



KNIGHTS NEWS – April 30, 2025



Happy May! As we step into the final stretch of the school year, we're filled with pride in how much our students have grown, learned, and accomplished. May is always a busy and exciting time, filled with end-of-year projects, celebrations, and special moments such as active living days.

This month, we also take time to recognize and celebrate **Mother's Day**—a chance to honor the incredible mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers who give so much of themselves every day. Your love, dedication, and guidance shape the hearts and minds of our children in the most powerful ways. On behalf of all of us here at Heloise Lorimer School, thank you for all that you do.

We look forward to a meaningful and memorable May. As always, thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.



Thank you for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair this spring. It was such a success! We sold over \$8500 in books.

Dates To Remember

Monday, May 5 – Friday, May 9 – Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 7 – Spirit Day – Dress Like Your Teacher

Friday, May 9 – Growing Smiles Flower Pick Up

Wednesday, May 14 – School Council

Friday, May 16 – PL Day – No School

Monday, May 19 – Victoria Day – No School

Wednesday, May 21 – Kindergarten Orientation

Active Living Days Returns

We are excited for our annual Active Living Days 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.

On various dates, 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-G3) at Heloise Lorimer School*
- *Golf (G4, G5) at Collicutt Siding Golf Course (Crossfield)*
- *Hiking (G1, G3-G5) at Glenbow Ranch (G1), Fish Creek (G3/G5), Heart Creek (G4)*
- *Swimming (K, G2, G4, G5) at Genesis Place*
- *Bowling (K-G2) at Shamrock Lanes*
- *Skating (G1-G5) at Genesis Place/Ron Ebbesen Arenas*
- *Baton (G1-G5) at Heloise Lorimer School*
- *Aussie Rules Football (G1-G5) at Heloise Lorimer School*
- *Field Hockey (G3) 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 per student varies by grade due to the activities students are participating in - **\$24/student (Kindergarten), \$31/student (Grade 1), \$30 (Grade 2), \$27/student (Grade 3) and \$24/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. **As this is an optional activity, payment is mandatory and unfortunately, students who have not paid will not be able to attend. Payments are to be made via School Cash Online and were due by Monday, April 10th, 2025.** 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 \$13!**

OurSCHOOL Survey

As part of our school planning process, students have participated in an online school perception survey for students called the OurSCHOOL Student Survey. Based on how students respond to the questions in the survey; we can make changes to improve their experiences at school and engage their participation in school activities

Students are given a random username and password to access and complete the survey online. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results. The OurSCHOOL Survey is accessible from any web-enabled device, for example, computers and tablets.

Some of the questions may seem unrelated to school, but all questions included in the OurSCHOOL survey can help tell us about the students, their health, and school-related outcomes. There will also be some questions that seem personal in nature, such as what language is spoken at home. We ask these questions in the survey to help tell us more about you and to make sure that all our school planning decisions work equally well for all students.

The survey is designed to be completed in approximately 45 minutes. The survey measures include such topics as emotional and social well-being, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. The survey also allows participants to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses.

Our next step is to collect information from the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey. The survey will run from **May 12th to June 6th**. This survey will be accessible for all parents from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Please stay tuned for more details.

Kindergarten Orientation Evening



Our Kindergarten Orientation for the 2025-2026 school year will take place on Wednesday, May 21 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.

Kindergarten Registration Opens February 3



Welcome to [Kindergarten](#)! This is an exciting milestone in the lives of children and their families that can help set the foundation for lifelong learning.

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/26 school year opened Monday, February 3rd, 2025.

RVS' Kindergarten programs are offered in accordance with the Education Act and Early Childhood Services Regulations. Kindergarten eligibility parameters are as follows:

- Parents/guardians may enroll their child in Kindergarten at their designated school provided the child is five years of age by December 31 in the year that they begin school, or they are five years old as of September 1 and have not taken Kindergarten previously.

*A child who has not completed a Kindergarten program and is six years of age by December 31 in the year they begin school may be admitted to Kindergarten OR Grade 1 at their designated school at the beginning of that year.

Please see the Rocky View Schools site for more information on how to register:

[Kindergarten Registration](#)

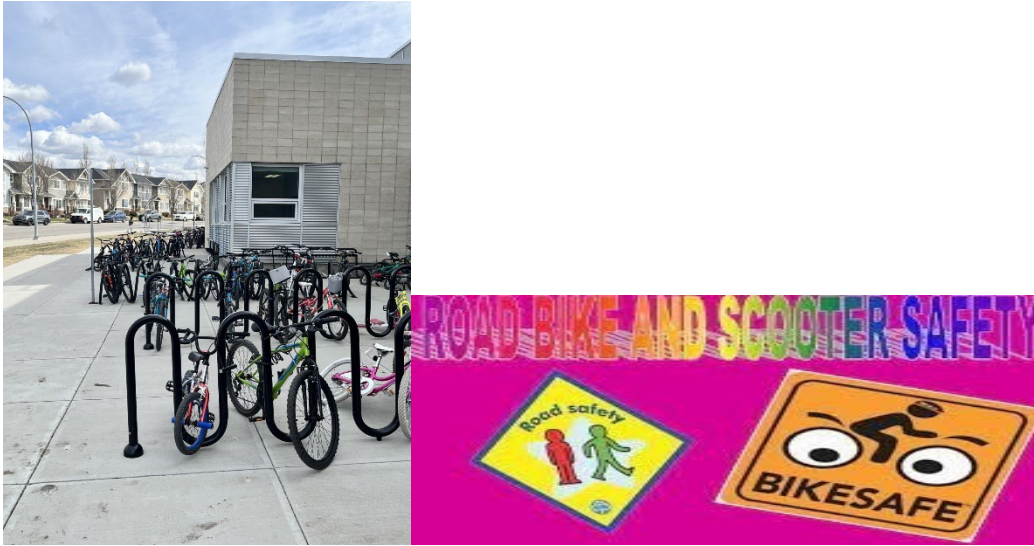
Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please do not use the staff parking lot for drop-off or pick-up as well as our designated bus zone at the front of the school (marked by 3 signs). We have 4 daycare buses coming to the school in the morning, noon and at the end of the school day. We need to have our bus zone free to support the daycares dropping off and picking up our students.

We do allow a 'Drop and Go' during the morning in the bus zone; however, we do not allow vehicles to wait or park. Please also be aware of community driveways and garages when parking to pick up students. You must not park in a driveway or behind a garage. You may be ticketed by community peace officers or RCMP.

Students must be using the crosswalks if they are crossing the street. We are teaching them about road safety.

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.

Heloise Lorimer Yearbook

Heloise Lorimer School sells yearbooks with student and staff pictures, as well as pictures from special activities throughout the school year. The cost is only \$5 per book. Last day to purchase will be Thursday, May 15th. Order can only be placed through School Cash Online <https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com/>




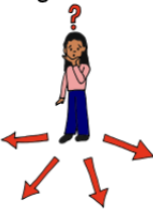





If you purchase a yearbook and are moving schools, please let us know a forwarding address by calling the school (403-945-4135).

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.

<u>Responsible</u>	<u>Safe</u>	<u>Respectful</u>
Leave no trace 	Move my body safely 	Use positive words 
Make good choices 	Show expected use of equipment 	Show whole body listening 
Be a problem solver 	Keep hands, feet, & objects to yourself 	Take care of materials & space 
Follow instructions 	Dress for the weather 	Take turns 

Check out our new recess and soccer positive behaviour expectations! All students and staff had input into the decisions and created these expectations.

Responsible	Safe	Respectful
Forward facing on ice slide 	Standing beside the fence is safe 	Treat equipment with respect – stay inside the castle 
Down the slide 	Be Safe - Learn your Limits 	Wait your Turn 
Wait for supervisor – pick teams fairly 	Play fair, play on 	Use respectful language 
Raise arm to be goalie 	Keep your body to yourself 	Take a break for the rest of game if a supervisor asks you 

Student Belongings – Lost and Found

As stated in our school handbook which is located on our website:

*The care of personal property is each student's responsibility. The school cannot assume responsibility for missing items. **All articles of clothing and school supplies should be marked with the student's name.** Students are strongly discouraged from bringing any valuable items to school. The school is not responsible for the loss, damage of or replacement of personal items.*

Check out our Lost and Found – located in our main foyer



Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

Our school has a program with Healthy Hunger known as "Fun Lunch". We partner with various vendors every week and families can purchase fun lunches on a weekly basis. The lunches are delivered to the school and distributed to the students. Classes are loaded for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please Note: The deadline to order is 5 days before the lunch date, so typically our order deadline is Saturday at midnight! If your student is absent on the day of fun lunch, please call the office by noon, if you will be coming to pick up the lunch OR if you would like the lunch kept for when your student returns. If your child is not at school, and we do not hear from the family, the lunch WILL NOT be kept for the student. Pickups will be available at the office after 1:00 pm.

Did you know that fun lunch is a fundraising program? A portion of the proceeds from each lunch ordered go back to the school. We use these funds to support our school community, such as field trips, school dances and events, curricular projects, active living week and more!

We are always looking for volunteers to help distribute lunches on Thursdays. Reach out to Karen at karenlc@live.ca for help setting up your account or to volunteer.

Upcoming Lunches:

Wednesday, April 30 (note day change) - McDonalds

Wednesday, May 7 (note day change) - The Saucy Bread Company

Thursday, May 15 – Papa Johns

Thursday, May 22 - Edo

Thursday, May 29 – Subway

Thursday, June 5 – State and Main

Thursday, June 12 – Boston Pizza

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 14/25 @ 6:30 pm

June 11/25 @ 6:30 pm

Our next school council meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting in person, at the school, in our staffroom beginning at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,

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

