

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?

- June 2 JH Band Concert - Hawrelak Park @ 7 PM
- June 3 Volunteer Tea @ 7:30-9 am
- June 4 LH Annual Family BBQ
- June 11 Grade 9 Graduation Event (formal portion @ 6:30 pm)
- June 23 Elem Track & Field Day
- June 25 Elem Talent Show (PM)
- June 28 Grade 6 Celebrations
- June 29 JH Water Park Trip
- June 29 Last Day of classes for all students
- June 29 Final report cards released on SchoolZone
- June 30 Operational day for staff only—no classes

Upcoming

- Aug 16 School office is open
- Sept 1 First day of classes for the 2010/2011 school year!
- Sept 6 Holiday—no classes
- Sept 22 Picture Day
- Sept 23 Meet the Teacher Night & Annual Dessert Social @ 6:30
- Sept 23 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Parent Council @ 6:00 PM

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

*Laurier Heights
School
Newsletter*



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is very hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the 2009/2010 school year. It has been an incredible year of teaching and learning for all of us! It will be a busy month as teachers complete units of study and create dynamic ways for students to finish their learning for the year.

We are excited about the activities and events coming up in June. Our annual Volunteer Tea will take place on Thursday, June 3rd from 7:30 am to 9:00 AM. The Laurier Heights annual family BBQ will take place on Friday, June 4th. Our grade 9 graduation ceremonies will take place the following week on Friday, June 11th with individual pictures from 4:30-5:30 pm, a group picture at 6:00 pm and the formal portion of the evening (dinner and speeches) at 6:30 pm. Our junior high awards ceremony will take place on Monday, June 25th at 4:00 PM. As well, all of our students will be involved in some kind of year end activity on Monday, June 28th or Tuesday, June 29th. Information will come home shortly about these activities.

Laurier will undergo some staffing changes for the 2010/2011 school year. We would like to congratulate **Mrs. Lia Homer** on her retirement from Edmonton Public Schools. Mrs. Homer has had an outstanding career and we're proud to say she called Laurier her home for many years! We also say a sad goodbye to a few other staff members; **M. Patrick Roux-Buhl** who will be moving into a high school position; **Ms. Christina Erbes**, our librarian, who will be moving to a new school in the fall; **Ms. Malina Bird**, who has completed her temporary contract with us; **M. Abdillahi Darod & Mrs. Jacqueline Richmond**, who will both be moving to new schools in the fall; **Mme Jenniene Dupont** and **Mlle Meryl Rowbotham** who have both been recommended for continuous contracts with our district and will be placed in positions for the fall. All of these staff members have become an integral part of what makes Laurier Heights such an amazing place to learn and play! Their dedication and service to students will be missed.

The first day of classes for the 2010/2011 school year will be on Wednesday, September 1st, just prior to the September long weekend. Please plan your vacations accordingly as the first three days of classes (prior to the long weekend) will set the tone for the year and we would like all of our students in attendance.

The staff at Laurier Heights would like to wish all of our students and their families a very safe, healthy and fun filled summer vacation!

Tanja Caley

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

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Junior High Final Exam Schedule ~ June 2010

Tues/Dats	Wedshy, June 16th, 2010	Tuesdy, June 22nd, 2010	Wedshy, June 23rd, 2010	Tuesdy, June 24th, 2010	Fridy, June 25th, 2010
900AM	PAT-Grade9 Social Studies	PAT-Grade9 ELAPatB +Grade9ISL (Grade9ISL is an PATinstrolean)	PAT-Grade9 ELAPatB	PAT-Grade9 Science	PAT-Grade9 Math
100PM	Grade7&8 ISL&ELA	Grade7&8 Math	Grade7&8 ELA	Grade7&8 Social Studies	Grade7&8 Science

Important Information for JE Students

- All final exams will be written in the small gym
- Backpacks, phones & iPods are not to be left in your locker during the exam
- Please have necessary materials for your exams (pencil, eraser, calculator, etc)
- Please arrive at school about 15 minutes prior to your exam
- **Grade 9 students** will be kept in the small gym at 8:55 AM and the exams will start on time at 9:00 AM
- **Grade 7&8 students** will be kept in the small gym at 12:55 PM and the exams will start on time at 1:00 PM

HEALS for the future for you and me! 😊

GRADE 3, 6 & 9 2010 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

As our June calendar shows, our grade three, six and nine students will be writing their Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) towards the end of the month. 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.

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...LAURIER HEIGHTS!

Laurier Heights is working with 20 other district schools in a collaborative model. We have created Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) in our own school and within the larger group of 20 schools - no small task! Over the last several months Tanja Caley has been involved in presenting the great work that is happening in our school to district staff for professional development and to our district's senior administration. The steering committee for this work is made up of Tanja and 6 other principals. Together they set the direction and pace for the collaborative work staff do in our schools. Recently this team of 7 was nominated for the Alberta Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development (ASCD) Provincial Award. At an awards ceremony on May 31st, the 7 principals received an award for outstanding innovative practice in the province of Alberta. Excerpts from interviews and a description of the PLC work being done to impact student learning will be featured in the provincial publication, The Scanner, in September 2010.

DIVISION 1 AND 2 FUN AND SCIENCE DAY

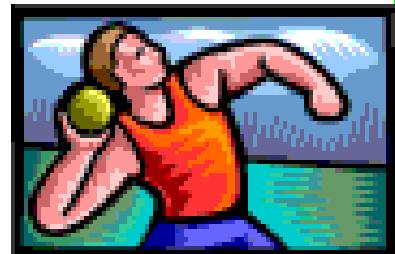
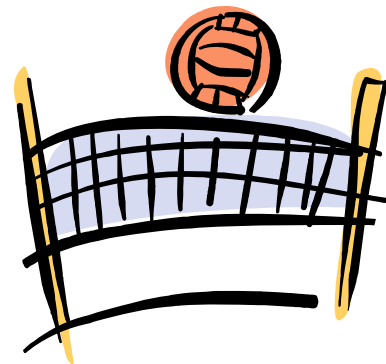
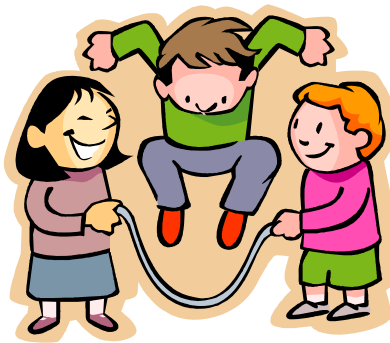
WEDNESDAY JUNE 23RD 2010

This year we have decided to have a science and fun day to celebrate the end of the year. The activities will begin at 12:30 pm and run until approximately 3:00 pm. At 12:00 pm, while the students are having lunch, parent volunteers will be setting up each activity. Science activities will be in the classrooms and fitness challenges will be outside. Students will make personal station choices, there will be no teams. Teachers will partner students to complete the stations. After completing a station students will receive a stamp on their lanyard passport to show that they have been there.



At 3:00 pm all stations will shut down. At this point we would like to gather the kids together around the soccer field to hand out freezies and to watch the staff in a game of water balloon volley ball.

In preparation for the fun day, we will need at least 3 parent volunteers from every classroom. Please see your child's teacher to volunteer.

Mme. Dupont and Mme. Meryl



ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD/FUN DAY 2010 ACTIVITIES

FITNESS CHALLENGES	 SUNNY	 RAIN
1. DRIBBLE AND SHOOT	SMALL WEST SOCCER FIELD	MOVIE ROOM
2. HURDLES	SOUTH JH SOCCER FIELD	ARTS AND CRAFTS
3. RELAY	SOUTH JH SOCCER FIELD	Wii ROOM
4. BALLOON TOSS	GRAVEL BY THE SHEDS	$\frac{1}{2}$ LARGE GYM
5. OBSTACLE COURSE	NORTH JH SOCCER FIELD	$\frac{1}{2}$ SMALL GYM
6. SKIP ROPE RACE	IN FRONT OF SHEDS	$\frac{1}{2}$ SMALL GYM
7. VOLLEYBALL	TENNIS COURTS	$\frac{1}{2}$ BIG GYM
8. TUG A WAR	BEHIND PLAY GROUND	MOVIE ROOM
9. LONG JUMP	LONG JUMP SAND	GAMES ROOM
10. MULTI-RACE	NORTH JH SOCCER FIELD	GAMES ROOM
11. SHOT PUT	SMALL EAST SOCCER FIELD	ARTS AND CRAFTS
12. TARGETS	BASEBALL DIAMOND	X
13. OVER UNDER	CEMENT BY THE SHEDS	FOYER

SCHOOL FEES AND PAYMENTS

Thank you to all of our families who have paid their school fees this year! We are able to use these funds to support classroom activities, field trips and our lunch program.

We are asking that all families have their School Fees, Lunchroom fees and Bus Pass Fees paid up to date. Please note that **NON-PAYMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND CONDITIONAL RIDER BUS FEES WILL LIKELY DISQUALIFY YOU FOR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS NEXT YEAR AS YOU WILL LOSE ANY PRIORITY FROM THIS YEAR. NON-PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES AND LUNCHROOM FEES MAY AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN CLASSROOM EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAY FOR LUNCH.**

It's important to remember that when these fees are not paid, **the school must pay them on the family's behalf.** This puts a considerable drain on our school funds and decreases the amount of money spent in classrooms.

As it's getting close to the end of the school year the school office will be **unable to accept cheques** for payment of school fees, bus passes and lunchroom fees as of June 7th, 2010. However, **cash, money order or a certified cheque is acceptable for payment after June 7th.** If fees are not paid by that time or arrangements have not been made with the school administrators, we will be requesting assistance from our collection agencies.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

HOT DOG DAYS & THEME DAYS!

Our final Hot Dog Day will be Friday, June 25th. There will be no theme attached to this day. A **BIG** "Laurier thank you" to all of the parents who have helped make our monthly hot dog days such a success! We look forward to more theme days and hot dog days in the fall.



BAKE SALE THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes out to the students and their families for their generous support of Room 30's Bake Sale. Christopher Pirtle and his family, along with the teachers and students in Room 30, planned and carried out a Bake Sale to raise funds towards Maddox Flynn's next surgery. The total amount raised is \$312 (and donations are still coming in). The Bake Sale was a wonderful experience for our students and the school community helped to make it such a success. Christopher's family will be forwarding the amount to the Flynn family's fundraising account. Thank you again on behalf our students.



KINDERGARTEN

Last day for the Kinder Kids is June 28th. See you next year in **GRADE 1** !

LUNCH PROGRAM REQUESTS - PLEASE READ!

We have had some concerns raised about the number of student lunches that require heating over the noon hour. Students have approximately 25 minutes to eat lunch in their classrooms. Our great team of lunchroom supervisors are with students during that time and are finding that on some days students have very little time to eat because so many meals need to be heated. The biggest challenge is the frozen meals as they take considerably longer to heat.

We would ask that parents send hot meals (that require heating) only once or twice a week and avoid sending frozen meals all together. Please take frozen meals out of the freezer the night before so that by the time the meal reaches the microwave at noon, it is already completely thawed.

As well, please consider using a thermos for hot meals. By pouring boiling water into the thermos in the morning it will keep the food hot until the lunch hour. Heating the food in the microwave and placing it in the heated thermos will allow your child to have a warm lunch and reduce the line up for the microwave.

Thank you very much for your support.

2010/2011 SCHOOL START-UP INFORMATION

Classes for the 2010/2011 school year begin on Wednesday, September 1st, 2010. This start date is BEFORE the September long weekend. We would encourage all students and their families to plan summer vacations accordingly. The first few days of school are critical as teachers will be reviewing expectations and plans for the year. Homeroom teachers will spend a great deal of time getting students settled into daily routines, so it is important to be here! Class lists will be posted on the hallway walls on September 1st so you will know where to go to meet your homeroom teacher.



EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS . . .

DESTINATION JUNGLE

TD SUMMER READING CLUB 2010

June 26 - August 21

The **Jasper Place Library** invites students to walk on the wild side this summer when they join our **Free** TD Summer Reading Club: Destination Jungle.

With all the jungle themed programs, activities, and draws, this year's reading club is sure to get your students swinging into the library and excited about reading all summer long.

Just a reminder library cards for children are **Free** and work at all 16 Edmonton Public Libraries. To get a library card, just bring one of your parents with you to the library and we can make you your own card in a few minutes.

Jasper Place Library 9010 156 Street 780-496-1810

Library News

The year is winding down so it's time look in those dark corners of your lockers, backpacks and at home for your library books and textbooks. If they can't be found a replacement cost must be paid. Starting in June, overdues will be posted on Schoolzone.

Wishing everyone a restful summer!

JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			JH Band Finale @ 7 PM-Hawrelak Park		LH Annual Year End Family BBQ June newsletter on-line	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Fire Drill @ 10:10 AM		PAT - gr. 3 FLA Part B	Grade 9 Celebration	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		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. 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 Elementary Track & Field Fun Day!	PAT - gr. 9 Science	Hot Dog Day! Elmwood visits Laurier! PAT - gr. 9 Math (all 9's) Elementary Talent Show (afternoon)	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	<i>Regular Instructional Day</i> Gr. 6 Celebration JH Awards Ceremony @ 4 pm	JH @ WEM Water Park <i>Last Instructional Day for 2009/2010</i> Final Report Cards on SchoolZone	<i>Operational Day For Staff - no classes</i>	Summer Holidays Begin!! 