



# Hanley School Newsletter

**OCTOBER  
2022**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Tri-conferences</b>	<b>Oct 18 &amp; 19</b>
<b>No School</b>	<b>Oct 24</b>
<b>PD Day No School</b>	<b>Nov 9</b>
<b>No School</b>	<b>Nov 10</b>
<b>Remembrance Day Holiday</b>	<b>Nov 11</b>

## From the Office:

I hope you and your family are feeling like we are here at school this fall – that it's wonderful on many sides to be able to get back into our annual fall school routines and leave as much of that other stuff in our rear-view mirrors. The weather has really felt like fall is here and the trees are losing their leaves more and more each day.

Our Cross Country runners had a great showing at Districts and two runners qualifying for provincials this past weekend. Congratulations to Delaney M who was in the top ten!

The senior girls volleyball team hosted a tournament this past weekend at our school and our coaches, Kianna Dietz and Chery Randall, hosted a wonderful day along with the team and their parents. The girls were in the final game but lost in the third set. Great performance, Senior Girls!

Our Football team has had a strong season this fall and they have their first playoff game this Saturday at 1pm. Staff coaches Carter Block, Brandon Hutchinson, Linden Freeden and Chad Freeden, along with our senior intern Jacob Schilling have been working hard to help the team develop into a force to be reckoned with on the field. Best of luck this weekend!

The junior boys and girls volleyball teams are also moving ahead this fall with myself coaching the boys and our vice

principal Josh Hindmarsh coaching the girls, with help from our intern, Kaleb Schulz.

We've been making families aware of needing some support this year on some other teams upcoming this winter.

**If we have some community members who are available to coach Junior Boys Basketball and Senior Boys Basketball, please contact our athletic director, Carter Block, for more details about how to get involved.**

The fall Tri-Conferences are this week with interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Tuesday the SCC planned a free burger supper for those in attendance and it will run from 5-6:30pm.

**Contact Mrs. Block at the office if you still want to get an interview scheduled.** Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

We are going to plan our fall trip to Saskatoon for the grade 11 and 12 to take them to the **See Your Future career fair** on November 7. Students will get a chance to interact with booths from about a hundred different schools and career booths in the morning and we'll have them back at the school for afternoon classes.

The School Community Council will be making calls about the Community Calendar this month and ask for

your interest in purchasing another one this year and as well to add any new information on it. If they miss you because you're not on their list, give us a call in November and we can handle it at the office. We have a wonderful group of SCC members again this year led by our chairperson, Leah Weisbrod. Thank you all council members for supporting our school and school goals.

Mrs. Block and I were just talking about our new student information system called **Edsby** and I need to encourage any of you who haven't signed in for it to do so as soon as you can – it will be the system our division and our school uses to track attendance, as well as deliver evaluation and a lot of communication as well. The app is quite simple to use when you check it out and we've heard from many already how much they do like it.

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.

## Time to Shop!

*Dear families,*

It's here! Our school's **Scholastic Book Fair** has begun! Students will be scheduled time to browse and shop at our school from **October 17-21, 2022**.

*And don't forget! Even if you can't join us in the school, you can experience the joy of our Book Fair online by visiting our **Virtual Book Fair Extension** on the same dates!*

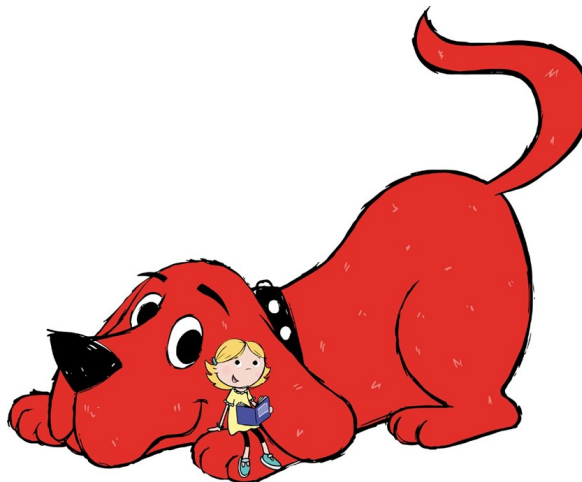
**<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5174996>**

*Share this link with Grandparents, too! Extended family can participate in the*  
**Virtual Book Fair Extension** from the comfort of home.

*Remember, all purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.*

*Thank you for participating in our*  
**Scholastic Book Fair!**

*Happy Reading!*



## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

**<https://www.spiritsd.ca/files/docs/2022-2023-School-Year-Calendar.pdf>**

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*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.*



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**FUN FACT:**

Cats are not able to taste  
anything that is sweet.



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## Grade Kindergarten

We have been enjoying the beautiful fall weather by getting to our forest every afternoon. In our forest we: build, climb, explore, problem-solve, have fun! We have also been enjoying science out in the forest by investigating animal habitats (northern flickers, ladybugs, ants, etc), learning about our own connection to animals, and learning how to be good stewards of the land by practicing the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).

In math we've been learning about patterns. We've learned that a pattern needs to have a base that repeats at least 3x and that there are many different types of patterns. We really enjoyed using bingo dabbers to make our own patterns and we like to practice extending and labelling patterns.

In Story Workshop we've been building all kinds of stories and then Ms. Martineau or Mr. Quijada scribe our

ideas onto paper for us. We like creating stories about our families and animals the most!

We love going to the gym for PE with Mr. Hindmarsh--we always come back sweaty and thirsty after learning lots of fun new games and skills.

We have been working on being kind to our classmates and school peers and we have been loving our time at school together!

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## Grades 1/2

Happy Fall! We have been enjoying the great outdoors and all the beauty of leaves!

In both reading groups, we have been doing lots of phonemic awareness activities. We have been working on rhyming, hearing sounds at the beginning and ending of words, putting words together to make compound words, taking words apart, and for the beginning readers, we've been working on letter names and sounds a lot! If you have a beginning reader, please ask your child to show you and tell you what a slide is and how to turn that slide into a word. The kids are beginning to become experts with the Reading Horizons Program. The grade 2's are also doing slides and are working on blends in Reading Horizons. Mr. Freeden has been reading aloud *Stuart Little* to them too!

In Math, the grade ones continue to learn about numbers to 20. We have been talking about place value and the "houses" each digit belongs in. For exam-

ple, the number 12 has a 1 in the tens house and a 2 in the ones house. This is an important concept to learn before moving on to addition and subtraction.

In Grade 2 Math we have been working on number sense, "friendly tens", addition to ten, finding the missing addend, and reviewing counting by 2's, 5's, 10's as well as using counting on as a strategy. We have just started our subtraction to ten unit, which will last two weeks and then we will move onto addition and subtraction to 20.

We have started Writing Workshop. We worked on drawing pictures to communicate an idea, incorporating multiple colours into a picture, adding details to pictures, dictating sentences to an adult about a picture, labeling pictures and how to use invented spelling to write the sounds in words. The grade 2's have been required to do more

writing than the grade 1's.

We've also started our Daily and Seasonal Changes Unit which focuses on changes as they occur daily, weekly, monthly and throughout the seasons. The unit emphasizes several key concepts such as sequencing events, identifying the days of the weeks and identifying the characteristics of seasonal changes.

In Social Studies we have continued our family unit and have been talking about diversity in family traditions, celebrations, and stories. This has also gone well with our health unit in feelings. We are currently working on self-regulation as well as growth mindset.

Fridays are always a great day in our class. Besides having the option of pizza lunch, we have Friendship Friday (where we get to read with a friend during all school reading), we have Fun Friday at the end of the day (where we get to explore and learn to play with others

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in free choice time), and of course, we have our favorite subject, which is art! The students have designed a unique Elmer the Elephant (when we learned about how we are all different and unique!), created themselves as a “Smart Cookie”, drew and painted a

fall farmer’s field and turned themselves into scarecrows. It’s been a fabulous month so far and it will only get better as we will soon get to celebrate the joy of Halloween!



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## Grade 3/4

Happy post thanksgiving to everyone! There is so much to be thankful for in our classroom! In math, the Grade 4s are continuing to work with Mrs. Schrader on their pattern’s unit, with Mr. Quijada also providing some very engaging lessons and activities. The Grade 3s have started on their numbers to 1000 unit and continue to discover and investigate ways to display these skills in various assignments and games. The three literacy groups are in full swing as the students are getting established in their teams and working with various skills like comprehension, word detectives, phonological awareness and creating words. In our writers’ workshop we are working towards increasing our skills in penman-

ship, spelling, free writing and writing structure. Our science unit is slowly coming to a close as we continue to observe our plants growth and record their progress in our seed journals. However, this means our social studies unit has kicked into full gear as we are working through our first nations content beginning with discussions and activities around the medicine wheel and treaty territory. We are also extremely excited for our field trip to Wanuskewin where we will be able to participate in various presentations and tours that ties in well with our social studies unit. Outdoor learning has been a big hit with the students as the weather has cooperated im-

mensely with our lessons and activities. Students have created their nature journals to write in during their outside learning as well as creating, searching, and exploring nature and what it has to offer. Our Harry Potter read aloud continues to be a hit with the students and the read aloud activities are received with much excitement. This month proves to be a very busy and exciting time in our classroom, and we are looking forward to our Tri-Conferences this week. Don’t forget to sign up for a time slot as we would love to meet you all! We look forward to continuing our growth, relationships, and learning as the year continues.

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## Grade 5/6

The grade 5/6 class just finished sharing some information about their family histories. It has been so interesting to hear about everyone's families. We have one more class to finish up this unit and we will be starting a science

unit. In ELA we will be reading the story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. Students will be learning about some world history throughout this story. In math, the grade 5's and 6's will be preparing for a test in the next

few weeks. Congratulations to everyone in the class for achieving their goals and walking or running their 5km for Step up for Mental Health.

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## Grade 7

The leaves have been changing quickly and Autumn is upon us! The class continues to work well. In math, we are wrapping up our first unit and will be having an exam shortly. In ELA, we have finished our thematic unit on science fiction and are moving into a novel study of *The Girl that Drank the Moon*. This novel study falls into the Fantasy and Fairy-tale theme. In social

studies, the class is studying global organizations (NATO, the United Nations, the Soviet Alliance, etc.). In science, the students are studying biomes, food chains and ecosystems. Tri-conferences are the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. I am currently fully booked, but if you would like to discuss your child's

progress, please email me directly and we can make alternate arrangements. I am excited to meet with you all. Have an amazing week!

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## Grade 8

The Grade 8's have been working hard learning about art from the Canadian Arctic with a focus on Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak. In ELA they are reading *The Outsiders* and are currently creating a visual representation of the poem *Nothing Gold Can Stay* by Robert Frost. In Math, the grade 8's just had a quiz about type two equations. In Science, they are learning about cells,

systems and tissues. The grade 8's just finished presenting their cell models/ diagrams. In Social Studies, they are learning about differing worldviews and Canadian Identity. In Home Ec. the students are working on constructing their pajama pants, in Design Studies they have been building spaghetti bridges, and in Industrial Arts they

are designing their CO2 cars. In Phys Ed. the students are working on their volleyball skills and doing some fitness testing.

Happy Fall!

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## Grade 9

The Grade 9s have been busy with a wide variety of assignments and learning this past month. The staff is looking forward to meeting with the Grade 9s during Tri-conferences.

In Design the 9s have been learning about 3D Design and have been learning their way around a 3D Printer. There has been some really great projects made as the students have the creative freedom to make whatever interests them.

There has been some really great work in Math 9 where the students have been tackling square roots and surface areas

of different objects.

The PE 9 class is always buzzing as the students learn new games and improve their skills in games they already know. This group of 9s is extremely athletic and competitive which makes for some really great classes.

In Science 9 the class has been working away at introductory chemistry.

In Social 9 the class has been learning about ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia and have even had a chance to create their own ziggurats!

In Art 9 the class has recently

started a major photography assignment that has been a ton of fun. The students are very engaged with Art this year and are showing some real creativity.

In ELA 9 the class is about to wrap up the novel study of "A Long Way Gone" and their Book-in-a-Box project. Next up in ELA is a unit based on Mythologies and their Relevance Today.



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## Grade 10

Hello from the Grade Tens! This fall has been a busy one so far for the Tens. They are just finishing their Driver's Ed exam to gain their Learner's permit. In Math they are learning about converting between Metric and Imperial units of measure. In ELA they are reading the *Chrysalids*. They have been

sewing bunnyhugs in Home Ec and building small cabinets, end tables and shelves in IA. They are perfecting the art of Cereal Box design in Design 10. And finally, in Science, they are just starting Chemistry! All this, and they are getting ready for playoffs in Vol-

leyball and Football, too! Take care, everyone!

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## Grade 11

English 20: We are reading To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Health Science 20: We just finished a unit on virus and bacteria pathologies. We will begin our survey of the human body.

Psychology 20: We are looking at motivation, emotions, attitudes and personality

Foundations 20: We are studying standard deviation and statistical modes

Phys. Ed. 20: We are working on independent skills and playing games

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## Grade 12

Greetings from the grade 12 homeroom! Our second month of the school year continues to be as busy as the first. The grade 12 students continue with their action-packed course work in all their classes. The History 30 class is well into their second unit of study. This unit focuses on Canadian government, poli-

tics, and the causes of confederation. The ELA 30 class continues to work through their class novel study of Joseph Boyden's *Three Day Road*. The Chem 30 crew just finished a unit on chemical bonding and material science. They are now starting our equilibrium unit. Work-

place math is focusing on statistical analysis while the Pre-calculus class is graphing polynomials. The projects are coming together in the shop!

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Remember to sign up for our new marks and attendance program Edsby, which has replaced PowerSchool.

Parent invitations were emailed on Sept. 19th.

Edsby allows parents to see their child's academic progress, as well as attendance and school information.