



KNIGHTS NEWS – June 26, 2024



Dates To Remember

Friday, Aug. 30th - 11:30am – 12:30pm – Open House – Grades 1-5

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd - First Day for ALL Grade 1 – 5 Students

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd and Wednesday, Sept. 4th - Staggered Entry – Kindergarten

Wednesday, Sept. 11th – School Council Meeting

Friday, Sept. 20th – Terry Fox Run

Register Now for 2024/25 Bus Transportation

Time is running out to receive a discount on your transportation registration! Families who register before June 30 will receive an early registration discount of \$40. This is extended to each of the first two students in a family, with additional students receiving \$20 off if registering early. A minimum payment of 50 per cent is due at registration. Bus service may be cancelled up until Oct. 31, 2024 to receive a full refund. A step-by-step guide to registration is available on [Transportation Registration & Fee Payment](#).

To guarantee service for the first day of school, registration must be received before Aug. 1. Students registered after this deadline may experience delays of two to three weeks before they can ride the bus as late applications will be processed with a start date after Sept. 18.

Transportation fees for 2024/25 will remain the same as 2023/24.

Announcements

Staff – Staffing for next year is still in progress as we continue to finalize positions. We are bidding farewell to Timea Pederson, Laura Sage, Marika Newell and Megan Laing. We wish them all the best on their new life adventures!

While our goal is to have as much as possible in place for August, we know that lots can change over the summer. We continue to get new registrations every day and we are continuing to grow. The following is what we anticipate for the start of the 2024/2025 school year:

Kindergarten – 6 classes (3 morning; 3 afternoon)

Grade 1 – 6 classes

Grade 2 – 5 classes

Grade 3 – 6 classes

Grade 4 – 4 classes

Grade 4/5 - 1 class

Grade 5 – 4 classes

Total: 26 classes (Gr.1-5)

Again, as we receive enrolments, these class configurations may change in August. HLS staff put much time and thought into class placements for students for the coming year, considering your child's personality, needs, learning style and good fit friends. Unfortunately, we will not be taking any requests for changes in class placement as these decisions were made for the best interest of your child.

School Supplies

Kindergarten – Grade 4

All students at Heloise Lorimer School from Kindergarten to Grade 4, are provided with school supplies throughout the year at no additional cost to parents. Children will require a pair of labeled indoor shoes with non-marking soles to be kept at the school, a backpack, lunch/snack kit, and reusable water bottle container. All items brought to school from home, including footwear and coats, should be labeled with the student's name, in a place not visible when being worn.

Grade 5

For students going into grade 5, school supplies need to be purchased by families. Please see our school website for information regarding supply lists or the option to purchase through School Start [here](#).



First Day Information

From the feedback we received from our school community, we will welcome back all students in grades 1 – 5 for their regular schedule, beginning Tuesday, September 3rd.

Kindergarten students will begin with a staggered entry.

Kindergarten Staggered Entry Schedule

Staggered Entry – September 3rd and 4th:

Kindergarten students do a staggered entry. **Regular schedule for both AM and PM classes start on Thursday, September 5/24 with the first Friday (PM) class on September 6/24.**

Here is the plan for the scheduled staggered entry:

Day	Time	Students Attending
Sept. 3 Tuesday	9:15 – 10:15	AM Students: Last names A to L • 9:15-9:35 – parent(s) with student • 9:35-10:15 – student only
Sept. 3 Tuesday	1:15 – 2:15	PM Students: Last names A To L • 1:15-1:35 – parent(s) with student • 1:35-2:15 – student only
Sept. 4 Wednesday	9:15 – 10:15	AM Students: Last names M to Z • 9:15-9:35 – parent(s) with student • 9:35-10:15 – student only
Sept. 4 Wednesday	1:15 – 2:15	PM Students: Last names M to Z • 1:15-1:35 – parent(s) with student • 1:35-2:15 – student only

For our staggered days on September 3rd and 4th, your child will be able to find their teacher outside the kindergarten doors (front of the school on Kings Heights Drive). She will be holding a sign with her name on it. She will lead her class into the school and show them the entry routine.

You may come with your child into the classroom for the first 20 minutes then you will be asked to leave for the remainder of the time. The teacher will be spending the remaining 40 minutes with all the students.

Regular Schedule Bell Times

GRADES 1-5

Monday to Thursday

8:45am – 8:50 am – Entry through designated doors

8:50am – Instructional time begins

3:30pm – Dismissal

Friday

8:45am – 8:50 am - Entry through designated doors

8:50am – Instructional time begins

1:00pm – Dismissal

KINDERGARTEN – REGULAR SCHEDULE

Monday to Thursday (AM Classes)

8:45am – Entry through designated door

12:05pm – Dismissal

Monday to Thursday (PM Classes)

12:45pm – Entry through designated door

3:30pm – Dismissal

Friday (PM Classes)

8:45am – Entry through designated door

11:15am – Dismissal

HLS Office

As we prepare for the new school year, communication with our families is very important. The school office will officially reopen on Thursday, August 22nd. You can reach us at 403-945-4135 or by email at heloiselorimer@rockyview.ab.ca after this date.

Summer Office Hours:

Thurs. Aug. 22nd - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fri. Aug. 23rd - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mon. Aug. 26th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tues. Aug. 27th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wed. Aug. 28th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 29th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fri. Aug. 30th - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Regular office hours begin on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd (first day of classes):

Mon. - Thurs. - 8:15 am – 4:00 pm

Fri. - 8:15 am - 1:30 pm

School Open House and Meet Your Teacher August 30th from 11:30 – 12:30

On Friday, August 30th, we will be having an open house for one hour for grades 1-5, to meet the teacher and visit their classroom. This will hopefully alleviate some of the first day's confusion and jitters. Teachers will be sending out an introduction and welcome email prior to August 30th, so you will know which classroom community your child has been assigned to.



Final Report Card Information

Your child's digital report card will be in the PowerSchool Public Portal. The digital report card will be available for all schools on **June 26, for Elementary**. When schools have finalized the report card, you will have access to view, print and download the report card. This online report card will be available for as long as your child is in RVS.

Only parents/guardians with access to the PowerSchool Public Portal can view the report card. Students also have access to view their report card by signing in with their RVS credentials. If you do not have a public portal account, please contact our school secretary, Karyn Knapp.

Assistance and step-by-step instructions for accessing student report cards can be found [here](#).

School Council

We wish to take the time to thank all the members of our exceptional school council. An integral part of the school, this group of people do so many things for our school community. A special thank you to our members of the 2023-2024 council executive and our trustee. We look forward to seeing everyone again and hope that we can have as many new people attend as possible. A big thank you to the school council for providing a hot dog lunch for our Festival of Knights Field Day.

Year End Message from Your Council

Thank you, thank you, thank you! With families' generous support, our council was able to support a variety of events this year.

The major highlights include:

- Active Living Week - council put forth \$11,300 (equating to \$15/student)
- Grade team funding - council put forth \$6,000 (\$1,000 for each grade team) to provide an event or activity for their kids. These events included Trickster Theatre, clay crafting supplies, Calaway Park, etc.
- Winter Wonderland supplies
- Literacy and Numeracy nights
- Festival of Knights – A hot dog, chips and juice was provided for all students

Other activities support by council include:

- Terry Fox run
- Decorations for the bulletin boards
- Birthday box prizes
- Morning munch
- Staff appreciation week
- Fall & Spring Fling dances
- Grade 5 Farewell & Kindergarten Knighting ceremonies

Want to get involved? Please join us in September!

Grade 5 Farewell Message

To our grade 5 students, as exciting as it is for you to be moving to grade 6, it is sad for us to see you leave Heloise Lorimer School.

As we gather today to celebrate your journey through elementary school, we are filled with pride and admiration for each one of you. This farewell marks a significant

milestone in your educational journey, and it's a moment to reflect on how far you've come and to look forward to the exciting adventures that lie ahead.

You have grown in so many ways during your time here. You've learned to read and write, solve complex math problems, explore the wonders of science, and appreciate the beauty of art, music and physical activity. But more importantly, you've learned to be kind, to share, to help one another, and to face challenges with courage and determination.

Each of you has contributed something unique and valuable to our school community. Your laughter, your curiosity, your questions, and your achievements have made our school a better place. Remember the friendships you've made and the lessons you've learned, for they will serve you well in the future.

As you move on to middle school, know that you are ready. You are equipped with the skills, the knowledge, and the resilience to succeed. Embrace new opportunities, continue to work hard, and always believe in yourselves. There will be new challenges, but we have no doubt that you will meet them with the same enthusiasm and perseverance that you have shown here. Believe in yourselves, work hard, and never give up, even when things get tough.

Thank you for being a wonderful part of our Heloise Lorimer family. We will miss you, but we are excited to see all that you will achieve in the years to come. Remember, this is not a goodbye, but a see you later, because the doors of our school will always be open to you.

Congratulations, Grade 5! You are amazing, and the future is yours to create.

Kindergarten Knighting Message

We are excited to have this amazing group of kindergarten students move into grade 1 and become official Knights at Heloise Lorimer School.

Today we gather to celebrate a special moment—the culmination of a wonderful year in kindergarten. It marks a significant milestone in the lives of these incredible young students.

To our incredible students, congratulations! You've reached an important milestone. You've learned your ABCs, made new friends, discovered the joys of reading, counting, and exploring the world around you. Your smiles, laughter, and curiosity have filled our classrooms with joy every day. As you move on to first grade, carry with you the enthusiasm and love for learning that you have shown here.

To our wonderful parents and families, thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement. Your involvement in your child's education has made all the difference. Together, we have created a nurturing environment where our children can thrive, and we have built a strong foundation for their future education.

To our dedicated teachers and staff, your hard work and dedication have provided our students with a strong foundation. You have been their guides, their mentors, and their champions. You have nurtured and guided these young minds with patience, creativity, and care. Thank you for all that you do.

As we look ahead, let us remember the joy and excitement of this day. Let us continue to support our children as they embark on their next adventure. The future is bright, and I have no doubt that these young students will achieve great things.

Congratulations once again to our kindergarten students! We are so proud of you.



Sincerely,

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

