

Jump Rope for Heart has begun!

This is a fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Our event is on Friday, April 24th. Here is a link if you are interested in donating or sharing our donation link with family and friends:

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdfunder.ca/114472>

The class that raises the most money will receive a Tim Horton's treat and time spent playing at a local park!



...COMING NEXT WEEK!

"WEEK AT A GLANCE" Apr 13-17

Monday, April 13

- ▶ PAC meeting 6:30pm in the library
- ▶ Neufeld Farms Fundraiser begins

Tuesday, April 14

- ▶ Cross Country Practice 2:20-2:45 all weather field
- ▶ Girls Mini Volleyball 2:30-4pm All girls Gr. 5, 6, 7 welcome

Wednesday, April 15

- ▶ Reading Link Challenge 10-12pm at Albion Community Center with Ms. Vernon
- ▶ Me N' Eds Pizza Hot lunch

Thursday, April 16

- ▶ Worms with Dan Div. 14, 15, 18, 20, 21
- ▶ Cross Country Practice 2:20-2:45 all weather field

Friday, April 17

Morning Drop off and Pick up

We respectfully ask that parents/caregivers and students refrain from hanging out inside the school before school and at the end of the day.

This gives the staff space and time to get ready for the beginning of the day and allows for staff to safely dismiss their students at the end of the day without congestion, especially in the front foyer.

A reminder that students should be joining their class at their outside line up each morning and will be dismissed from that same location daily.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser!

Our HHE Neufeld Farms Fundraiser is now open! Get your favourite items as we head into spring barbeque season! Please use the link below to place your order. All orders are paid by credit card on the site.

Orders close: Monday April 27th

Orders delivered: Monday May 4th at 3:30 at HHE

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2026-harry-hooge-elementary/ref/em>



Please Plan Ahead if you can!

Recently, our secretary, Mrs. Goodwin, has been fielding parent phone calls for early picks ups or messages for students that result in her having to, at times, find upwards of 15-20 students in a short period of time before dismissal.

While we recognize there are unforeseen circumstances that result in a child needing to be picked up early or having a change in pick up plans, we ask that you please be mindful to do your best to plan ahead with their classroom teacher when possible or call the office earlier in the day. Often classes are outside or in other areas of the school and finding the students can take a lot of time as well. We also cannot guarantee we will be able to get last minute messages to students before the dismissal bell depending on the time that parents call.

Cross country and Track and Field Practice

In preparation for the district Cross Country Race at Albion Sports Field (Intermediate Tuesday May 19th and Primary Thursday May 21st) students are invited to practice after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:20-2:50. Primary students will need to be supervised by a parent/guardian.

Thank you to Ms. Long for organizing the practices!

Please meet Ms. Long on the all weather field rain or shine!

Track and Field practice is starting during class time as well!

Please ensure your child is coming prepared with proper clothing and footwear to participate actively daily! Crocs are NOT proper footwear!



All adults play a powerful role in helping children develop positive attitudes about race and diversity. Here are the developmental ages for students to learn about race.

They're not too young to talk about race!

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |
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| At birth, babies look equally at faces of all races. At 3 months, babies look more at faces that match the race of their caregivers. (Kelly et al., 2005) | Children as young as two years use race to reason about people's behaviors. (Hirschfeld, 2008) | By 30 months, most children use race to choose playmates. (Katz & Kofkin, 1997) | Expressions of racial prejudice often peak at ages 4 and 5. (Aboud, 2008) | By five, Black and Latinx children in research settings show no preference toward their own groups compared to Whites; White children at this age remain strongly biased in favor of whiteness. (Dunham et al., 2008) | By kindergarten, children show many of the same racial attitudes that adults in our culture hold—they have already learned to associate some groups with higher status than others. (Kinzler, 2016) | Explicit conversations with 5–7 year olds about interracial friendships can dramatically improve their racial attitudes in as little as a single week. (Bronson & Merryman, 2009) |

Young children notice and think about race. Adults often worry that talking about race will encourage racial bias in children, but the opposite is true. **Silence about race reinforces racism** by letting children draw their own conclusions based on what they see. Teachers and families can play a powerful role in helping children of all ages develop positive attitudes about race and diversity and skills to promote a more just future—but only if we talk about it!

Do some learning of your own to get ready for conversations with children. Here are some good places to seek *information and training*:

- Teaching Tolerance — tolerance.org
- Raising Race Conscious Children — raceconscious.org
- Embrace Race — embracerace.org
- Teaching for Change — teachingforchange.org
- AORTA Cooperative — aorta.coop
- Fortify Community Health (CA) — fortifycommunityhealth@gmail.com
- Delaware Valley Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (PA) — dvaecv.org

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Yearbook Cover Contest



Any student can enter. Get out your crayons, pencil crayons, felts or paints and make a winning design! Make sure you do it in full colour.

For your entry to be considered, it must follow these rules:

- ⤴ Use a regular 8½x11 sheet of white paper
- ⤴ Make your cover vertical (up-and-down, not side-to-side)
- ⤴ Include the school's name and "2025-2026" in the design
- ⤴ Include your first name and division on the back

How to Submit Your Art

Return to Ms. Lacroix in the office

All entries are due by: Friday May 1st, 2026

