

New Horizons School Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- FANHS MEETING @ 9:00 a.m. at NHS
- BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 p.m. at NHS

OCTOBER 27- 28

- PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

NOVEMBER 3

- PICTURE RETAKE DAY

NOVEMBER 9-13

- FALL BREAK

A Rubik's Cube Surprise!

NHS Students Get a Sneak Preview of the *Beyond Rubik's Cube* at the Telus World of Science

On November 6, New Horizons students (Gr. 3-9) will be attending the *Beyond Rubik's Cube* exhibit at the Telus World of Science.

NHS students will be at the media event the day before the official opening of the exhibit as part of the exhibit's promotion. Media release forms have been sent home to parents. A huge thanks is extended to the Telus World of Science for inviting our grade 3-9 students to this event.

We had our official Rubik's cube kick-off today, October 14. As part of the kick-off, we had our own Rubik's Cube student experts put on a demonstration by way of a mini- competition.

Grade six students Nolan G., John T., Andy P., Roshan H., and Owen K. put their skills to the test by competing against each other using a 2X2 cube and a 3X3 cube. (continued on next page)



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A Rubik's Cube Surprise! (continued from page 1)

While all the competitors showed their speed, in the end it was Owen K. who won both competitions, and in doing so, established the NHS benchmarks for the two speed events. The times to now beat and established by Owen are 8 seconds for the 2X2 and 22 seconds for the 3X3!

Students will have opportunities to learn tips about the cube at school, and to practice their skills. We hope to see the math and puzzle enthusiasts from K-9 join us during the designated lunch times which will be announced soon.

We are planning an in-school competition for later in the year. Winners will be able to represent New Horizons School at a sanctioned competition at the Telus World of Science in January.

Math Fair

Rubik's Cube and math go hand and hand, so to have a school-wide Math Fair in conjunction with our Rubik's Cube event makes sense.

Students from K-9 will be creating and participating in our own Math Fair in the beginning of December.

We have been able to secure space at the Telus World of Science to display examples of our Math Fair projects. These projects will be on display during the *Beyond Rubik's Cube* exhibition.

The exact date and time and other details regarding our in-school Math Fair will be distributed soon.



Congratulations Nighthawks!

How do you spell determination?

N-I-G-H-T-H-A-W-K-S

A few short weeks ago, our girls volleyball team got on the court for the first time to compete as a team against other schools. Playing games twice weekly, the team showed grit, determination and an amazing amount of team spirit despite not winning any matches.

Game by game, the team worked hard and showed improvement. On Tuesday, October 13, the Nighthawks came so very close to winning their first match. Playing against the Holy Spirit Heat, the girls lost the first two sets by a very slim margin (25-22 and 25-23) and, therefore lost the match. In the third game, however, the Nighthawks won 15-3! Finally, a well deserved taste of victory!

Congratulations, Nighthawks! You are making us proud.

Looking for a Place to Donate Some Under-Used Chess Sets?

If you have some underused chess sets that you are willing to pass on, please bring them to us!

Along with the a Rubik's Cube Club, we will be having a Chess Club for in-school games and tournaments.

We would prefer that the sets be in good condition and not be too small. Please contact Ted Zarowny before you donate.

Thank you for your support!

REMINDER: Drama Donations Wanted

Here at New Horizons we are excited to have the space to offer a Drama option for our Junior High students this year.

Drama students in each semester will work their way through units of Movement, Speech, Acting/Improv, Technical Theatre and Theatre Studies.

Semester 2 will culminate with a production on our stage in the gymnasium lasting several performances that friends, family and the community are welcome to attend.

That being said, we need to work hard as actors to build our skills and abilities, and as a school community to build our supply closet before we can do that - and we need your help to get there.

The Drama Class is looking for donations for items that can be used as set pieces, props and costumes. Also, we are looking for CD players, speakers and CDs with a variety of music on them (especially show tunes!). Lastly, if anyone has any carpentry skills and would be willing to donate their time to construct some simple set pieces, it would really help take our Drama program to the next level!

Any possible donations should be approved by the Drama teacher before they are dropped off at the school. Please email Lisa Hutchison at lhutchison@newhorizons.ab.ca to get any donations approved before you bring them to the school.

Your help and donations will be highly appreciated by the staff and students at New Horizons. The following is a short list of items that the Drama class could make use of this semester:

- 6 portable CD players
- old CDs (especially any with show tunes or musicals)
- gently used suit jackets (for boys)
- gently used dresses
- hats
- gloves (formal gloves, leather gloves)
- scarves
- a park bench

Again, please email Lisa Hutchison at lhutchison@newhorizons.ab.ca if you have any of these items that you might want to donate. Thanks in advance for all of your support.

Thank you to those parents who have already donated.

After School Supervision Help Needed

If you arrive at school early before dismissal and remain to pick up your child after the buses leave, we hope you might consider assisting with bus supervision.

The duty includes supervising students as they load onto the buses. The time commitment is approximately ten minutes.

If you are willing to assist us on any or all days, please contact Ted Zarowny.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

November 3

Drop-Off and Pick -Up Updates and Tips

Some things to consider.

Thank you to all the parents who are adhering to the traffic and management plan that was a plain jointly created by New Horizons School, Strathcona County Traffic Safety, Strathcona County Traffic Enforcement, and Elk Island Transportation.

Now that we are into October, we are getting a good picture of traffic flow and parking.

We hope you adhere to the following information below so that during peak hours, student drop of and pick-up can be done safely and smoothly.

Morning Drop Off

The **30 Second Drop-Off** zone is for morning drop-off. The 30 second time limit is enforceable.

Please note where the the drop-off zone begins and end. Beyond the drop-off zone is a **No Stopping-No Parking** zone. This zone is enforceable as well.

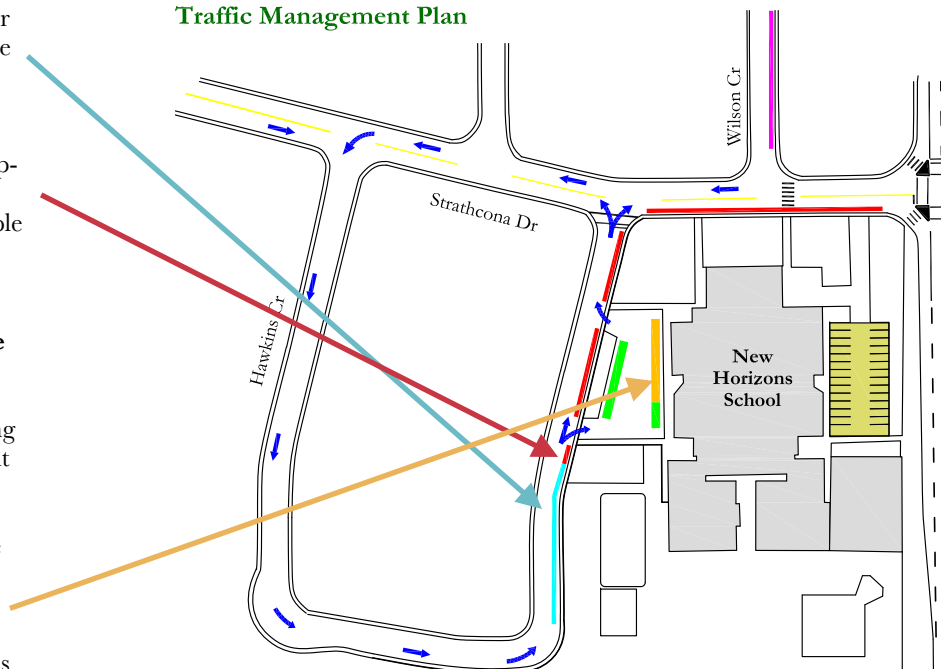
Before the Morning Buses Arrive

If you arrive in the morning before 8:35 a.m., feel free to enter the parking lot and drop your child off at the front door if the buses are not there.

You may drive up to the curb and use the **school bus zone** as a 30 second drop off zone.

You may also park in the parking stalls and escort your child into the school. However, should you be parked when the buses arrive, you will be unable to exit the lot until the buses leave.

New Horizons School Traffic Management Plan



When the Buses Arrive

When the buses arrive, usually not before 8:25 a.m., the parking lot will be closed to traffic entering and exiting the parking lot.

Supervision will move to the drop off zone on the street until the buses leave.

When the buses leave, usually before 8:35 a.m., the parking lot will reopen.

There will be no supervision after the buses leave.

After School Pick Up

The Street Pick-Up Zone

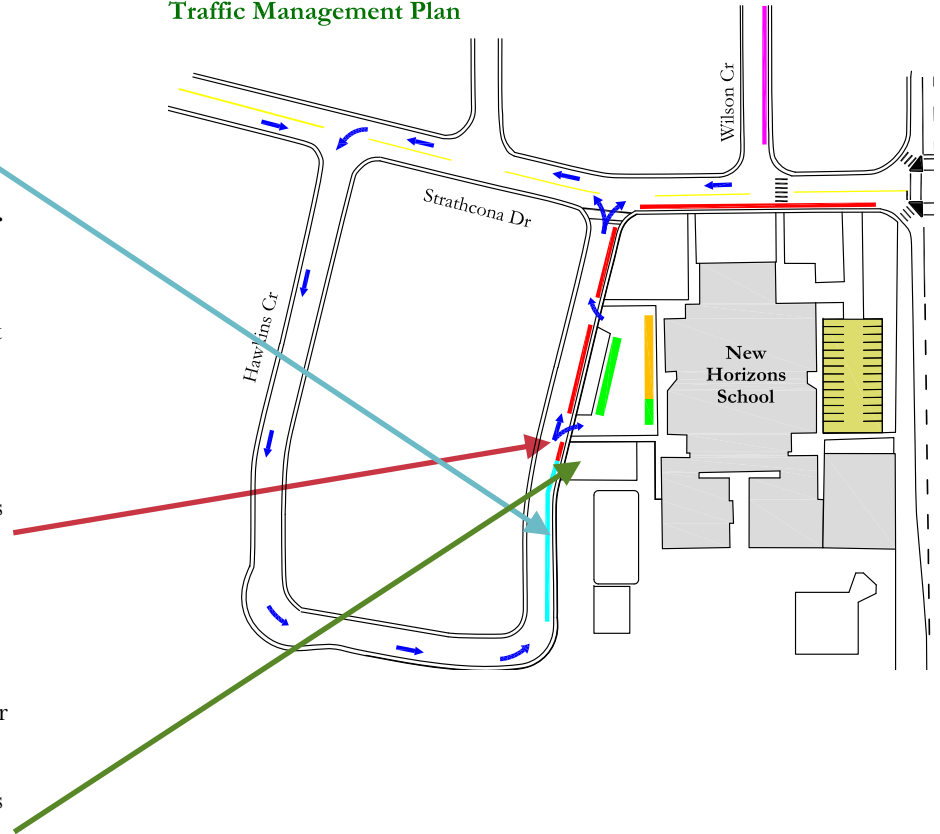
Please follow the traffic flow arrows (blue arrows) to lessen the amount of congestion on the street.

After school, the 30 second Drop Off Zone (blue) becomes a **pick-up zone**. You may wait here beyond 30 seconds, **but you must remain in your vehicle**.

Leaving your vehicle slows the traffic flow when others in front of you have already left the zone. As well, please be aware that the zone is enforceable. If you leave your vehicle, you may be ticketed should traffic enforcement be in the area.

Beyond the drop-off zone is a **No Stopping-No Parking Zone** (red). This zone is also enforceable. Do not stop to pick up your children here.

New Horizons School Traffic Management Plan



Before the Buses Depart

- Please do not block the driveways of our neighbours.
- A supervisor is assigned to hold students at this spot.
- Another supervisor will be on the sidewalk escorting or monitoring students as they enter vehicles. Even if you are parked several cars behind the front of the line, your child will be escorted to your vehicle.
- When you and your children are safely secured, leave the line.
- If a vehicle in front of you leaves the line, please advance to keep the line moving forward.
- It is important to have a conversation with your child about after school pick-up. Remind him or her to get organized quickly and to not play in the playground (he or she should wait at the sidewalk).

After the Buses Depart

- When the buses depart, a supervisor will remain at the 30 Second Drop Off Zone until all vehicles have left.
- After that time there will be no supervision.
- Parents are invited to park in the parking lot after the buses have left.
- Students who have not been picked up by 3:30 will be asked to remain near Entrance #2.

If You Are In The Parking Lot While the Buses Are Loading

If you have parked in the parking lot before the buses arrive, you will be required to remain in the parking lot until the buses depart.