

New Horizons School Newsletter



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
• SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
@ 6:30 p.m.

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

Lessons in Democracy

NHS Students Get a Taste of the Democratic Process

This year, being an election year, several things have happened that have given our grade 4-9 students an authentic taste of democracy in action.

Candidates Forum

Miss Hutchison organized a candidates forum that was held on October 1. Students from grades 4-9 met in the Learning Commons while the candidates from four political parties responded to student questions. The candidates were Joanne Cave, (New Democratic Party), Rod Frank (Liberal Party of Canada) Garnett Genuis (Conservative Party of Canada), and Brandie Harrop (Green Party of Canada).

Miss Hutchison's Humanities class brainstormed a list of questions that could be asked of the candidates, and the students narrowed their questions to the top ten. During the forum, ten

students were selected to pose a question to the candidates. The candidates each had a minute to respond.

Having the candidates in our school at such a time was a valuable learning experience for our students. We are grateful to all the candidates for taking time out of their busy campaign schedule to speak to our students and share their perspectives on issues that were important to our students.



Candidates Forum



OUR SOCIAL CONTRACT

Our school is a place of learning. It is a place where we treat each other with respect and honesty. It is a place where we play in a way that is safe and fair.

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The Candidates

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Student Council Elections

On Thursday, September 24, students from Grades 4-9 were directly involved in an election - our Student Council election.



Student Council Election: Speeches

Mrs. Hamilton organized the event which began with a campaign. Students running for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer created some very creative posters which were posted throughout the school. On September 24, all candidates presented their prepared speeches to the grade 4-9 students who were assembled in the gym.

After the speeches, the students voted, and these are the results:

President: Ashley A.
Vice President: Mikaili P.
Treasurer: Lauren M.
Secretary: Tamila K.

Each of the classes from grade 4-9 also elected their own room representative to be on the Student Council.



NHS Student Council

NHS to Act as Polling Station: October 19

New Horizons School will act as a polling station for the October 19 federal election. The gym will be closed to students, and Elections Canada will be providing security to ensure voters do not enter the classroom areas.

Elections Canada will make it possible for some classes to come into the gym and observe the voting process first hand.

Student Vote 2015

On Election Day, NHS students, along with students from across Canada, will be participating in Student Vote 2015.

Students will get a chance to vote, and their results will be tabulated at the national and riding level. The results will be shared with the media.



Website Updates

If you've visited our website lately, you may have noticed that we are now getting our Facebook feeds on our home page.

For those parents who may not use Facebook, we hope that having the Facebook feed on the website will help keep you informed.

Other changes will be occurring over the next few weeks.



Nut Aware School

Some things to consider.

Many students in our school have a life-threatening anaphylactic response to tree-nuts and peanuts. Therefore, we have made ourselves a nut-aware school.

As a nut aware school, we cannot guarantee that students or others do not have food products that contain nuts or peanuts in the food they consume at school.

However, we do ask that everyone adheres to the following to make our school safe:

- Do not pack food for your child's lunch or snack that contains nuts or peanuts.
- When bringing in snacks for classroom parties or other events, please choose nut-free products.
- When bringing in home-made food products for bake sales or classroom events, please make them nut-free and label the items with the ingredients.

Thank you for helping to keep our school safe for our students.

Communication With Your Child's Teacher

As the school year continues, parents may have questions or concerns regarding their child, their child's program, or classroom practices.

Parents who have such concerns should communicate directly with their child's teacher.

If an issue becomes unresolved, parents are invited to make an appeal to the principal.

Using this process will help to avoid misunderstandings and is the most effective way to have questions and concerns addressed.

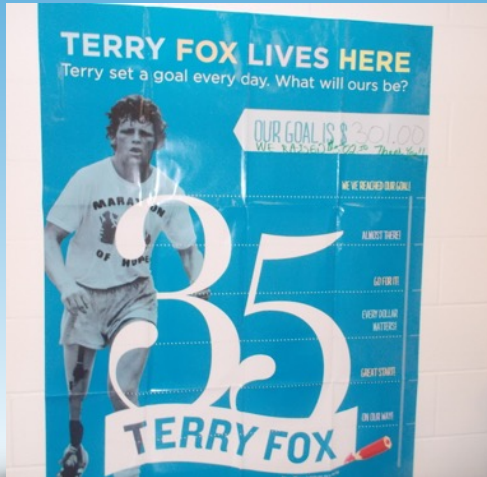
Security At NHS

NHS is pleased to announce our new security system that will help keep students and staff safe during the school day.

Our sightline to the main entrance is compromised with the layout of the entrance area. That makes monitoring the entrance difficult. Beginning **Tuesday, October 13**, New Horizons school will be using its new security system at Main Entrance #2.

The main entrance will now be locked from 8:45 a.m to 3:00 p.m. Visitors wishing to enter will need to press the appropriate button. The front desk will receive a video signal and can see who is at the front entrance; the door will then be unlocked.





Thank You!

Through the generosity of the New Horizons School Community, we raised \$502.50 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

Thank you for your support!

Inspire and Create

One of the ways we are addressing the Ministerial Order on Student Learning and some of its associated competencies is through our Inspire and Create (I & C) afternoons. This activity also helps promote positive social interaction.

Each short Wednesday afternoon, all students are involved in a school-wide creative problem solving activity. During a C & I event, students are broken up into multi-grade house groups (Fire, Water, Earth, and Air) to complete a task.

Prior to the task, students warm up their generative thinking skills by being given a brainstorming task. Then the larger problem is presented.

In the most recent I & C afternoon, the problem presented to students was to create a water balloon landing pad. Students were given a certain amount of material with which they had to design and create a landing pad that would protect a water balloon from bursting when dropped from a given height.

