

December 4, 2023

Husky Happenings

December 2023



THE YEAR OF THE HUSKY!

Invitations were sent out for you to attend our School Council's discussion on advocating for your right to public education, which will take place on Monday, December 4th at 3:30 PM in our Learning Commons. This discussion will help you understand the impact of our collective progress and how your voice can be heard. We look forward to your participation and support!

As we approach the season of giving, connecting, and gathering with loved ones, we invite you to attend our two Winter Concert evenings.

- **December 13th, Grades K-3 will present "A Bear-y Merry Holiday" at 6 PM,**
- **December 14th, Grades 4-6 will perform "The Classic Grinch." at 6 PM.**

These events are expected to be popular, and we encourage you to arrive early. Doors will open at 5:30 PM for students and parents.

To show our support for those in need, we ask that you consider making a **donation to the Okotoks Foodbank in the form of cash or non-perishable items. Thank you for your generosity and support.**

HERITAGE HEIGHTS EVENTS

Dec 4 -3:30 School Council "Advocacy"

Dec 5 - 12:30 Students' Matters Meeting (student leadership)

Dec 8 - Enrichment including free skating for grades 9, 5, and 3

Dec 8 - 1:00 Fall Athletics Pep Rally

Dec 13 - 6:00 Gr. K-3 Concert

Dec 14 - 6:00 Gr. 4-6 Concert

Dec 15 - School Closed PD Day

Dec 18-22 - Holiday Spirit Week

Dec 22 - Last Full Day before break

"Click-able" Calendars

- [School Digital Calendar](#)
- [Athletic Central](#)
- [Division Digital Calendar](#)



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Friday Enrichment, what is THAT?

Almost all Fridays this year, we have offered some extra fun for your little ones! Last week we were able to start up a free-skate for three of our classes, thanks to our School Council for the support!

Students are rotating through activities such as: archery, coding, extra PE (including skating), outdoor pursuits, and STEAM challenges.

GRATITUDE TO OUR TEACHERS WHO ARE RUNNING

STEAM team: Mrs. Bowlby and Mr. G
Enrichment PE team: Mrs. McKellar
Enrichment Music/Drama Team Mrs. Schmidt



ATHLETICS COUNCIL

Our staff has established a subcommittee to facilitate the organization and supervision of our interschool athletics program for students in Grades 6-9. Their dedication to this initiative is much appreciated, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have on our students.

Furthermore, in collaboration with the school administration, we have formed a parent athletic support committee. Together, these two teams will work towards the effective management of our athletic programs, fostering a sense of school spirit, sportsmanship, and athleticism among our young athletes.

We firmly believe that the implementation and support of inter-school athletics is a collective responsibility of our entire community. Therefore, we invite all families to follow our athletic schedule and join us in cheering on our teams in your school SWAG, along with your entire family. Let's go Huskies!



Athletics

Basketball Season is here!!

Tryouts have mostly completed and teams have been formed! Watch and subscribe to the calendar below.

[Athletics Central and Calendar](#)





Hello Heritage Heights Families,

We are excited to announce that we have two Christmas Concerts this year! Beary Merry Holiday Show (Kinder-Grade 3), and Classic Grinch Show (Grades 4-6). All are welcome to attend!

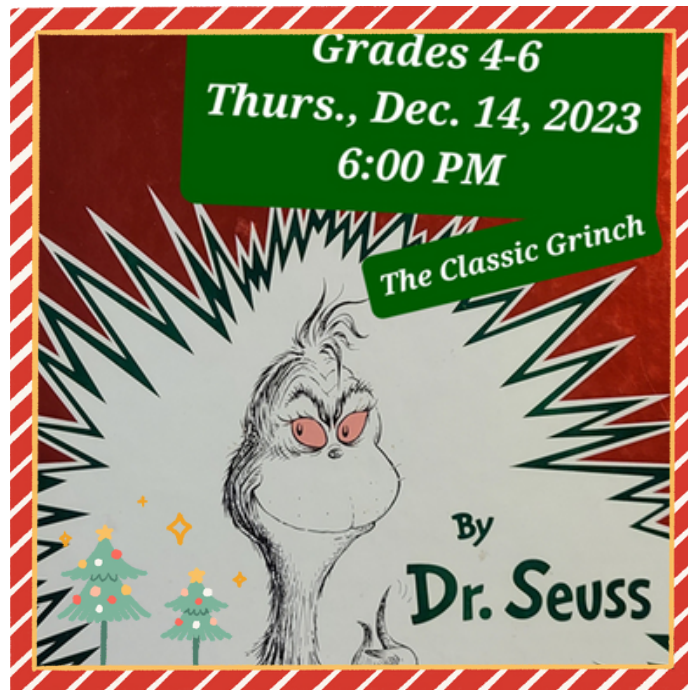
Performance Dates:

Beary Merry Holiday Show, Wednesday, December 13th, at 6:00 p.m. (Kinder-Grade 3)

Classic Grinch Show, Thursday, December 14th, at 6:00 p.m. (Grade 4-6)

Both performances will be held in the gymnasium. Students need to be in their classroom (by 5:45 p.m.) each evening. School doors open at 5:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Call to Register !

(403) 603-3232

25\$ fee per youth

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- A safe place for everyone
- A way to better get to know yourself and find your true inner meaning
- Take part in Self-confidence and Self-esteem building activities
- A place to learn new skills and try new things

Tuesdays Monthly 4:30-7:30pm
Okotoks, AB

Upcoming dates:

OCTOBER 10TH

NOVEMBER 14TH

DECEMBER 12TH

JANUARY 9TH

FEBRUARY 13TH

MARCH 12TH

APRIL 9TH

MAY 14TH

JUNE 11TH

JULY 9TH



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Celebrate creativity,
curiosity, and
imagination.

Judges wanted on Friday, February 2nd. Email Mr. G for information.

Circle of Courage for Families

As Heritage Heights deepens our connection and understanding of the Circle of Courage Framework, we encourage parents & guardians to consider each element with us. This month we focused on Independence.

Fostering Independence in Children: Empowerment, Not Control

The spirit of independence is cultivated by responsibility, allowing children to embrace decision-making with confidence. When children are empowered, they are motivated to persevere through life's challenges and become more confident human beings. Independence is best described as taking responsibility for oneself.

Parents can encourage their children to become contributing members of their community by taking on the role of a coach and cheerleader, while also using discipline appropriately. When empowered, children can make decisions based on what is right, and not because they feel like they are being watched.

Fostering independence in children is a system of empowerment and not a system of control. Unlike obedience models of discipline, Indigenous teachings were designed to build respect and inner discipline. From an early age, children were encouraged to make their own decisions, solve problems, and show personal responsibility. Adults modeled, nurtured, and taught values, and gave feedback, while children were given ample opportunities to make choices without coercion.

Children are best supported in developing independence through modeled behavior and positive examples from trusted adults and role models. Being responsible and showing independence in one's life involves making personal choices, embracing both failures and successes.

