

...COMING NEXT WEEK!

If your child does not have inside shoes at school please remind them to place running shoes in their bag on days they wear rain or snow boots to school so they can participate in gym!



Thank you!

Thank you to Mrs. Kohls and Mr. Whalan for volunteering their time to coach basketball! Congratulations to the players for a fantastic season!



AFTER-SCHOOL SPRING PROGRAMS 2024

Harry Hooge Elementary

REGISTRATION is open from March 5 at 9 a.m. to April 4

NAUGHTY KNIGHTS CHESS PROGRAM (GRADES 1-5)
 Ideal for players who would like to explore the amazing and timeless world of chess – which is undoubtedly the most popular board game in the world. This program nurtures logical thinking, concentration and helps form the habit of making calculated and informed decisions.
 FVCE
 Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 17 to June 12 Location: MPR \$160

KIDS INNOVATIVE: INTRO TO CODING (GRADES 2-4)
 A fun and interactive learning space where kids dive into the basics of coding principles through game-style activities. Experience your child's coding growth while building friendships in vibrant and engaging gaming activities.
 KIDS
 Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. April 18 to June 6 Location: MPR \$170

ALBION FC AFTER-SCHOOL SOCCER (GRADES K-7)
 Students will participate in fun and engaging activities that will develop their soccer skills at all levels. There will be an emphasis on building confidence and teamwork through a variety of soccer drills, games, and fun challenges. This is an outdoor program, rain or shine.
 ALBION FC
 Fridays 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 19 to May 24 Location: Field/Gym \$60

Students will go straight to the program at the ball.
 All registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Programs could be cancelled due to low registration.
 To register, go to schoolsdistric42.perfectmind.com.
 For more info: Hannah Macdonald, (604) 637-2384 or hannah_macdonald@sd42.ca

"WEEK AT A GLANCE" Mar. 4-8	
Monday, March 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Girls Basketball practice at lunch ➤ Boys Basketball game after school at HHE
Tuesday, March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration opens for after school Spring Programs 9am ➤ Boys basketball practice after school
Wednesday, March 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Me N' Eds pizza hot lunch
Thursday, March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Early dismissal at 11:30 for conferences
Friday, March 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conferences all day: no school for students ➤ Purdy's order pick up at the office between 8-3

Spring Break

Monday March 19-
 Monday April 1 (back on Tuesday April 2)

Keeping Up With Technology as a Parent

Common Sense Media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>) is a great resource for parents to check out what Apps/Video Games, Books, TV shows and Movies are all about. It provides parents with reviews of what kids want to access before you allow them access it!

Here is some information on some video games/apps. More detailed information can be found clicking the link below.

Keeping Up and With It

It seems that our children are always ahead of us parents when it comes to technology. Common Sense Media (CSM) helps parents keep up with the latest trends in digital games, apps, and connectivity. This installment of Family Tech Trends includes CSM discussions about: **TikTok** (app), **SnapChat** (app), **Fortnite** (game), and **Parent Controls** (device management).

Common Sense Media Says...

TikTok: TikTok is a free social media app that lets you watch, create, and share videos -- often to a soundtrack of the top hits in music -- right from your phone. Using any social network can be risky, but it's possible for kids to safely use the app with adult supervision (and a private account). When you sign up for TikTok, your account is public by default, meaning anyone can see your videos, send you direct messages, and use your location information.

Snapchat: Snapchat is a popular messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (called snaps) that are meant to disappear after they're viewed. It's advertised as a "new type of camera" because the essential function is to take a picture or video, add filters, lenses, or other effects and share them with friends. Something about snapping, sharing, and then forgetting about life's little moments has massive appeal for kids. According to the terms of service, users must be 13 years old.

Parent Controls: Figuring out what kind of parental control is best is entirely based on your own family's needs. Some families can get by with simple, free browser settings to filter inappropriate content. Some families need help clamping down on screen time. Some folks are cool with spot-checks on their kids' devices. **If you have provided a cell phone or smart watch for your children, it is important remind them that it must be turned off at school or on airplane mode and always follow the instructions of their teachers. Students are only allowed to use the school district's filtered network.*

Fortnite: This survival-action game is a bit like what you'd get if you combined a sandbox-building game like Minecraft with an action shooter like Call of Duty. On one hand, it's getting major points with kids and parents alike for building teamwork and thoughtful collaboration. On the other hand, it's a combat-based game with tons of guns and violence.

Discord: Is an app designed to help users talk to each other in real time. Users can log in and enter a group chat with one or more people. Connecting with friends involves joining an existing topic-based server or sending an email invitation. Using the Nearby feature when adding friends (and with location features turned on), you can find friends who are close to you. You can also block users and avoid content you don't want to see. Discord was originally designed for gamers to use to talk as they play -- and it's well-suited for that. It's since been opened up to host other communities, though, as well -- currently, groups exist that involve a variety of topics.