

**We have THE BEST secretaries! Thank you Ms. Goodwin and Ms. Amanda for taking such good care of our school community!**



**Hellos and Goodbyes**

*I'm sad to share that Ian Luckman, our Indigenous Education Support Worker's temporary contract is up. He has been at HHE since September and has done an amazing job in this role. His voice and laughter will be missed in our hallways! We would like to welcome Melisaa Bailey to HHE. She will be transitioning into this role on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*The school district announced changes to administration for the 2026-27 school year. This unfortunately includes our Vice Principal Ms. Lacroix. Ms. Lacroix will be going to THSS starting in September. She has been my amazing partner at HHE for the last two years and will be truly missed by everyone here. We wish her all the best in her new role! We will be welcoming Mr. Jeff Curwen to HHE. He will come for a couple of visits before the school year ends but will officially start in September.*

**Girls Mini Volleyball**

Due to low turnout, girls Mini Volleyball is no longer occurring. Girls are encouraged to attend Open Gym (8-820am) Monday to Friday to practice their individual skills. Thank you Mr. T and Mr. John for giving up your time this year for volleyball.

**High Jump Practice**

Starting this week, all grade 4-7 students interested in practicing their high jump skills, please come to the gym this Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after eating (12:15pm). Thank you,



**"WEEK AT A GLANCE" Apr 20-24**

**Monday, April 20**

- ▶ Div. 18 Dandelion Workshop
- ▶ Fire Drill 1:45pm

**Tuesday, April 21**

- ▶ Div. 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 Circuitry Workshop
- ▶ Running Club 2:25-2:50
- ▶ Cookie Sale for Jump Rope for Heart at recess on the basketball and bucketball court \$1 each

**Wednesday, April 22**

- ▶ Secretary's Day
- ▶ Cookie Sale \$1 each
- ▶ School Speech Competition in the gym 8:45am

**Thursday, April 23**

- ▶ Cookie Sale \$1 each
- ▶ Running Club 2:25-2:50

**Friday, April 24**

- ▶ Jump Rope for Heart Event! 8:30-12

**One more week to donate for Jump Rope for Heart! We have surpassed our goal! We have currently raised \$1800! Let's see if we can get to \$2000!**



Get your Neufeld Farms order in this week! Orders close soon! Lots of frozen food to choose from. Appies, desserts, meat! And every order raises money for the school! Please share with family and friends!



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

**From The Library**

Congratulations to Valerie, Alic, David and Andre who represented us well at the FVRL/District 42 Reading Link Challenge at Albion Community Centre last week. The "Reading Masters" put in a great effort!



**Reading is life-changing:** Children who read in their spare time are more likely to do well in school, have strong friendships, have better mental health, and happier lives!

**Sharing books and stories with children has so many benefits:**

- It's great for their education
- It makes them happy! Research shows that reading is good for children's emotional health (and ours!)
- Reading helps children to be empathetic and how to be a good friend; it helps them to understand themselves and the world around them
- Our kids' senses are constantly ambushed by constant stimulation and instant gratification; reading allows imaginations to flourish and heart rates to lower
- Reading is the ultimate self-help tool! If you're a reader, you'll always be able to seek advice, information, comfort and relaxation in a book
- AND it's a lovely activity to share together

This isn't about learning to read, or reading for school homework, it's about children choosing to read in their free time. And you can help encourage them!

**Our top tips!**

- Read together, every day if you can (no matter their age or reading ability) – make it relaxing and comfy
- Let your child choose what to read – comics, magazines, recipes – anything goes if they enjoy it!
- Ask questions about the book – the pictures, the characters, what you think might happen next