

New Horizons School Newsletter



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Independent Study Wraps up for 4-6

Students passions shine!

Grades 4-6 have worked hard over the last month planning, researching and presenting on topics of interest for their Independent Study Projects.

This endeavour was organized as a Project Based Learning activity and allowed the students to explore their topics more deeply while sharing and collaborating with each other throughout the process. The students began with a topic in mind and developed a higher-level question that they could explore.

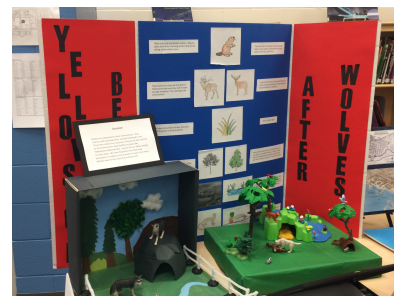
The process challenged their critical thinking skills and provided a good foundation on which to begin their research.

Workshop style lessons were provided to students at different stages of the research process. These workshops were on a variety of topics ranging from question writing and finding/validating information

to using Google Docs and Google Slides.

Thanks to Mrs. Pekse who came in to provide our technology tutorials!

Once students had completed their research, they presented to peers from grades 4-6 as well as parents! They capped off their projects by celebrating their hard work with an I.S. fair on May 19 that invited the entire NHS community to the learning commons to get a glimpse of what NHS students are passionate about!



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.

Grade 6 Students Contribute to Newsletter

We are pleased to once again include contributions from our grade 6 journalists. A key component of the Language Arts program of studies writing program is functional writing. In grade 6, students are expected to write news articles as their functional writing style.

Throughout this newsletter you will find articles written by grade 6 students. Students were allowed to reflect on different events that happened at school throughout the year for their news story. Therefore, you will find that the articles in this newsletter relate to events that have happened weeks or months in the past.

Thank you to the contributors!

Modernization Updates

The modernization planning is in its final stages.

With work expected to begin over the summer and continue through the course of the 2016-2017 year, we can expect many disruptions. However, knowing that we will end up having a spectacular facility when it is all said and done will help us persevere. We are excited to see what our refurbished school will look like.

For modernization updates in information, please visit our website www.newhorizons.ca

Click on the [School Facility Modernization](#) on the Quicklinks for updates.

NHS Sports Days

Grades 4-6: June 21

Grades 1-3: June 23

Junior High: June 27



Grade 4-9 Awards Day

TUESDAY

**June 28 at
1:30 p.m.**



Year-End BBQ!

June is just around the corner and we would like to celebrate all of the fun and learning we have had throughout our first year at our new location! We will be hosting an End of Year Celebration for our New Horizons Community on **June 20!**

There will be a variety of events throughout the day.

1:00 p.m

Grade 5 Shakespeare Production
Midsummers Night Dream

2:00 p.m.

Big Drum School Performance

6:00 - 7:00

pm BBQ

Supper: Hamburgers and hot dogs

- Served by NHS Staff

7:00 - 8:00

Big Drum Year End Performance



DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 1

- EARLY DISMISSAL
- FANHS MEETING @ 6:30 PM

JUNE 9

- BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 PM

JUNE 13

- Jr. High Drama Production:
The Fairy Tail Network

JUNE 14

- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:30 p.m.
- SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM after the regular school council meeting..

JUNE 20

- YEAR END BBQ and CONCERT

JUNE 20

- GRADE 5 SHAKESPEARE PRODUCTION: *A Midsummer's Night Dream*

JUNE 28

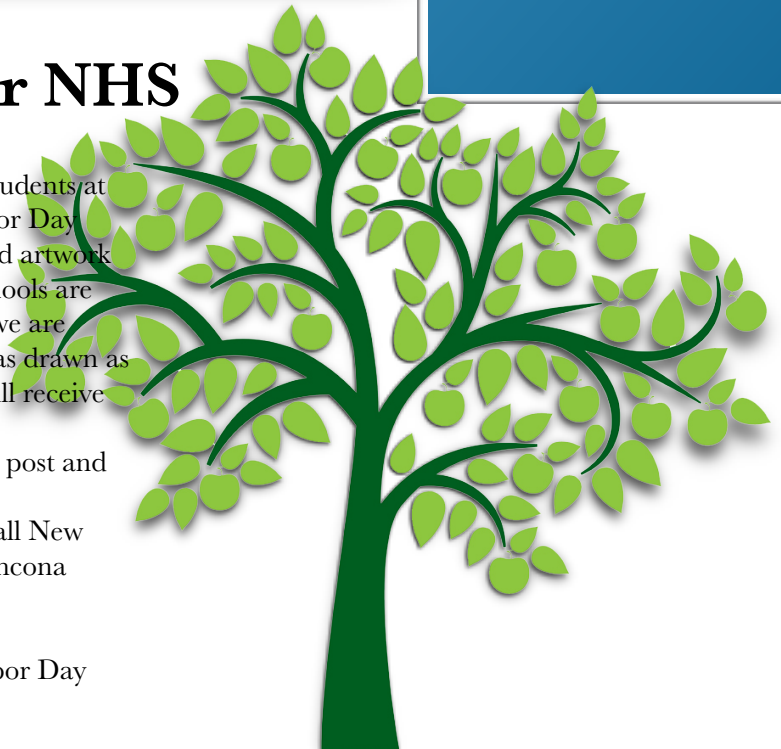
- Awards Day and Last Day of Classes For Students

Tree-mendous Win for NHS

It has been a long-standing tradition for grade 1 students at NHS to participate in the Strathcona County Arbor Day celebrations. Each year students create tree-themed artwork that is displayed at Gallery@501. Participating schools are then entered into a draw for a prize package and we are excited to announce that New Horizons School was drawn as this year's winner. As winners of this contest we will receive:

- a tree planted at our school, along with a cedar post and plaque this fall
- a day at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre for all New Horizons Grade 1's, with bussing paid by Strathcona County

For more information on Strathcona County's Arbor Day Program, [click here](#).



Being Mindful

- Lily Feniak

On Thursday February 11, 2016 New Horizons Charter School began participating in their very own mindful minute at an assembly in the gym.

It was on a chilly day in February that the New Horizons School students and staff opened their hearts to the mindful minute. "I believe the mindful minute is a great way for the students at New Horizons to become more mindful of their surroundings" says New Horizons Principal Mr. Zarowny "The idea of the mindful minute came from a parent a few years ago and

finally this year we took action in beginning the mindful minute."

"I like the idea of the mindful minute," stated grade 6 student Samantha L. "I also believe that it will help our school become more mindful of their surroundings and each other." The mindful minute occurs every day in each classroom, and students are told to be silent possibly close their eyes and breathe, they are told to do nothing but breath and think of what is around them.

Also occurred to help students understand why they participate

in the mindful minute was a presentation by Vicky Qualie, a parent volunteer at the school. The presentation included learning about the different parts of the brain and why your brain works that way.

"All I hope is that the mindful minute helps our school be more aware of their surroundings," says grade six student Thea M.

Badminton

Watch the Birdie!

- Warda Shaikh

On March 23, 2016, it was NHS's first time creating a badminton team and the junior highs and the grade 6's were very excited about having one!

The coach planned one after-school practice per week to help players prepare for the Tuesday and Thursday Fun Tournaments.

Additional practices could be added during lunchtime later in the week. The badminton system allows for two teams of sixteen players, so the amount of grade 6 spots depended on Junior High registrations.

"The tournament is basically an entire day of fun!" one of the members of the team conceded.

Badminton was a great opportunity for a range of student athletes to participate in a generally less competitive environment with a focus on singles and doubles format. Events would be boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles, girls' doubles, and mixed doubles for competitors.

Practises happened on Mondays and Thursdays. Two badminton games took place per week with fun tournaments at OLPH, New Horizons, St. Luke's, or Holy Redeemer. Girls doubles finals will be held at St. Theresa School.

As a result of a successful badminton team, the school will continue doing it every year if possible.

Grade 6 Orienteering



Provincial Achievement Test Schedule		
Course/Subject	Date	Time
Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B	Wednesday, June 15	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Grade 6 Mathematics	Thursday, June 16	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Grade 6 Science	Friday, June 17	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Grade 6 Social Studies	Monday, June 20	9:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Grade 9 Science	Monday, June 20	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Grade 9 Mathematics	Wednesday, June 22	9:00 – 10:30 A.M.
Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B	Thursday, June 23	9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Grade 9 Social Studies	Friday, June 24	9:00 – 10:20 A.M.

Junior High Adventure Trips

Our Junior High Adventure Trips have begun with the Grade 9 students heading to Quebec and Ontario for a 5 day trip exploring some of Canada's history and culture! Students get to explore our Nation's Capital including Parliament, the Supreme Court of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mint! Then it's off to Montreal to participate in a TV or Radio workshop, explore Old Montreal and take in the Montreal Museum of Archaeology. They will finish their trip in Quebec City where they will enjoy the history of the area and enjoy some shopping in Quartier Petit Champlain-the oldest shopping district in North America!

The Grade 8 class will begin their Adventure Trip in Jasper to explore one of Canada's most beautiful mountain towns! They will participate in

hiking, visit the Columbia Icefield Centre, take a cruise around Maligne Lake and take in the sights aboard the Jasper tramway. Students in grade 8 have prepared four meals at the school that they will take with them on the trip!

The Grade 7 class will also be heading to Alberta's Rocky Mountain Region for an overnight trip to lovely Kananaskis! Students will take a guided trip down the Bow River, and enjoy some time to explore the town of Canmore. They will then head to the Heritage Park Historical Village in Calgary to explore Alberta's rich history before returning home to Sherwood Park!



**Imagine
&
Create
Problem
Solving**

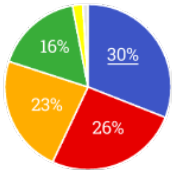


Liberals Triumphant in Student Vote

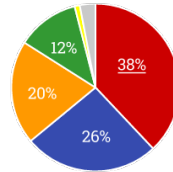
- Roshan Hassan

On October 13-16, New Horizons School was one of 6,662 schools from across the country to participate in the CIVIX Student Vote. The CIVIX Student Vote is an election where students under the voting age can experience the voting process firsthand. After learning our democratic process, the party platforms and being the guests of a debate between the candidates, the 123 students of NHS from grades 4-9 had the chance to cast a vote for the candidates for the riding of Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan.

The results of this (NHS) riding came with NHS voting a Conservative majority with Garnett Genuis taking 30%, the Liberals' Rod Frank second with 26%, the NDPs' Joanne Cave with a close 23% and Brandie Harrop from the Green Party gained a distant 4th with 16%.



For the whole riding (participating schools in Sherwood Park-Fort Saskatchewan), the 28 schools also voted for a Conservative win with 42%, as well the Liberals with



almost half earning 27%, then the NDP with less than half gaining 11%, and the Green party with a close fourth earning 9%.

Out of the whole nation, the CIVIX Student Vote was very similar to the general election. The Liberals won Parliament with 38%, the Conservatives became opposition with 26% of the house, the NDP was not far behind with 20% of the electorate, and again the Green Party got a last place with 12%.

Miss Hutchison, the teacher organizer of the Student Vote at NHS, says that having the guest speakers makes it, "more real," and says that they give the students a, "deeper understanding of the democratic process and the differences and similarities between the numerous platforms."

The alternate election is to help kids have a habit of participating in democracy. CIVIX, the organizer, wants to make sure that the voter turnout does not decrease.

Grade 3 IS Presentations

On May 24th, the Grade 3 students put on a fantastic IS Fair to showcase their learning over the past month. Given only a theme of global citizenship, these exceptional minds tackled a great variety of issues. From deforestation, to joining together at the Olympics, the students of Grade 3 showed a great understanding and compassion for the world around them. Well done!



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Active Community Living

The Junior High Active Community Living option has been a great addition to our Junior High Program this year.

Students enrolled in the course have enjoyed fresh air while walking to bowling and pickleball and to watch the Grand Slam of Curling!

They have also taken advantage of some great

local organizations where they experienced archery and fencing with plans for rock climbing and golfing in the future.

Here at the school we have had a guest instructor for Taekwondo and students had the opportunity to participate in Orienteering around our school field!

New Horizons School Council Meeting

June 14, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Learning Common, New Horizons School

NOTICE of New Horizons School Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Agenda

June 14, 2016
After the Regular General Meeting
Learning Common, New Horizons School
Bring/ Read: Minutes from 2015 AGM/ Proposed 2016/2017 Fund Allocation

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| 1. | Call to order | |
| 2. | Introductions | 5 Minutes |
| 3. | Review agenda | 5 Minutes |
| 4. | Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes | 10 Minutes |
| 5. | Finance Office Year Report | 15 Minutes |
| 6. | Chair Year Report | 10 Minutes |
| 7. | Items for Discussion/Input | 30 minutes |
| | a. 2016/ 2017 School Year Fund Allocation (Vote) | |
| | b. School Council Elections (Vote) | |
| | • Communications Officer | |
| | • Secretary | |
| | • Finance Officer | |
| | • Vice Chair | |
| | • Chair | |

Nominations can be emailed to Tina Marie Baldwin, or done from the floor.

8. Adjournment

DRAMA AT NHS

Junior High Drama Presents

*The
Fairy Tale Network*

Monday, June 13

*Afternoon School Show
Evening Show at 7:00 p.m.*

Directed by Miss Hutchison

Grade 5 Drama Presents

*A
Midsumers' Night Dream*

Monday, June 20

1:00 p.m.

Directed by Mrs. Watson