fun learning in K/1!

The K/1s have been very interested in the animals that might live in/travel through our trees. We're currently learning about Rabbits/Hares. Did you know that they can hear up to 3km away? Hares can leap distances of 3m!

We've been working on numbers 0-10. Counting. Writing. Showing. Making. We are mathematicians!

The Grade 1s have been working hard on learning to read and are very excited when they see sight words in the books that they look at.

The K/1s got to attend their first Hanley School Remembrance Day service and they were very respectful audience members. Thanks to Hunter and Kaden for being our wreath bearers and thank you to the Grade 11 class for organizing such a wonderful service.

We are selling Purdy's chocolates as a fundraiser for our outdoor education program. We appreciate any support. The link is:

[https://
fundraising.purdys.com
/812335-89788](https://fundraising.purdys.com/812335-89788)

Grades 2/3

Wow! We have had a lot of fun this month.

During the last week in October, we celebrated the wonderful friendship we have with our classmate, Liam, and we participated in some events for Down Syndrome Awareness Month. We loved wearing bright, mismatched, socks to raise awareness. The idea was created because chromosomes are shaped "like socks" and people with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome. We spoiled Liam that day!



Grades 2/3 (continued)

We also had a wonderful time on Halloween! We participated in a costume parade, a fun carnival put on by the SRC, and of course we had a dance party!

We had a few wonderful surprises in our trees this month! One family made us a bunch of stumps to put around our "campfire" another family created! We were also surprised with some lovely art of pumpkins and ghosts hanging from the trees one day. The kids continue to love building, creating, imagining, pretending, and learning in our trees! Please help your child get ready for spending some time out there this winter by picking out some warm winter clothing!

Academically this month, we have been learning all about long vowels, special vowel

combinations, blends, and digraphs in Reading. We have started working on fairy tale dramas which goes with our reading and art curriculum. In Writing, we are working on writing fairy tales. In Math, we are currently in our Number Sense to 20 Unit, and we are spending lots of time on place value, addition, and subtraction. In Science, we learned about plant diversity. We did some leaf rubbings, and then observed the leaves and classified them. It was fun to discover what kinds of trees we have out behind the school. In Health, we started our Healthy Snacking Unit. In Social, we learned about Remembrance Day. In Art, we learned about the concept of value with paint when we

created a haunted house picture. We also made a collage to recognize Remembrance Day.

Looking forward to what this next month brings!

Grade 3/4

The Grade 3/4 class has an action-packed month ahead!

ELA- We have been working on knowing the difference between complete, run-on and fragment sentences. This month we will start writing our first multi-paragraph assignment. Mr. Freeden is working on reading non-fiction texts, summarizing text, and research skills. This will lead nicely into our Genius Hour, which we will begin this month.

Math- The Gr. 4s are in the midst of their Numbers to 10 000 unit. They will be adding and subtracting 4-digit num-

bers and working through multi-step word problems. The Grade 3s are working on place value, ordering numbers from least to greatest, and skip counting.

Science- We are finished our Rocks & Minerals unit. Up next, students will be planting their indoor vegetable garden as we learn about plants and soils.

Social Studies- Our agriculture unit is almost complete. Students having been learning about Remembrance Day.

Health- Students have been learning about cyber safety and will conclude the personal safety unit by learning about bike and water safety.

Art- Students are learning watercolour paint techniques (line, colour mixing, and effects). Students will create their own piece of unique art using these techniques. Grade 4s will draw inspiration from Saskatchewan and Grade 3s will look to the environment for ideas.

Grade 5 & 6

The grade 5/6 class has been busy learning more about the human body systems in Science. In Health, the class has been looking at a variety of illnesses and diseases and how they affect the body. In Math, both grades are working with whole numbers. In Art, students

have been putting together a collage all about Canada. The class has been enjoying learning more about tales, myths, and legends. They have started to learn more about Greek gods and goddesses. Mr. Wilvers, the teacher candidate who has been in

our classroom, will be finishing up his teaching at the beginning of December. His last day in our classroom will be December 10th.

Grade 7

In the Grade 7.1 classroom, things continue to be busy! In ELA, we will be wrapping up our novel study (The Unteachables) shortly and students are finishing their independent book reports. In math, we have begun to explore number theory before we head into our fractions section. In social studies, the class is currently working on research projects on Pacific Rim countries. Finally, in science, the class is wrapping up their unit on Ecosystems.

Report cards are ready this week. This is a reminder that report cards can be viewed through PowerSchool. We do not print out copies any-

more. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact me at the school.

(Nicole.Bain@spiritsd.ca or 544-2511). Best wishes as always!



FUN FACT:

The tallest known snowman was higher than a 12-story building.

Grade 8.1

We have been very busy in the grade 8.1 class this month. In ELA, the Grade 8 classes have begun their new unit called, "And Justice For All". They will be exploring many social justice issues. Additionally, the ideas of utopia and dystopia will be discussed. We will wrap up the unit with a novel study of *The Giver*. If all goes well, we should wrap up the unit just before Christmas! In PE the Grade 8's are finishing up their fitness testing for term one. We will soon progress into some cardio activities using our basketball unit, along with specific skill development and fitness circuits. In Science 8, we are currently in our Light, Optics and Vision Unit. We are

investigating plane and curved mirrors and lenses. We will be starting work on our light mazes this week where we will continue to look at the Laws of Reflection. In Math, we are finishing our outcome on multiplying and dividing integers. Students will have a written assessment for this on November 17th. Our next outcome we will be exploring multiplying and dividing fractions. This will begin on November 19. In Art, the grade 8's have been learning about the significant impact that art has had over the ages. They have studied pictographs from cave people, hieroglyphs from Egypt and are currently focusing on ancient pottery from

Greece. In Home Ec., they are starting to wrap up the foods portion of the class, some have even completed their taco and Shirley Temple lab, and will begin the sewing portion of their class shortly. In Industrial Arts, they are learning to read a project plan, and square a board to build a folding table. We hope everyone has a great month before Christmas.

Grade 8.2

In ELA, the Grade 8.2 class has begun their new unit called, "And Justice For All". They will be exploring many social justice issues. Additionally, the ideas of utopia and dystopia will be discussed. They will wrap up the unit with a novel study of *The Giver*. If all goes well, they should wrap up the unit just before Christmas! In PE the Grade 8's are finishing up their fitness testing for quarter one. They will soon progress into some cardio activities using a basketball unit, along with specific skill development and fitness circuits. In Math, they

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Grade 9

The Grade 9s have just finished off a great first quarter and have an exciting quarter ahead of them. The classes that they have this quarter are: Science, Physical Education, Math, ELA, and PAA/Art/IA. With Ms. Prakash in Science the 9s have been working on an Electricity unit and will soon be heading into a Reproduction unit. Mr. Block and Mr. Hursh will be

kicking off Physical Education this week and the class will be participating in a wide variety of activities that will promote physical wellbeing and an active lifestyle. Mr. Herman has been working with the 9s on skills based on integers and types of numbers. ELA will be continuing with Mr. Hursh and Mr. Block as the 9s work on

their large Fiction and story-telling unit. Mrs. Schraeder has the 9s for PAA/Art where they will soon be moving from cooking to sewing skills. In IA, Mr. Freeden has been teaching the students about welding and small engines. Looking forward to another great quarter with an energetic group of 9s!

Grade 10

Well, Quarter One has just wrapped up and Quarter Two is underway! The Grade Tens have said "Farewell!" to ELA and Workplace Math and are welcoming Home Ec or IA and Foundations Math. In Design,

they have just wrapped up their cereal box project and are beginning a study on a topic of personal interest. Have a great week, everybody!

Grade 11

We have finished quarter 1 and have wrote final exams in ELA 20 and Workplace 20.

In Quarter 2, the grade 11's will be in the following classes:

History 20- Mr. Hutchinson

Phys.Ed 20- continuing with Mr. Block

Health Science 20- Ms. Prakash

Grades 12

Two of the grade 12 classes have switched as we begin the second quarter. The grade 12s are now taking Foundations and Workplace math with Mr. Herman. The ELA 30A class contin-

ues with their novel study of Three Day Road with Mr. lmes. In the afternoon, the grade 12s are learning Canadian history with Mr. Hutchinson. Their first topic

is the clashing of paradigms in early Canadian history.
