

New Horizons School Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 30

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR
THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR.

It's Been A Great Year!

NHS First Year In New Facility Comes to an End

As is always the case, the end of a school year arrives so quickly, but this year seems exceptionally so.

Perhaps it's because so much has happened over the course of the year including packing, moving, and unpacking an entire school, planning for a major modernization, offering new opportunities to our students such as extracurricular activities, generating new clubs such as the Rubic's Club, and initiating new practices such as project based learning.

And, as is always the case this time of year, there is a sense of excitement in the planning for next year. Despite the inconveniences the modernization will bring, there is that excitement that comes with anticipating what new things will be initiated in the fall.

A year such as this would not have been possible without the

dedicated work of staff, support staff, our new vice-principal, and our senior administration. Thank you for an amazing year.

Thank you to the parents who continue to contribute in valuable ways by sitting on the Board and providing governance, by providing advocacy and support through the School Council, by raising extra funds through FANHS, and by assisting with the "behind-the-scenes" supports in classrooms.

Finally, thank you to the students for their hard work and focus during the year. Their participation and enthusiasm has made our jobs that much more rewarding!

To all, have a wonderful and safe summer. I look forward to working with you in the 2016-2017 school year.

Ted Zarowny, Principal



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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A BLAST FROM THE PERFORMING ARTS

Drama and music provide great end-of-the year entertainment.

Students and parents were treated to three student performances in the last few days.

On Monday, June 13, Miss Hutchison's junior high drama class performed the play *The Fairytale Network*. This humorous production was a story about "three cool mice" saving the television network they work for by creating their own

versions of *Little Red (well, yellow) Riding Hood*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Having only a few months to practice, Ms. Hutchison and the drama students put together a very entertaining afternoon for students and evening for parents.



On June 20, Mrs. Watson and her grade 5 students performed, fittingly on the longest day of the year, Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This year's production brought out the comedic and fanciful elements of the play.

Miss Watson's Shakespeare performances have become an annual tradition. We look forward to another production next year - a tragedy perhaps?



A Midsummer Night's Dream



Junior High *Big Drums*

On June 20, Mr. Salyn and his Big Drum troupe performed for the students. With stories about music, including some history of rock'n roll, Mr. Salyn and Big Drum entertained the students and got them dancing to a variety of songs.

Later in the evening, in conjunction with the School Council and FANHS sponsored year-end barbecue, Big Drum performed for a parent audience.



A Budding Composer in Our Midst

Those of you who were at our talent show in April would have heard Zohan C. perform his self composed piano composition, "Krypton."

Very recently, Zohan won first place and a scholarship at the Alberta Provincial Music Festival for that composition.

Congratulations, Zohan!



Music and Drama Scenes



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Modernization Update

Our school's modernization will begin this summer. The first phase of the modernization will be the north side of the school, including the gym. As well, the west wing of portable classrooms will be removed and replaced new modulars that will be ready for occupancy later in the fall.

For updates over the summer, please check our website.

Below are some images that represent some of the modernization plans.



Learning Commons

Note the skylights and living wall!



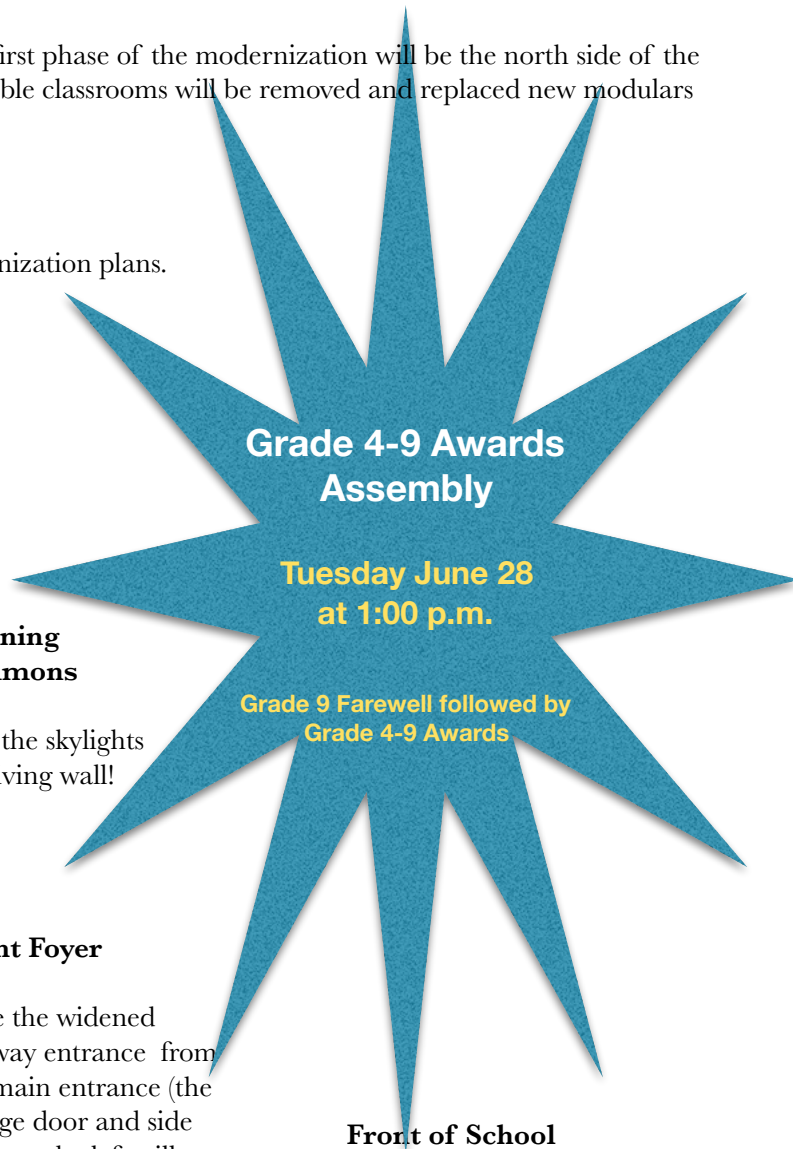
Front Foyer

Note the widened hallway entrance from the main entrance (the garage door and side door on the left will not be added).



Front of School

Note the new sign in front, the new vestibule for the front entrance, and the new modulars.



Grade 4-9 Awards Assembly

Tuesday June 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Grade 9 Farewell followed by Grade 4-9 Awards