



Welcome Back!

The 2016-2017 school year has just begun at New Horizons School and this promises to be another excellent year! Our school community is happy to welcome a number of new students and a few new staff members as well. We post a lot of useful information on our website at www.newhorizons.ca as well as on our Facebook page so be sure to check these often for updates on the happenings at NHS!

Meet the Teacher/ Introduction to Google Session

We will be hosting our Meet the Teacher night on September 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with an 'Introduction to Google' session for parents. This session will take place in the gym and will provide basic information about some of the ways the teachers and students use Google for Education to enhance their learning and how parents can be involved!

Following the Google Session, teachers will be available in the classrooms from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This portion of the evening will be an informal, friendly, come-and-go session to provide parents with the opportunity to meet the teachers and see the classrooms where students will be spending the year! If you have specific questions or concerns you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please e-mail them directly to set up an appropriate time to meet!

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New Horizons is Nut Aware

As we have a diverse population and nut allergies are common, New Horizons School is nut aware and we ask that parents and students adhere to our guidelines to promote the safety of everyone coming in to our school. Put simply, we do not provide any foods that contain nuts and nut products and require families to refrain from sending foods with nut products to school. In addition to being Nut Aware we also discourage students from sharing food from lunches and snacks as there are many other foods to which students are allergic.

Early/Late Pick-up and Drop off

The following are just a reminder about picking up and dropping off:

- All students arriving late or leaving early must be signed in and out at the office by a parent or guardian.
- Students arriving late will be given a late slip so that the classroom teacher will know they have been checked in at the office.
- If students will be late, absent or picked up early, please e-mail your child's teacher and Lisa Richardson in the office to let us know at your earliest convenience.
- If arrangements have been made for students to be picked-up rather than riding the bus, please let the office know before 2:00 p.m. when possible. This allows us time to get the message to the student and his/her teacher.
- As our school lets out at 3:14 p.m., please refrain from coming into the school earlier than 3:00 p.m. to avoid disruptions to student learning.

Volunteering at NHS

There are many options for parents wanting to get involved to help out at New Horizons! Such volunteer opportunities include:

- Classroom prep help-cutting, sorting and collating learning materials; putting up bulletin boards; organizing learning centres
- Field trip chaperones-this may include out of school or in-school field trips
- Lunch time supervisors-this allows the teachers to take a break and lets you interact with the students in a different way. This position may be voluntary but an honorarium is also offered. Please watch your e-mail for information regarding this important volunteer opportunity!
- Special event help-this may include read-in week, book fairs, sports days and other school sponsored events.

New Staff

We are excited to welcome a number of new staff to NHS. If you see any of these friendly faces around the school, please feel free to stop and introduce yourself!



Cheri Unterschultz-
Financial Admin



Jesse Craig-
Junior High Teacher



Michelle Stephens-
Kindergarten Teacher



Shayel Mckinnon-
Grade 1 Teacher



Savanna Wygiera-
Grade 4 Teacher

School Fees

School fees will be due September 30. Invoices for fees will be sent home to each family in the next week or so outlining charges due. This year, in lieu of funding from School Council in addition to individually charging for field trips, parents will be charged a one time fee of \$35.00 per child to cover the cost of field trips and in-class speakers. This will be reflected on the fee invoice.