

Calgary Board
of Education"Empowering Through
Language,
Excelling Through Character,
Embracing the World."**Important Dates**

Nov 3: Grade 3 & 4 Skating

Nov 4: Grade 3 & 4 Skating

Nov 5: Grade 3 & 4 Skating

Nov 6: Grade 3 & 4 Skating

Kindergarten – Mad Science
In Class PresentationNov 7: **HALF DAY**Early Dismissal @ 12:05 pm
NO PM KINDERGARTEN**10:30 am Remembrance**Nov 10: **NO SCHOOL – PD
Day**Nov 11: **NO SCHOOL
(Remembrance Day)**Nov 12: Grade 2 Glenbow
(Ms. Toh / Mr. Berry)
Grade 3 & 4 SkatingNov 13: Grade 2 Glenbow
(Ms. Wu / Ms. Che)Nov 18: Grade 1-Teacher Pet
(Ms. Su / Mr. Locke)**PHOTO RETAKE DAY**

Nov 21: No School – PD Day

Nov 27: Virtue Assembly
at 1:15 pm
(Hosts: Grade 1)Nov 28: **HALF DAY**Early Dismissal @ 12:05 pm
NO AM KINDERGARTEN**Newsletter | November 2014****Principal's Message**

As we enter the month of November, we will begin our preparations for our big Chinese New Year celebration concert on January 21st. This year we are doing it early (Chinese New Year actually falls on February 19th) because the Jubilee Auditorium was not available during the month of February. For those of you that are new to Highwood School, this is the highlight of our school year where culture, tradition, art and language learning all come together to create an inspirational and meaningful performance. This year we are partnering with Trickster Theatre, who is a professional theatre group who will come in and work with the students to co-create their performances. Special thanks to the group of parents who have already volunteered their time to help build large props and backdrops that are crucial to the performances. Ticket sales will begin in early January after we return from Winter Break.

We are also approaching our first set of report cards. They will be distributed on Friday, December 12 and parent teacher interviews will occur on Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th. It is important to note that there is a new K-9 report card that all CBE schools will begin using. Students will no longer be graded on a 1-5 scale, but now it will be a 1-4 scale. Each grade number is defined like this:

4	Excellent	The student has demonstrated excellent achievement of grade level expectations.	The student demonstrates a subtle and thorough understanding. The student uses knowledge and skills to engage in complex learning tasks. The student experiences success in novel, diverse, and unique learning situations.
3	Good	The student has demonstrated good achievement of grade level expectations.	The student demonstrates an in-depth and well-developed understanding. The student uses knowledge and skills to engage in a variety of learning tasks. The student experiences success in familiar and new learning situations.
2	Basic	The student has demonstrated basic achievement of grade level expectations.	The student demonstrates an adequate and simplistic understanding. The student uses knowledge and skills to engage in common learning tasks. The student experiences success in familiar learning situations.
1	Not Meeting	The student is not meeting grade level expectations.	The student demonstrates limited and insufficient understanding. The student struggles to use knowledge and skills to engage in learning tasks. The student can experience success when learning situations are rehearsed and highly structured.

To read CBE's Parent's Guide to Assessment and Reporting, you can go to

https://portal.cbe.ab.ca/staffinsite/teaching/assessment/Documents/reporting_Parent_Guide.pdf

Sincerely,

Christine Cheung
Principal, Highwood School





RETAKE DAY – November 18th

- The envelope your child will bring home from school approximately 10 days after photo day will contain your child's proofs and important order information.
- Your completed photo order must be returned to the school your child attends by the **“IMPORTANT ORDER DUE DATE”** stamped in **red** on the order portion of the form.
- Mail **LATE ORDERS** directly to Lifetouch Canada Inc. or call **1.866.443.9648** to place the order over the phone.

IF YOU REQUIRE A RETAKE, CHECK THE BOX ON THE ORDER FORM, SIGN IT AND HAVE YOUR CHILD RETURN IT TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON RETAKE DAY NOVEMBER 18TH

Please contact Lifetouch if you have questions regarding proof order forms and picture packages.

Lifetouch Canada Inc. – 1.866.443.9648



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As the weather becomes colder, we are encouraging our students to dress accordingly with warmer coats, hats, scarves and mittens. It is the school's view that children benefit from the fresh air and outdoor activities experienced during recess and lunch time. Students will be asked to remain outside during this time unless the temperature drops to below –20 degrees Celsius or colder (including wind-chill).

Thanks for helping us!



NOTICE TO PARENTS

Please remember to report absences due to illness, appointments, late, etc. before 9:00 a.m. by calling the Attendance Line (403) 777-6200 & press “1”.



LUNCH LADY

Tired of making lunch for your child? The Lunch Lady program is a company that provides Highwood students with a hot lunch every Tuesday and Thursday for those who register and pay for the program. You can set up an online account, pick menu items, and make payments at thelunchlady.ca

MILK CARDS



As we are trying to promote healthy choices in the lunchroom, we are continuing the milk program at Highwood School. This means that students can buy milk cards at the office for \$10 (good for 12 milks). Milk cards from last year will still be accepted. Students can choose from white milk or sugar reduced chocolate milk. **Milk cards are the responsibility of the students and lost cards will not be replaced.**

ALLERGIES



Due to student allergies, we always tell students that they CANNOT share food with each other during lunch or snack time. Although we are not a peanut free school, we ask that you be considerate of those with allergies and try not to pack lunches or snacks with peanuts or peanut butter. If your child has any allergies, please ensure that the office and your child's teacher know of this and also has an emergency plan in place. Any medications need to be left at the office along with a signed consent form to allow office staff to administer the medication as necessary. Students are not to take medication on their own for safety reasons.



Changed your contact and personal information?

It is very important that the school has the most up to date contact information for each student in case of an emergency. If you have changed your home, work, or cell phone number since September and have not notified the school of this change, please do so immediately so that our computer system can be updated. The same goes for any of your emergency contacts that you may have listed (i.e. grandparents, friends, and relatives).



We also understand that sometimes legal custody arrangements between separated parents exist and change. The school must have copies of any legal custody agreements between parents in order for them to be enforced at the school. They also must be the most recent. Otherwise, both parents have legal custody of the child and therefore have access to them and information regarding the child.

Paperless Agendas and D2L



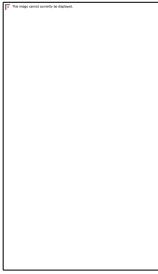
D2L (Desire 2 Learn) is an online system that CBE students and teachers use to support student learning. In an effort to conserve paper, we are using paperless agendas this year, and all agenda items will be posted on D2L. For students who were at Highwood School last year, logging in to D2L will be the same as before. For new students, we will provide you with instructions in the coming days. It is an expectation that parents along with their child to check D2L on a daily basis for agenda messages as well as for on-line learning supports.



The Bottle Depot

Help out Highwood School by saving your receipts from the Bottle Depot.

All receipts received by Highwood School are entered into a recycling program that provides prizes for our school.



CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Help Highwood School redeem free stuff! Highwood School is now registered with the Campbell Soup's Labels for Education campaign. This campaign asks families to save Campbell Soup product labels/ UPC codes and donate them to the school. The school will then collect them and redeem them for free prizes for the school such as gym equipment, musical instruments, DVD's, books, etc.

Eligible products include:

- All Campbell Soup products (i.e. Chunky Soup; Condensed Soup; Healthy Request Bowls)
- Campbell Soup broths, Easy Cooking Sauce, PREGO Pasta Sauce
- PACE Salsa; GOLDFISH crackers
- All V8 Beverages

ALL LABELS/UPC Codes can be dropped off at the main office.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

OCTOBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: **RESPECT FOR SELF**

Means that you value, believe, and trust yourself. You understand that it is okay to make mistakes and you are proud of yourself.

Virtues include: Confidence, Courage, Determination, Diligence, Enthusiasm, Excellence, Flexibility, Honesty, Humility, Integrity, Joyfulness, Modesty, Perseverance, Responsibility, and Self-Discipline

- The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs. ~Joan Didion
- To free us from the expectations of others, to give us back to ourselves - there lies the great, singular power of self-respect. ~Joan Didion
- Never esteem anything as of advantage to you that will make you break your word or lose your self-respect. ~Marcus Aurelius
- Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power. ~Clint Eastwood
- They cannot take away our self-respect if we do not give it to them. ~Mahatma Gandhi



Early Dismissal Days

This year we have 18 days designated as early dismissal days. On these days, all Grades 1-4 students and designated Kindergarten students end school at 12:05 pm after they eat lunch, so please remember to pack them a lunch. If you wish to pick up your child so that they don't eat lunch at school, dismissal from classes is at 11:30. Please remember to sign them out at the office so that we know you have taken him/her.

Nov 7: Grades 1-4 and AM Kindergarten—(No PM Kindergarten)

Nov 28: Grades 1-4 and PM Kindergarten—(No AM Kindergarten)

Dec 18: Grades 1-4 and AM Kindergarten—(No PM Kindergarten)

Jan 9: Grades 1-4 and AM Kindergarten—(No PM Kindergarten)

Jan 29: Grades 1-4 and PM Kindergarten—(No AM Kindergarten)

Feb 27: Grades 1-4 and PM Kindergarten—(No AM Kindergarten)

March 19: Grades 1-4 and AM Kindergarten—(No PM Kindergarten)

April 10: Grades 1-4 and PM Kindergarten—(No AM Kindergarten)

May 8: Grades 1-4 and AM Kindergarten—(No PM Kindergarten)

May 29: Grades 1-4 and PM Kindergarten—(No AM Kindergarten)

June 23: Grades 1-4 and AM Kindergarten—(No PM Kindergarten)

June 24: Grades 1-4 and PM Kindergarten—(No AM Kindergarten)

June 25: Grades 1-4 and AM Kindergarten—(No PM Kindergarten)

June 26: Grades 1-4 and PM Kindergarten—(No AM Kindergarten)

***Kindergarten bussing on these days:

If your child usually attends AM kindergarten, on the early dismissal days, he/she will get on and get off on the same stop that they are usually at in the mornings when they come to school.

If your child usually attends PM kindergarten, on the early dismissal days, he/she will get on and get off on the same stop that they are usually at after school when they get off the bus to go home.

The Kindergarten's to Grade 2's had a wonderful time at swimming lessons this year; a big thanks goes out to all the wonderful volunteers that came out to help make this a great success!



The 8th Annual Veterans Food Drive

The Canadian
Legacy Project and
Crown Surplus are
proud to present

The 8th Annual Veterans Food Drive

Calgarians are being
encouraged to support
our Veterans by bringing
non-perishable food
items & cash donations to

**Crown Surplus,
1005 11th Street SE
between Nov. 1- 15th**



Financial donations can be made out to The Canadian Legacy Project and mailed to:
#210, 1235 – 17th Ave SW Calgary, Alberta. T2T 0C2 or online at www.canadianlegacy.org

This event is sponsored by:



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**Field of Crosses
Memorial Project**

North side of Memorial Drive. West of Centre Street.
November 1-11, 2014 | www.fieldofcrosses.com

As we know, Remembrance Day is coming up soon. Please send two non-perishable food items to school with your child for our Veteran's Day Food Drive, from November 1 – 12. Each class is competing to see who can bring in the most food items, for a fabulous prize! If we meet our school goal of 800 food items, some staff will also be putting on a 'special performance' for the students during an upcoming assembly!



build | CBE capital project update

This fall the Calgary Board of Education welcomed more than 3,700 new students to bring our total enrolment to a record number of nearly 114,500 students. And we know the growth won't stop there. We are expected to grow by another 15,000 students over the next five years.

As a result, the CBE is facing pressures for more space for students throughout our system. These pressures are highest in newer communities that don't have community schools and at the elementary level where more than 2,700 additional students enrolled in Grades 1 through 6 this year. This pressure will continue to be felt in junior and senior high schools as our students age and move through the system.

Our role as a Board is to continue to work with the Government of Alberta to request new schools, modernization projects and modular classrooms. The Province determines which schools are funded and how they will be built.

Currently, the CBE has 31 capital projects underway, including replacement schools and modernization projects. We are scheduled to open 17 new schools in September 2016.

As well, the Province made two announcements this fall to partner with the CBE to build additional school projects in the communities of: West Springs/Cougar Ridge, Saddle Ridge, Cranston, Aspen Woods, Martindale, Silverado and Springbank Hill/Discovery Ridge.

The government also provided funding for modular classrooms for Westgate School, a new south Calgary high school and major modernization projects at James Fowler and Lord Beaverbrook high schools.

The CBE is grateful to the government for this investment in education.

More information on all of our capital projects can be found on the CBE website –
<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/underdev/default.asp>

Updated Ranking Criteria for Capital Projects

This spring the CBE carried out a review of the ranking criteria to be used for school capital planning. Each year the CBE submits plans to the Province for three types of capital projects: new schools, modernization of existing schools, and modulars. The CBE ranks the priority of each of these projects and submits the plans to Alberta Education for

funding each year. Alberta Education then decides which projects to fund.

The review of the ranking criteria was carried out to ensure that the criteria were complete and fair. The process included extensive public engagement which resulted in several changes and adjustments. Public participants agreed that the revised criteria incorporated their input and were non-discriminatory in the method for ranking communities and projects.

For new K-9 schools, the ranking criteria used includes all pre-school children, actual distance of the community to the overflow school and five year future community growth. This data is updated annually with the most recent city census numbers.

The review also adjusted the ranking criteria for modernizations and, for the first time, created objective ranking criteria for modulars. These criteria can be viewed on the CBE web site at:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/new/news2014-15/20141020-cbe-board-of-trustees-approves-updated-ranking-criteria-for-school-capital-planning.asp>

The new ranking criteria are now in use by the CBE. A new modular classroom plan was approved at the Oct. 14 Board meeting. The CBE will be requesting 28 modular classrooms for 11 schools across the system. New school and modernization requests will be presented in the Three-Year School Capital Plan in the spring 2015.

contact | Board of Trustees

We want to hear your ideas or concerns about public education. You can also visit www.cbe.ab.ca to learn more about the Board of Trustees and upcoming public board meetings.

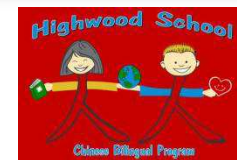
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Virtue of the Month: Respect for Self



2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
27 October	28	29	30	31	1/2 November
3 Day 3 Gr 3/4 Skating	4 Day 1 Gr 3/4 Skating	5 Day 2 Gr 3/4 Skating	6 Day 3 Gr 3/4 Skating Kindergarten: Mad Science Presentation	7 Day 1 HALF DAY: 12:05 Dismissal AM Kindergarten NO PM KINDERGARTEN 10:30: Remembrance Day Assembly	8/9
10 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	11 NO SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 Day 2 Gr 3/4 Skating Gr 2 Fieldtrip: Toh/ Berry to Glenbow Museum	13 Day 3 Gr 2 Fieldtrip: Wu/ Che to Glenbow Museum	14 Day 1	15/16
17 Day 2	18 Day 3  Photo retake day Gr 1 In-class Presentation: Ms. Su/ Mr. Locke	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	22/23
24 Day 3	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3 1:15 pm: Virtue Assembly (Hosts: Gr 1)	28 Day 1 HALF DAY: 12:05 Dismissal PM Kindergarten NO AM KINDERGARTEN	29/30
1 December Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	6/7