



February 2024

MEMOS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear HLCA families,

As I write this memo message, I am thankful for all that is happening in our school! February is a full month and so short. I am looking forward to gathering with you at our annual Pie Auction on Friday, February 2; this is a wonderful time of fellowship and I love seeing God continually provide for our school. He never fails! From the 5th to the 9th students will be writing the Canadian Achievement Test; this test provides the school with valuable information on student learning and helps staff identify whole school needs. Staff and students will be off for a week from the 14th and returning on the 21st (teachers do have a professional development on the 16th). That final week of February will include community service and then March will be upon us! Whew!

As the Pie Auction approaches, I am reminded of God's continued faithfulness to HLCA. Every day God provides for our school; he provides healthy staff; energy for the day's work; he enables the school to operate each day. This fills my heart with thanksgiving for all He does and is doing. God is at work in our building; He is causing students to grow and learn academically and spiritually. He is working in all our hearts, staff and students. It is only through God's enabling and His purposes that HLCA continues, and we praise Him for it. "I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9:1-2 ESV) and "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name." Selah Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man." (Psalm 66: 1-5)

God is so good!

Ms. Jeffrey

February Swimming

Grade 1-6: Feb. 2, 23 – 11am-12pm (Feb 9 cancelled)

Grade 7-10: Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29 – 11am-12pm

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

February 2 – HLCA's 10th Annual Pie Auction @ HLEC 7PM

February 14-20 – No School

February 16 – Teachers Conference

February 19 – Family Day

From February 5-9th all students in grades 1-9 will be writing the Canadian Achievement Test (CAT). These tests will provide the school with valuable information that will help us plan and adjust for student learning needs and with the data needed to remain accountable to Alberta Education.

ECS

The month of February will see us starting to work with patterns, continuing our work with stories, learning about our community and the movements of objects, people and animals.

Grade 1/2

Just a friendly reminder that snacks are not to be shared as there are allergies and we also do not want to share germs and spread sickness. Please do not send food that needs to be microwaved for a long time/3-5 minutes (for example instant noodles, etc.). Microwave lines are getting long, and students do not have enough time to eat before the lunch recess bell. Thanks.

L.A. - CAT tests will be happening February 5-9. Please plan for your children to be at school during this time. Grade 1's will be reading and writing. We will be composing collective stories. Grade 2's will be creating opinion/persuasive writing, and simple paragraphs.

Math - Grade 1's will focus on number & word problems, measurement, addition, subtraction, and estimation. Grade 2's will focus on subtraction with regrouping, solving word problems, measurement and fractions.

Science - Our focus this month is on Energy: Light and Sound.

Social - We will continue with Looking At People.

P.E. - Reminder, swimming continues every Friday. There is a possibility that skating will happen on the 9th. Each student will need a helmet that covers the back of the head (not a bicycle helmet). Skates are optional but for insurance reasons helmets are required. More info will come later if we go skating.

Bible - We continue to learn about Wisdom and Biblical Truth throughout the year.

Grade 3/4

Math - We finished our first jump math book and are now working on our second workbook. Grade 4 students are creating their own graphs and naming fractions, while the grade 3 students are working on multiplication and division word problems.

Science - We are now on the Wheels and Leavers unit in science. This unit goes over how wheels, rollers, pulleys, gear systems and belt drives work. The students have already constructed their own drink can dragsters and built their own pulley and wheel systems out of Lego. This

month we will be talking more in depth about the mechanical advantage of pulley systems and putting together a gear and belt drive system.

Social - We are currently learning about fur trade and trading posts. Later this month, we will be talking about the first settlers, who they were, and how they lived.

L.A - This month we will be learning how to write book reports and well as completing our weekly journal entries and spelling workbooks.

GRADES 5/6

L.A. - We will continue with our novel study of *Where the Red Fern Grows*, ending with a movie vs. book comparison.

Math - Grade 5s and 6s will continue to strengthen fundamental skills. 5s will continue to expand their division skills into fractions and decimals. 6s will expand their understanding of fractions and move into units on ratios.

Science - Our unit on sky science will be wrapping up with a review and test. In February, we will begin a new unit on air and aerodynamics, including studying a variety of different types of fliers and lab experiments exploring the fluidity of air.

Social - We will continue to study the Iroquois confederacy as another historical example of democracy.

Bible - We will continue to learn about servanthood & the Church.

GRADES 7 - 9

Math - As a whole, Jr. High students will continue to work with algebraic equations and comparing quantities. Grade 7s and 8s will move into units on ratios. Grade 9s will move into units on inequalities and polynomial expressions.

LA - We will wrap-up essay writing and move into our novel studies.

Science - For grade 8s and 9s, our unit on space exploration will be wrapping up with a review and a test. In February, we will begin a new unit on matter and chemical changes, including studying the periodic table and lab experiments exploring chemical reactions.

For grade 7s, our unit on planet Earth and geology will be wrapping up with a review and a test.

In February, we will begin a new unit on heat and temperature, including studying different technologies for managing temperature and lab experiments exploring conductors and insulators.

Social Studies - We will be covering chapters 6 and 7, ending with Canadian Confederation in 1867.

Health – Jr. High students will wrap up their project on influences on our personal choices and what biblical strategies we can take to manage that pressure. To wrap up this unit on personal choices, the students will examine the effects and uses of drugs and then move into a unit on relationship choices.

PE – Swimming and Basketball

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PLEASE BE SCENT AWARE

Many people are extremely sensitive to perfumes, colognes, aftershaves and other scented products. We have several students and members of staff who are sensitive to strong scents. Please keep this in mind when you are preparing to come to school. Thank you!

(HLCES) BOARD:

Board Members are:

- Shawn Wiebe - Chairman
- Ray Lapka - Vice Chair and Secretary
- Jerry Krahn – Treasurer / Fundraising
- Chris Sullivan – Vice Treasurer
- Josh Clark - Maintenance

There is an open discussion on Schoology in the HLCA Parents group if you have questions for the board.

FUNDRAISING

Amount fundraised this year: \$36,226.00(This does not include donations only fundraising events)

Goal incoming for the year: \$103,000.00

Pie Auction and Silent Auction – Feb. 2

A big thank you to those who have volunteered to make pie for the auction. We are also in need of volunteers to help with set up and clean up. We also are taking donations for the silent auction that is happening at the event as well.

Fundraising totals will be added in the March Memo.