



KNIGHTS NEWS – April 26, 2024



Thank you to our students and staff for participating in the 4th annual Helping Hands Cleanup campaign which corresponded with Earth Day on April 22! We appreciate all the work they undertake to keep our schools clean, safe, and welcoming. As our snow fades away, we notice increased garbage across our playground and surrounding areas. The Helping Hands Cleanup campaign was an opportunity to build community, show school spirit and help keep our schools beautiful while observing Earth Day and embodying its message of environmental stewardship.

We continue to have a special connection with the Airdrie Care Community Senior Living. Recently, our grade twos joined the seniors to do some chair dancing with them and share special songs, poems, art and books.



Dates To Remember

Monday, April 29 – PL Day – No School

Friday, May 3 – Smile Cookies Delivery

Wednesday, May 8 – School Council

Thursday, May 9 – Spirit Day – Tie Dye

Friday, May 17 – PL Day – No School

Monday, May 20 – Victoria Day – No School

Wednesday, May 22 – Kindergarten Orientation

Balancing Airdrie Students Spaces Decision

Rocky View Schools recently shared the Board of Trustees' [Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces](#) decision to improve utilizations through grade configuration changes and some attendance area changes effective September 2025. For our school Heloise Lorimer this means grades move from K – 5 to K – 6 starting the 2025/26 school year. More information is available on [RVSEngage](#). We understand you may have questions about these changes. Planning and communication with families for these transitions will take place throughout the next school year. While school staff do not have further details at this time, we will share new information as plans are confirmed. Thank you for your understanding.

Check Out Our New School Website!

The new www.heloiselorimer.rockyview.ab.ca has launched! We are excited for our families to use the new site to help find information about our school and easily connect with the divisional website.

The site is clean, clear, mobile friendly and easily viewable and translatable on all devices. The important links at the top of the previous website have also moved to the new site; simply click on “students” or “parents” at the top of the new site to access them.

Please contact your teacher if there is information you were accessing through the website. We appreciate your help and patience in reporting any missing information, wrong hyperlinks or other issues. Please email heloiselorimer@rockyview.ab.ca to report any errors you might see. Current URLs and emails will have redirects and forwards that will remain in place for at least a year.

Kindergarten Orientation Evening



Our Kindergarten Orientation for the 2024-2025 school year will take place on Wednesday, May 22 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please join us to meet our team and learn about the Kindergarten Program at Heloise Lorimer School. It is a great chance to ask us any questions you may have.

Scooters and Bikes



It is that time of year when more students are riding their bikes and scooters to school. It is so great to see! We want to remind them to wear their helmets and practice road safety while riding. We are asking all students and families to **walk their bikes and scooters on the front sidewalk of the school.** It is very congested before/after school, and we want to try to prevent an accident from happening. Also, it is important that bikes and scooters are locked to the bike rack. Helmets can be brought to the students' lockers. We are not responsible for any loss of items.

Tim Hortons National Smile Cookie Campaign

Tim Horton's National Smile Cookie Campaign runs April 29-May 5th. For the 4th year in a row, Tim Horton's has selected the Airdrie Health Foundation (AHF) as their local charity partner, for which they are very proud. AHF is a local charity raising funds to support public health care in Airdrie. This support is provided to the Airdrie Community Health Centre, home to Airdrie Urgent Care, Mental Health, Social Work, Home Care, Public Health, Speech and Audiology and more. They also work with the Highland Primary Care Network and Bethany Seniors. During this time, AHF volunteers will be decorating the Smile Cookies that each Tim Horton's will sell, which amounted to over 38,000 cookies and \$58,000 raised last year!

Heloise Lorimer School is participating in this campaign. Orders can only be placed through School Cash Online <https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com/>
The deadline is Wednesday, May 1st with a delivery of Friday, May 3rd. Any purchased cookies will be sent home with your child on Friday or may be picked up at the school by 1 pm.



It's almost time for smile cookie™

Only \$1.50
Your support helps enhance health care to meet the highest priority needs for Airdrie and area.

Heloise Lorimer School
Buy your cookies until **May 1, 2024**
Delivery on **May 3, 2024**



Tim's

APRIL 29 - MAY 5
At participating restaurants in Canada. ©Tim Hortons, 2024.

Spring Pre-Pak Meats Fundraiser

Support HLS by ordering your summer camping supplies! This time around, families can choose from 25 different products!

Orders are due by Monday, April 29th. Orders can only be placed through School Cash Online. <https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com/>

The pick-up will be at Heloise Lorimer School on Wednesday, May 15th - 12-1pm and 5-6pm. If you cannot pick-up, please arrange.

Spring Plant Fundraiser



Are you interested in purchasing hanging baskets, patio planters, assorted flowers, herbs and veggies in support of HLS? Plants will be available to order, through Growing Smiles:

<https://heloiselorimer.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Orders must be in by Wednesday, May 8th. Pickups will occur at Heloise Lorimer School on Wednesday, May 22nd from 6-7:30pm.

We are selling **beautiful plants** to raise money for an Interactive Projector for the Knights Nook Regulation Room.

Heloise Lorimer Yearbook

Heloise Lorimer School is selling yearbooks with student and staff pictures, as well as pictures from special activities throughout the school year. The cost is \$20 per book. Last day to purchase will be Wednesday, May 15th. Order can only be placed through School Cash Online <https://rockyview.schoolcashionline.com/>

If you purchase a yearbook and decide to switch schools, please let us know a forwarding address by calling the school (403-945-4135) or by email (lorimer@rockyview.ab.ca). Grade 5 students moving to Meadowbrook next year will receive their yearbooks at the school.

Active Living Week Returns

We are excited for our annual Active Living month at Heloise Lorimer School. Active Living promotes health and wellness as a part of a balanced lifestyle. Through this program, we aim to form relationships with community partners that provide students with unique and exciting

activity opportunities. Our hope is that these experiences and connections will help students continue to stay active for life. This program also supplements our physical education and wellness curriculum.

This year, Active Living will take place between **April 30th and May 31st, 2024**. On various dates during this time, students along with their classmates, school staff, and community volunteers, will participate in a different activity either at our school or an offsite venue. We have tried to select a variety of activities that are cost-effective, age-appropriate, fun, and challenging.

This year, the activities for students will include:

☒ *Fitset Ninja Obstacle Course (K-G5) at Heloise Lorimer School*

☒ *Golf (G4, G5) at Collicutt Siding Golf Course (Crossfield)*

☒ *Hiking (G1, G3-G5) at Glenbow Ranch PP (tentative)*

☒ *Swimming (K, G2, G4, G5) at Genesis Place*

☒ *Bowling (K-G3) at Shamrock Lanes*

☒ *Skating (G1-G5) at Genesis Place/Ron Ebbesen Arenas*

☒ *Baton (G1-G5) at Heloise Lorimer School*

☒ *Field Hockey (G3-G5) at Heloise Lorimer School*

Students will travel by school bus to all offsite venues. We encourage students to participate in all activities. Students will not be permitted to pick and choose activities. **The schedule of activities for each class will be distributed to families via student's homeroom teachers** along with other useful information including how to volunteer, what students need to bring, etc. We will need your support to make this event a success. **All volunteers must have submitted a valid criminal record check to our office.** If you have not yet done so, please see the office for a letter to obtain one. The cost for this week varies by grade due to the activities students are participating in. **\$16/student (Kindergarten), \$19/student (Grade 1 and 2), \$21/student (Grade 3) and \$34/student (Grade 4 and 5).** This fee covers all activities and transportation outlined above, as well as all other costs required to make this event happen. **Students who have not paid will not be able to attend. Unless other payment arrangements have been made with the office. Payments are to be made via School Cash Online and are due by Monday, April 29th, 2024.** If you require alternate payment arrangements like a payment plan, contact the office at 403-945-4135 before the due date. **A special thank you goes out to our School Council, who agreed to use fundraised dollars to subsidize this event and reduce the cost for each student by \$15!**

Please login to School Cash Online <https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com/> to sign the **Field Trip Consent Form and complete payment** to ensure your child(ren) get(s) to take part in this exciting opportunity.

PBIS FOCUS

Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, proactive approach to help build and improve safe and positive behaviours. The goal of PBIS is to teach students positive behaviour strategies, in the same way we teach all expectations within the school; explicitly taught, modeled and reinforced. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for ALL students and ALL staff in ALL settings. We are focusing our efforts around 3 common expectations:

- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful

We will teach and focus on each expectation, one by one. All staff in the building will recognize all students who engage in this behaviour.

Our next focus is **BE RESPONSIBLE: Making Good Choices**



School Council

School Councils play an invaluable role in providing parents with opportunities for meaningful involvement in their children's school. School Councils encourage a strong partnership between the school and the family and help parents become actively involved in the education of their children. School Councils have implemented strategies, practices and activities which have created the conditions for parents to engage in their child's education and have reduced barriers for parents who find involvement more challenging.

Please join our school council. It is an enjoyable time to hear what has been happening in the school as well as what we can look forward to. It is a chance to hear from other parents, administration, teachers, and our trustee and to ask questions. Our meeting dates are as follows:

May 8/24 @ 6:30 pm

June 12/23 @ 6:30

Our next school council meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm.

We will be meeting in person, at the school, in the CTF classroom.

School Council News



We are so grateful that the school council could host John Felling from Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks for our literacy night! It was a fun night of learning and games.

This week, we used the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant to have Elizabeth Tingle from the University of Calgary Body Image Lab come in to speak about positive relationships with food, body and movement for parents and caregivers. We are so grateful to the teachers and administrators who made these nights a success.

We are excited to announce that in May, the school council will be subsidizing \$15 for each student from our fundraising efforts to go towards the fees for Active Living!

Have a great May and we hope to see you at our upcoming school council meetings!



Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair this spring. It was such a success! We sold over \$9000 in books.

Mrs. Terry Lewis and Ms. Kathryn Smith
Heloise Lorimer School Administration Team

