



Hanley School Newsletter

**NOVEMBER
2022**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Last day of Classes	Dec. 22
Christmas Break	Dec 23- Jan 6
Classes Resume	Jan 9
Semester 1 Exams	Jan 26- 30
PD Day No School	Jan 31
Semester 2 Begins	Feb 1

From the Office:

Here we are on (hopefully) the other side of some nasty days of colds and flus that were battering down our student and staff numbers the last couple weeks. Thank you to families who were able to keep their students home when they started to feel symptoms and to those of you who made arrangements to come to the school to pick up your children when they started feeling tough. It appears that we're back to our normal numbers again.

It was a great chance for many families to find some extra time with each other last week with the extended weekend on the school calendar. We have a full five weeks of school ahead for the students with only the Friday off before the Christmas Break. I'm sure most teachers are going to get as much teaching squeezed into those weeks as they can after some slower days that we had to start this month.

A few of our seasons wrapped up in November with Senior Girls' Volleyball, Football, as well as Junior Girls and Boys teams having some great matches and lots of growth and learning in those sports. Thank you to all the coaches and to you parents for arranging driving to so many after school and weekend competitions. We've been highlighting

a need for some volunteers to help coach some basketball teams this season ahead and have mentioned a few times that **Senior Boys and Junior Boys and also Junior Girls could use coaches.** If you have interest in Basketball and can offer your time to work with players, or you know of someone you can encourage to volunteer, please contact our office and let us know.

Our grade 11 and 12 career fair opportunity on November 7th was cancelled due to poor road conditions to travel. If I can find an online opportunity for the students this year I'll set that up for them. We'll make plans to attend next year's again as it is a worthwhile event for our students and many post-secondary schools and career paths have booths our students can stop at and check out.

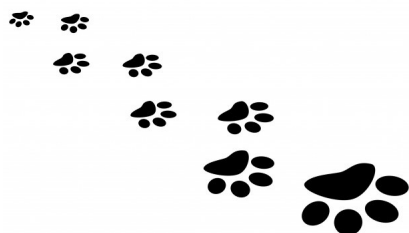
Cold weather has hit us in November and I'm sure by the long range forecasts we're liable to see more of it this winter. Please continue to send good cold weather gear with your students to school for recess times to save them from freezing fingers and ears and also so they have a chance to enjoy the winter weather at the breaks. It's also a good idea

to check what your students being transported by a bus are wearing to school – no one wants to worry about a bus having engine trouble on a route but we can all prepare to have warm clothes in preparation for those times.

The Hanley SCC Community Calendars are being created this month and we'll look forward to selling those calendars again in December. Please contact the school if the SCC members missed you and you want to add more details to your family lists. Also contact the school if you'd like to order a calendar for yourself this year and haven't had one before.

The SRC is arranging our annual Christmas dinner again for students and staff and we'll look forward to having that again before we head out for Christmas Break. Thank you all for your contributions to what has been such a wonderful time to get our whole school together.

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.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

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

*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.*



A huge thank you to Graham Construction for their donation to the Hanley track team's long and triple jump runway project! Also, thank you to BRP Mobile for lending equipment for the preparation work.

We'd also like to recognize the R.M. of Dundurn who have funded the purchase of new track equipment.

Grade Kindergarten

We're getting back on track after a few days of many absent students (and teacher!). It's great to have the kiddos back, healthy, and ready to learn!

In ELA we've been working on letter recognition and letter sounds. So far we've learned: A (A says /a/, /a/ /a/ apple), M (m says /m/, /m/ /m/ humming monkey), S (s says /s/, /s/ /s/, hissing snake), T (t says /t/, /t/ /t/ tick-tock clock). I) We start by looking in our picnic basket to see the mystery items inside (they all start with the letter

we're working on that day). 2) We learn and practice the sound. 3) We start a story being sure to listen for our letter sound for that day (and raise our hands when we hear it!) 4) we work on a letter printing sheet (Where do we start our letter? At the top!).

In math we're starting to work with numbers from 0-10. We're going to be practicing counting, writing the numbers, and recognizing the numbers. We do lots of fun songs and games to practice!

In PE we've been playing lots of fun games with Mr. Hindmarsh as we practice safely being in the gym together, taking turns, being good sports, and trying our best.

We'll be heading to the forest more now that most of us have been coming to school in proper winter gear--I know that it always takes a few days to dig the gear out and find what fits! We still need to switch our supplies from the wagon to the sled—so much snow on the way to our forest!

Grades 1/2

The students did an amazing job reciting In Flander's Fields at the Remembrance Day Ceremony this month. Thanks for working on it at home during the sickness period!

Science came to life for us this month as we hit our Life Science outcomes while learning about bats, owls, and spiders! Bat Day and Owl Day were especially fun and filled with learning about animals needs/wants and life cycles.

In Math, the grade ones have been continuing to focus on numbers to 20. Recently, we began working on creating math stories. We have been learning math vocabulary such as equal, addition (more, greater, bigger), and subtraction (less, fewer, smaller). We have been writing number sentences to match our stories. For example, "I have 12 frogs that are playing near a pond, and 6 more frogs joined them to play." The number sentence for this story is $12 + 6 = 18$. Story problems are our steppingstone before beginning fact fluency. Soon, we will be

working on addition and subtraction to 20. The grade twos have been working on subtraction and fact families.

In Reading, the grade one class has finished learning all the alphabet letters and sounds and are working on blending consonant, vowel, consonant words together. We are moving onto special vowel sounds! The grade 2's have been working on all

the variations of long vowels sounds. They have started working on spelling with Mr. Freeden. Keep an eye out for bi-weekly spelling lists in the Go Home folders. In writing, we continue to work on sounding words out, using capitals and punctuation. We are trying to write more!

Two more highlights this month were the Saskatoon Search and Rescue presentation and of



course we had the best time on Halloween! We are looking forward to what this month brings!



Grade 3/4

Happy November! We are gearing up for an exciting month of events and activities! Mr. Schulz is nearing the end of his full-time teaching as we make our way towards the end of the month. This month we have lots of events, activities, and learning happening! In math, the grade 3s have been working on the topic of numbers to 1000 as well as increasing their number sense through games, activities, and daily number routines. The grade 4s continue to work with Mrs. Schraeder as they work through the concept of measurement. Our reading groups continue as the class is working in various centers to increase comprehension, making words, and phonemic awareness. In our writer's workshop during the beginning of the month, we were working on our descriptive writing by creating wanted posters. Students also completed Remembrance Day

writings before the November break, and we are coming closer to picking up our oral traditions writing section. In social studies the class has completed a full collaborated medicine wheel and continue their research into Metis culture. Science progresses along as we keep observing the ideas of soils, plants, and vermicomposting with the seeds we planted over the past two months. In health, our zones of regulation are still a hot topic as we continue to discover tools, tricks, and information about how to regulate ourselves. In PE we have touched on the topic of basketball and are looking at diving into the activity of dance. Happy November and we look forward to the coming weeks!

Grade 5/6

The grade 5/6 class will be starting new units in math in the Number strand. In ELA, the class is learning about peace, conflict and overcoming through our studies about Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes and WWII. In science the class is investigating living things, their

characteristics, adaptations and microscope skills. The students will get to watch the life cycle of meal worms and explore single-celled and multicellular living things.

Grade 7

I hope this entry finds you all healthy or on the mend from our "symphony of viruses". It is great seeing kids back again. We continue to work through our novel study of The Girl Who Drank the Moon in ELA. We have wrapped up our unit on Patterns and Relations in math. We have just begun an exploration of Number Theory. Once again, I am asking families to help their child master their

basic math skills; in particular, students should know their multiplication facts to 12 x 12. This is an essential tool. In social studies, the class has been presenting their research projects and will be having a unit test this Friday. Finally, in science, students have begun their unit on Mixtures and Solutions.

Thank you to all the families that made a donation to our

Shoebox Project. Christmas dinner forms should have been returned to the school. If you haven't done so, please send them as soon as possible. In closing, should you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please feel free to contact me at the school (Nicole.Bain@spiritsd.ca or 306-544-7714). Stay healthy!

Grade 8

The Grade 8's just finished studying and creating an art piece inspired by the art of Kenojuak Ashevak, one of Canada's most renowned Indigenous artists. In ELA they have finished reading *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton and are working on a unit project related to the novel. In Math they are starting a new unit on the Pythagorean Theorem. In Social they are finishing a unit pro-

ject and will be having a test on treaties, worldviews, and Canadian identity on November 24, 2022. In Science the grade 8's are studying cells, systems and tissues. In Home Ec. the students are working on constructing their pajama pants, in Design they are constructing rubber band cars, and in Industrial Arts they are working on

their CO2 cars. In Phys. Ed. the students are working on their basketball skills. In Health the grade 8's are learning about family structures and gender roles.

Grade 9

For ELA the Grade 9s have recently moved on from their novel study of "A Long Way Gone" and are now beginning a unit on Folklore and Mythology. The students will be having an opportunity to create their own myths and also begin to learn about argumentative essay writing. In Mr. Block's Math class they have been covering surface areas and square roots. In Mr. Herman's class the 9s have been learning about Powers and Exponents. In Social the Grade 9s have been studying ancient Mesopotamia and early civilizations. The students have been building ziggurats and will be writing their unit exam soon. The next unit will involve studies

around Ancient Egypt. In Science the 9s have recently wrapped up a unit on Atoms and Elements and will now be moving on to a unit on Space. In Health we have moved on from mental health conditions and are currently wrapping up a project based on understanding how our thoughts and emotions effect the way we operate in our day-to-day lives. In PE the 9s have recently wrapped up fitness testing and have been spending lots of time with the basics of volleyball. We are looking forward to staying active and learning new activities throughout winter. In Home Ec the 9s have been doing sewing of aprons for

cooking. In IA the 9s have been doing small engines and welding. In Design the 9s have been busy with 3D Design and Printing.

Grade 10

Welcome to winter everyone! The Grade 10 class at Hanley Composite School continues to be busy. In Driver's Ed they are now doing practice drives. They are researching designs and design careers in Design class. In mathematics, they have just finished up temperature and mass conversions and are now starting on angles and parallel lines. In ELA, they have

completed a novel study on the topic of Heroes and have been learning about MLA format for essays. Covalent and Ionic bonds have been the focus in Science. In Home Ec. they have completed their bunnyhugs and are now starting a unit on dairy. And finally, the IA class has been working on their cabinets,

shelves and tables. Have a great November, everyone!

Grade 11

Wow, November is flying by! We hosted a successful Remembrance Day Service in the Gym on November 8th. Thank you to all in attendance.

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

Foundations 20: We are graphing

solutions of linear inequalities.

Health Science 20: We are investigating the different body systems, starting with the skeletal and muscular system.

Psychology 20: We are exploring the socioemotional develop-

ment from early childhood to adolescence.

Phys. Ed 20: We are completing fitness testing.

Grade 12

Greetings from the grade 12s! The grade 12 classes continue to be busy as the stretch to Christmas begins. The History 30 class just concluded a unit on Canadian government and the causes of confederation. In ELA the students just completed their novel study of Three Day Road. The Workplace 30 math class is learning about probability. The Pre-Calculus math

class is learning about radian measures. In Chemistry the solubility and net ionic equations are the areas of study. The projects in the shop are coming together nicely. The grade 12s will have a new homeroom teacher for the next five weeks. Please welcome Ms.

Catherine Stanley to Hanley School.

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.