

New Horizons School Newsletter



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Christmas Concert

Dance, dance, dance!

On December 14 and 15, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends were treated to a wonderful evening of dance and music.

Choreographed by our artist-in-residence Dani Altieri in November, students and staff practiced their routines daily to the day of the concert.

The class dance routines were woven together by a story and narrated by grade six students.

Our music option students also participated by kicking off the concert with two songs. Despite music director Darren Salyn not being able to attend, the band under student leadership put on a wonderful performance.

Thank you to the parents for being able to bring their children in twice in one week. Your support, despite distance and work, allowed our entire parent community to enjoy the show.



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.

New Horizons School Stakeholder Forum

Stakeholder input into planning on January 19

A New Horizons School Stakeholder Forum, will be held at our school at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

The purpose of the forum is to provide members of our school community (primarily parents, but also students, staff members, and Board members) with the opportunity to suggest and discuss priorities for our school as we develop our next Three-Year Education Plan. In keeping with the three goals in

our school's charter, the following three themes will be considered at the Forum:

- Improvement of student learning.
- Inclusive, positive student social interaction.
- Support for the emotional needs of students.

Parents were emailed earlier regarding this forum. If you have any questions or wish to be involved, please contact the school office.

Farewell

Mrs. Lambert-Brown has been with New Horizons School for several years as a substitute teacher, a temporary Grade 6 teacher, and this year, the Grade 3 teacher.

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs. Lambert-Brown as she leaves us to begin a new life in another community. Mrs. Lambert-Brown's contributions and dedication to the well-being of our gifted students will certainly be missed.

We wish Mrs. Lambert-Brown all the best in her endeavors.

Staff Changes at NHS

New Horizons School has some new staff members, and will be getting even more new faces after the break.

Earlier this fall, Mrs. Jih-Yiin Wang replaced Mrs. Joy Huybregts as a teaching assistant. She is currently assigned to the Grade 4 classroom. Also new to the staff is Mrs. Rochelle Skogen. Mrs. Skogen has replaced Mrs. Meek in the grade two classroom.

Replacing Mrs. Lambert-Brown at grade 3 is Mrs. Meagan Alfano. She will begin on January 4.

As you may already know, New Horizons School will now have a vice-principal beginning in January! Please welcome Mrs. Lori Vigfusson as New Horizons School's first vice principal!

During Mrs. Vigfusson's administration time, another new staff member, Mrs. Amanda Panas, will be teaching grade 4.

New Horizons School welcomes the new staff members as part of our NHS team.

Math Fair

A different way to enjoy math

On December 15, NHS held a successful Math Fair.

From after recess to lunch, students from K-9 engaged in Math puzzles created by their peers. In a non-competitive fashion, students challenged each other with thoughtful projects. Seeing so many students engaged in math problem solving was exciting!

Approximately twenty of the student math fair projects have been chosen to be showcased at the Telus World of Science shortly into the new year. Students will be notified so that they can touch up their projects for display. The date is still being finalized with the Telus World of Science.



School Celebration

Join us in celebrating NHS

New Horizons School has undergone many changes over the last year, including passing the twenty-year mark, and a much improved new home. As well, on its way is a school modernization.

On February 24, we plan to celebrate all of these things. While details regarding the day are still being worked out, please mark the morning of February 24 as a time to come into NHS and join us for the celebration.

GO NIGHTHAWKS!

Basketball season is here!



CHESS AND RUBIK'S CUBE

Thinking ... thinking ... thinking ...

Chess has been on hold for the last few weeks as recess times have been dedicated to helping students learn how to do the Rubik's cube. Grade 6 students Nolan G., Owen K., John T., Andy P., and Roshan H. have been remarkable tutors and leaders by teaching students as young as grade 1. After the break, we will extend our tutorials to the kindergartens.

As well, we will be having an in-school Rubik's Cube Competition. Students of all ages will be able to

participate as events will range from making a "red cross" to completing the whole cube.

Chess will take off in January. A student sign-up for chess intramural will be available, and games will begin shortly after that. We will continue with tutorials for the younger grades as well.

We look forward to an NHS Chess competition come early spring.

Nighthawks Update

Playing ... playing ... playing ...

We are excited to have our first Nighthawk basketball teams. We have both a boys and girls team, and league play begins on the first Tuesday after the break.

The boys will be visiting OLPH while the girls will be hosting OLPH. Thank you to Mrs. Hamilton for coaching the girls team!

All games begin at 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit our athletics page at <http://www.newhorizons.ab.ca/nhs-nighthawks-athletics/>
Go Nighthawks!



Lannie Kanevsky

Parent information night

NHS parents are welcome to attend a session on gifted education presented by Dr. Lannie Kanevsky on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Coming from Simon Fraser University, Dr. Kanevsky has done much research in the area of gifted education and will be sharing some of her insights with parents.

Dr. Kanevsky will be working with the staff the next day, January 29, a professional development day.

*Merry
Christmas*