

Our Instructional Focus is to enhance the Higher Order Thinking Skills of all Students  
through self-assessment

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What's Happening at Laurier  
Heights?

- April 5 Easter Monday—no classes
- April 6 Classes resume
- April 6 Actors in Residence Program begins at LH (April 6-16)
- April 12 PAC @ 9:00 AM
- April 16 Drama Presentation @ 7 PM
- April 20 Grade 9's @ cooking school
- April 21 Elem assembly @ 9:30 AM
- April 26 Scavenger Hunt
- April 27 HLAT Writing Test @ 9 AM  
Gr 8/9 Band @ Music Festival
- April 29 Gr 8/9 Band Concert @  
Winterubrn School
- April 30 Hot Dog day & Jersey day

Upcoming

- May 3 PAC @ 6:30 PM
- May 4 Div I to Symphony
- May 4 HLAT Reading Test @ 9 AM
- May 5 Div I HLAT Test
- May 7 May newsletter on-line
- May 13 Tentative JH Track day
- May 14 Grade 5 & 9 Immunizations
- May 24 Victoria Day—no classes
- May 25 Teacher Day in Lieu  
(no classes)
- May 28 Hot Dog & Break a Rule Day
- June 4 Annual Family BBQ
- June 11 Grade 9 Graduation Event

REMINDER  
NO NUTS or GREEN PEAS!  
WE ARE SCENT FREE!

*Laurier Heights  
School  
Newsletter*



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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Spring is just around the corner and as we look to April, May and June we are excited about the school wide activities and learning that is still ahead. Teachers are using their Essential Learning Outcome (ELO) document to ensure that students have the knowledge and expertise required to move to the next grade level. It is an exciting time in our building as students are looking forward to the last three months of school and the teachers are observing significant growth in their students!

Our March 18th Open House was an overwhelming success! Our gym was full and we had so many positive comments from visiting students and their families. We are already receiving outside registration forms for our grade seven English program as well as for our English kindergarten. The French Immersion and Late French Immersion programs are seeing an increase in outside enrollment as well. We are delighted to see the continued interest in our school. Thank you to the many parents who have been spreading the word that great things are happening at our school. It looks like 2010/2011 is going to be another exciting year at Laurier!

Student enrollment passports will be sent out in early April. This is a document that every Edmonton Public School issues each year for every student. Laurier families, as well as new incoming students, are required to return their passports to their current school by Wednesday, April 21st, 2010. Meeting this deadline will guarantee you a spot in your selected school and program of choice. An information sheet will also accompany each passport that goes home.

The 2010 France trip was another huge success. Our students and staff came back tired after ten days of high intensity travel but very pleased with the outcome. Our students were once again great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Ms. Bird, Ms. Diaconescu and Mr. Ristola for organizing and chaperoning our fortunate students!

At the end of this newsletter you will find the Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) schedule for our grade 3, 6 & 9 students included with our monthly calendars. The grade 7 & 8 June 2010 final exam schedule will be available soon as well.

Our next PAC meeting will be Monday, April 12th @ 9:00 am. Following that, Monday, May 3rd @ 6:30 pm will be our final Parent Council meeting of the school year. Please consider joining us on April 12th at 9:00 am and May 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for your continued support,



Tanja Caley, B. Ed., M. Ed.  
Principal

## **GRADE 3, 6 & 9 2010 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

As our May and June calendars show, our grade three, six and nine students will be writing their Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) over a seven week period. Students at the grade six and nine level are encouraged to review notes and assignments prior to the test dates. At Laurier, we believe that these tests are a "snapshot" of what the students have learned and retained at a specific point in the year. Although the district uses the results to monitor student and school progress as well as compare our district schools to others in the province, it is important to keep in mind that it is simply a glimpse into what your child has learned. We do not want our students to feel anxious or be overwhelmed by the idea of writing a PAT. Teachers will be talking to students about the tests in a positive non-threatening way in order to decrease any possible anxiety and we encourage our families to do the same.

**Please review the calendar to ensure you know when your child (grade three, six or nine only) will be writing their Provincial Achievement Tests.** It is very important for the students to have a good breakfast the morning of the test as well as a good sleep the night before! All parents of a child writing these tests will be sent individual results in the fall of 2010. If you have any questions about the tests themselves, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the administration.

## **HLAT READING TEST DATE CHANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

Division I students from the following classes will be going to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, May 4. These classes will be writing their HLAT Reading Test on Wednesday, May 5 (not May 4) from 9:00 - 10:30:

Mrs. Holowatiuk  
Mme Mason  
Mlle Belisle  
Mlle Rowbotham

**All other classes will write the HLAT Reading Test on Tues. May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## PASSPORT INFORMATION

Dear Laurier families,

April is an important month for Edmonton Public Schools as it is the time when students and their families establish their choice of school for the following year.

The Official District Passport has been sent home and this will allow you to register for the 2010/2011 school year in the school of your choice. All students in kindergarten to grade eight must return their passports to Laurier Heights School by Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Grade Nine students must return their signed passport to Laurier Heights by Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Once we have collected all of the passports we will ensure that the passports with registrations at alternative schools (especially for our grade nine students) will be delivered to that location as quickly as possible.

Please ensure you have read through the document carefully and have signed the document prior to returning it to Laurier Heights. Please update any personal information if it has changed over the course of the year.

### FAMILIES REGISTERING FOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Although Laurier will accept passports after the April 9<sup>th</sup> deadline, it is imperative that current grade nine students return their passports in a timely manner. We have been directed to deliver grade nine passports to the High Schools very quickly so that they can establish their enrollment guidelines and inform students of their registration status as soon as possible. This is particularly important for students who are choosing a High School that is not in their catchment area.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further information. Thank you.

## KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION

### DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS AND POLIO BOOSTER SECOND DOSE MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA VACCINE

Immunizations protect your child from serious childhood diseases. Diseases spread more easily when children are together in a group. Ensure your child is protected from vaccine preventable diseases by having his/her immunizations up to date. Kindergarten immunizations are given at the Public Health Centres.

After their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday most children should have:

- A booster dose of DTaP-IPV (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio) vaccine,
- A second dose of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine,

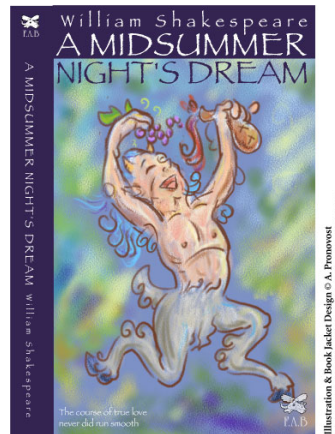
If immunization is needed, call your local Public Health Centre for an appointment.

If you have any questions, please call:

- Health Link Alberta at 780-408-LINK (5465) or 1-866-408-LINK (5465).

## ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE AT LAURIER HEIGHTS SCHOOL!

Theatre Prospero is currently hosting a residency at Laurier Heights School from April 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. There are theatre professionals here at the school working with the students from grades 1 to 9 in various capacities on an adapted version of Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This residency will culminate in an evening performance on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the large gym. The elementary students have been involved in drama clinics with the artists and the junior high students have been learning stage management techniques and stage choreography in addition to rehearsing and preparing for the upcoming production. Thank you to our wonderful parent council who is supporting this residency. The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) has also contributed to it through a supplementary grant.



## HEALTH CLASSES AND SPECIAL VISITORS

A great big thanks to S/Sgt. Ian Sanderson of the RCMP Drug Awareness Program for his highly informative/educational presentation on the topic of the consequences of drug use. S/Sgt. Sanderson focused on how important it is to know what you are putting into your body - drug traffickers are interested in just the money they can get from individuals not how the individuals react/respond to the mostly impure drugs that are sold on the streets.

A thanks also to Ms. Michelle Boden, a Ched journalist, who was instrumental in contacting S/Sgt. Sanderson and bringing him to our school.

Lia Homer  
Health Teacher

## PEER SUPPORT

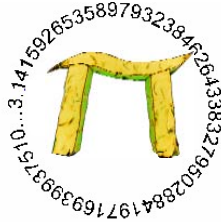
Our Peer Support teams have suspended their presentations for the next three weeks. Our student teacher will be working on the Health classes for these next weeks.

Lia Homer  
Teacher/School Zone  
Laurier Heights

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?  
A: Pumpkin  $\pi$ .

$\pi$  day was a huge success!

Over 50 junior high students entered teams to use their mathematical skills to solve problems, carry out complex measurements and calculations and solve some silly puns and riddles. The students used circles to calculate the dimensions of the small gym, they played strategy games using circles, and they also determined where to place single sided adhesive material so that a team member would be suspended on a vertical surface for 3 minutes and 14 seconds. Everyone also had some pie. Many of the students are looking forward to next year's celebrations.



## APRIL SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY!

A BIG thank you to our two University of Alberta student teachers, Mr. Dan Card and Ms. Mandy Oberg, who will be providing our students with a fun (and educational!) scavenger hunt on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Each elementary class will participate as a group and our junior high students will have the opportunity to participate over the noon hour in smaller groups. Stay tuned for a very fun adventure!

## RUGBY SEASON IS STARTING!

We have had lots of support and enthusiasm for the team this year. There are more than 15 members returning from last year's team. With the support and guidance of the veteran players we should be able to enter two teams in the league. If you like to have fun, if you like to run, if you want to know what a standoff, a scrum half or a hooker does, then we hope you come and try out for the team. The tryouts will begin the second week of April. All league games are Wednesdays after school. Our first game is in early May. We hope to have two tournaments, one in St. Albert at the end of May and the other at Ellerslie Rugby Park in early June. We are looking forward to a fun, successful season.

Earl Foster



## HOT DOG DAYS & THEME DAYS!

Our monthly Hot Dog days and monthly theme days have been set for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year. Please make note of the dates below.

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Hot Dog day & Jersey day

Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Hot Dog day & Break a Rule day  
(more info to follow - small coin donation  
required!)

Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Hot Dog day only - no theme day

## WHY JOIN CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH?

Come and find out at the Parent Council meeting on May 3 at 6:30pm. CPF Alberta Executive Director, Michael Tryon will be coming to speak to parents about this wonderful organization.





*As parents and community members, you play an important role in supporting public education.*

Edmonton Public Schools' Board of Trustees encourages you to participate in the board policy review process and attend board meetings to stay aware of matters affecting the school district.

To provide feedback on a policy under review, click on the "Give us your feedback" button at [www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca).

Public board meetings are held at the Centre for Education, One Kingsway on the following Tuesdays at 6 p.m.:

- April 13
- April 27
- May 11
- May 25
- June 15



Please note that the schedule of board meetings is subject to change. If you wish to confirm the date of a particular board meeting, contact the Board Office at 780.429.8021. Free underground parking is available.

Agendas for each board meeting and copies of reports are posted the Friday prior to each meeting at [www.epsb.ca/board/agenda.shtml](http://www.epsb.ca/board/agenda.shtml).




Board of Trustees (left to right): Bev Esslinger (Ward A), Ken Shipka (Ward B), Sue Huff (Ward C), Dave Colburn (Ward D), Ken Gibson (Ward E), Don Fleming (Ward F), George Rice (Ward G), Catherine Ripley (Ward H) and Gery Gibesault (Ward J).

# APRIL 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>Easter Monday</b>  * <b>Holiday!</b>	K-9 Actors in Residence program starts today (April 6-16) →→→→	7 Actors in Residence	8 Actors in Residence	9 Actors in Residence  April newsletter on-line	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Actors in Residence PAC – 9:00 AM	Actors in Residence	Actors in Residence	Actors in Residence	Last Day for Actors in Residence Program <b>Midsummer Nights Dream Drama Finale @ 7 PM</b>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Grade 9's go to cooking school	9:30-10:00 – Elem Character Virtue Assembly <b>PASSPORTS due back at school</b>	<b>Fire Drill @ 10:45 AM</b>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	<b>Scavenger Hunt!</b>	School-wide HLAT Writing Test @ 9:00 AM Gr 8/9 Band to Music Festival p.m.		Gr 8/9 Band performs @ Winterburn School	<b>Hot Dog Day &amp; Jersey Day!</b>	

# MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 PAC – 6:30 PM	4 Div I ESO (a.m.) School-wide HLAT Reading Test @ 9:00 AM	5 Div I HLAT	6 PAT – gr. 3 FLA Part A	7 May newsletter on-line	8
9	10 Fire Drill @ 2:00 PM	11 PAT – gr. 3 ELA Part A PAT – gr. 6 FLA Part A PAT – gr. 9 FLA Part A	12 PAT – gr. 6 ELA Part A PAT – gr. 9 ELA Part A	13 PAT – gr. 3 # Facts (old curriculum only) PAT – gr. 6 Math Part A (Old Curriculum only) Tentative JH Track & Field Day	14 Grade 5 & 9 Immunizations	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day  Holiday!	25 Teacher's Day in Lieu – no classes!	26	27	28 Hot Dog Day & Break a Rule Day!	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

# JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Gr 7/8/9 Band Concert Hawrelak Park @ 7 pm		<b>LH Annual Year End Family BBQ</b> June newsletter on-line	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<b>Fire Drill @ 10:15 AM</b>		PAT – gr. 3 FLA Part B	<b>Grade 9 Celebration</b>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	PAT – gr. 6 Math Part A (New Curriculum only)	PAT – gr. 3 ELA Part B PAT – gr. 6 Social Studies	PAT – gr. 6 ELA Part B PAT – gr. 9 Social Studies	PAT – gr. 3 Math (all 3's)  PAT – gr. 6 Math Part B (all 6's)  PAT – gr. 9 Math – Part A (New Curriculum Only)	PAT – gr. 6 Science	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		PAT – gr. 6 FLA Part B  PAT – gr. 9 FLA Part B	PAT – gr. 9 ELA Part B	PAT – gr. 9 Science	PAT – gr. 9 Math (all 9's) <b>Hot Dog Day!</b> Elem Talent Show (afternoon)	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	<i>Regular Instructional Day</i>  <b>JH Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>JH @ WEM Waterpark</b>  <i>Last Instructional Day for the 2009/2010 School Year</i>	<i>Operational Day For Staff</i>	<b>Summer Holidays Begin!!!</b> 