



"TO LEARN, PLAY AND BE WELL TOGETHER!"

Alberta Education Assurance Survey: Check your Canada Post mail

All Parents and Guardians of grade 4 students are encouraged to complete this survey regarding the quality of education, programming and culture of our school. Results from this survey guide our decisions to improve learning, build a stronger culture of belonging, and provide enhanced leadership skills and opportunities for students. Check your post mail for the survey link and random access code to complete the survey.

February 9th- LAND/WILD Day: 9:15am-12:15pm at Isabelle Sellon School

This is our second learning event with Horace Allen School! The goal of these combined learning days is to provide place based learning experiences across multi-age groupings (K-6), while increasing connection between our community of schools. This outdoor learning day is an exploration of the ecology, economy and culture of the area surrounding Isabelle Sellon School. Developing a deeper understanding of 'place' is an integral component of the partnership with Teton Science Schools and assists our two schools to integrate curricular outcomes with meaningful learning experiences. If you would like to volunteer on this day, please contact the school office.

A special thank you to the Blairmore Lions who will be cooking the hot dog lunch!
(provided by the HAS and ISS Nutrition program)

Academics: Student goal setting, scoreboards and success at ISS:

As a *Leader in Me* school, students are learning the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and are applying these habits to guide their personal success and achievement. An overarching school wide target was set: All students will achieve growth in Literacy and Numeracy from September to January. In October, all students set personal goals to increase growth in literacy and numeracy; based on their September STAR results. Through the months of November, December and January, students tracked their minutes of focused literacy and numeracy tasks with the intent that increased time should have an impact on growth. STAR assessments were completed again in January. ***So, how did we do overall?***

	STAR growth (fall -winter)
Overall Grade 4	LA- 3.2-4.0 GE- increase of 0.8 grade equivalency (8 months growth in 4 month period) Math- 3.0-3.7 GE- increase of 0.7 grade equivalency (7 months growth in 4 month period)
Overall Grade 5	LA- 4.6-4.6 GE- (no change in 4 month period) Math- 3.9-4.6 GE- increase of 0.7 grade equivalency (7 months growth in 4 month period)
Overall Grade 6	LA- 5.2-5.5 GE- increase of 0.3 grade equivalency (3 months growth in 4 month period) Math- 4.3-4.9 GE- increase of 0.6 grade equivalency (6 months growth in 4 month period)

1Book 5Schools Family Literacy Project:

We hope our students and families are enjoying this year's book, The Lion of Mars. To inspire and motivate a culture of reading, students are participating in daily trivia questions at the school. This project will conclude prior to the Family Week break.

We all have *Super Powers*: Courage, Kindness and Gratitude:

Thinking win-win is about extending kindness and being grateful; even in the face of frustration! Calgary Magician, Steve Harmer of Motivational Magic, presented powerful messages to students on February 2nd. We will continue to showcase our superpowers through the month and beyond to demonstrate fairness, respect, and an abundance mentality.



Tri-School Council Update:

Our next Tri-School and ISS Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th. Due to the February Family Week break, there is no February meeting.

Culture Building- February Activities for Students:

There are several opportunities for students to participate in a variety of activities during the school day and after school. During the month of February, Basketball intramurals will be available at morning recess break for interested students. After School Basketball is also available for interested students and begins this week (permission forms were shared last week).

The after school Archery Program is also underway for students in Grade 5 and 6 who applied for this program.

Musical opportunities such as vocal choir and recorder choir are also taking place this month; both during the school day and after school.

The Art room also continues to be open during recess breaks for students to continue work on their art projects.

Pass Powderkeg Programming:

We look forward to partnering with PPK once again this year to provide outdoor physical education programming for students! Our first day at PPK and the surrounding area is scheduled for Friday, February 16th. Students participating in either snowshoeing, skiing or snowboarding will begin programming at 9am and will meet to check in with school staff at the lodge between 8:45 and 8:55am. Programming ends at 1pm allowing time for students and staff to return to the school for 1:20pm dismissal.

Enjoy the Family Week Break- No classes February 19th-23rd! Classes resume February 26th.