



## KNIGHTS NEWS – June 25, 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

With mixed emotions, I am writing this last newsletter as principal of Heloise Lorimer School. It has been an incredible honor to serve this vibrant and caring school community for the past eight years.

Working alongside dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our wonderful students has been one of the greatest joys of my career. I am deeply proud of what we have accomplished together by building a nurturing environment where children are inspired to learn, grow, and thrive. I look forward to seeing all the amazing things the future holds for our students.

As I step into retirement, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and countless cherished memories. I have every confidence that the school will continue to flourish under an amazing leadership team. Ms. LaToya Bartlett will be the principal and Mr. Vladimir Stelkic will be the additional assistant principal. Ms. Kathryn Smith will remain as assistant principal.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the years. It has been a true privilege to be part of your children's educational journey. Go Knights Go!

With warmest regards,

Mrs. Terry Lewis

Hello Heloise Lorimer Families,

I am incredibly honored and excited to introduce myself as the incoming principal of Heloise Lorimer School! As we embark on the 2025-2026 school year, I am thrilled to become a part of this vibrant learning community and to work alongside dedicated students, talented staff, and supportive parents.

First, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to the current principal, Mrs. Terry Lewis. Her years of dedication and exceptional leadership have been instrumental in shaping Heloise Lorimer School into the outstanding school it is today, and I wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.

My journey in education has brought me to Heloise Lorimer School with 12 years of experience in school administration in schools ranging from kindergarten to grade 12, with elementary school holding a special place in my heart. My passion lies in fostering a positive and engaging environment where every child feels valued, safe, and inspired to learn. I believe in the power of strong home-school partnerships, and I look forward to collaborating with each of you to create an optimal learning environment for our students.

Outside of school, you'll often find me with my family. I have two young daughters who are 10 and 4, so I keep busy! As a family we enjoy exploring new parks, attending school extracurricular events and participating in as many outside activities as possible. As a parent, I truly understand the immense trust parents place in a school to nurture their children and provide a safe, caring, and stimulating learning environment. I truly believe that by working together as partners in your children's education, we can achieve great things.

Over the coming weeks and months, I am eager to get to know all of you. Please feel free to introduce yourselves if you see me around as I transition to Heloise Lorimer School. My door is always open, and I welcome your thoughts, questions, and insights.

I look forward to an incredible upcoming school year!

Ms. LaToya Bartlett

## **Dates To Remember**

**Friday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> - 11:30am – 12:30pm – Open House – Grades 1-6**

**Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Day for ALL Grade 1 – 6 Students**

**Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Staggered Entry – Kindergarten**

**Wednesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting**

**Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run**

**Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day**

## **Register now for 2025/26 Bus Transportation**

The deadline for early transportation registration is approaching. Families who register for transportation for the 2025/26 school year before June 30 will receive a discount. Fees for transportation have increased for the 2025/26 school year and this discount can offset some of the cost for your family.

Please visit the [Registration and Fee Payment webpage](#) for step-by-step registration instructions. Registration completed before June 30 will receive a discount of \$40 for each of the first two students in your family and \$20 off for each additional student. A minimum payment of 50 per cent is due at registration. Fee and waiver information is available on the [RVS website](#).

Register as soon as possible to ensure your child is assigned to a bus route for the start of school in September. To guarantee service for the first day of school, your application must be received before Aug. 1. Students registered after this deadline will experience delays of two to three weeks before they can ride the bus.

## **Announcements**

Staffing for next year is still in progress as we continue to finalize positions. We are bidding farewell to Jenny Mackenzie, Denika Falloon, Tracey Gamble and Cheryl Palenchuk. 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 2025/2026 school year:

Kindergarten – 5 classes (3 morning; 2 afternoon)  
Grade 1 – 6 classes  
Grade 2 – 5 classes  
Grade 3 – 5 classes  
Grade 4 – 5 classes  
Grade 5 – 4 classes  
Grade 5/6 - 1 class  
Grade 6 – 4 classes

Total: 30 classes (Gr.1-6)

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 in 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 - 6**

For students going into grade 5 and 6, 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 – 6 for their regular schedule, beginning Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Kindergarten students will begin with a staggered entry.

### Kindergarten Staggered Entry Schedule

#### Staggered Entry – September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Kindergarten students do a staggered entry. **Regular schedule for both AM and PM classes start on Thursday, September 4/25 with the first Friday (PM) class on September 5/25.**

#### Here is the plan for the scheduled staggered entry:

Day	Time	Students Attending
Sept. 2 Tuesday	9:00– 10:00	AM Students: Last names A to L • 9:00-9:20 – parent(s) with student • 9:20-10:00 – student only
Sept. 2 Tuesday	1:00 – 2:00	PM Students: Last names A To L • 1:00-1:20 – parent(s) with student • 1:20-2:00 – student only
Sept. 3 Wednesday	9:00 – 10:00	AM Students: Last names M to Z • 9:00-9:20 – parent(s) with student • 9:20-10:00 – student only
Sept. 3 Wednesday	1:00 – 2:00	PM Students: Last names M to Z • 1:00-1:20 – parent(s) with student • 1:20-2:00 – student only

For our staggered days on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, your child will be able to find their teacher outside the kindergarten doors (front of the school on Kings Heights Drive). 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 1-6**

#### **Monday to Thursday**

8:00am – 8:10 am – Entry through designated doors

8:10am – Instructional time begins

2:45pm – Dismissal

#### **Friday**

8:00am – 8:10 am - Entry through designated doors

8:10am – Instructional time begins

1:00pm – Dismissal

### **KINDERGARTEN – REGULAR SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday to Thursday (AM Classes)**

8:10am – Entry through designated door

11:32pm – Dismissal

#### **Monday to Thursday (PM Classes)**

12:05pm – Entry through designated door

2:45pm – Dismissal

#### **Friday (PM Classes)**

8:10am – Entry through designated door

11:05am – 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 21<sup>st</sup>. You can reach us at 403-945-4135 or by email at [heloiselorimer@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:heloiselorimer@rockyview.ab.ca) after this date.

### **Summer Office Hours:**

Thurs. Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fri. Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mon. Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tues. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wed. Aug. 27<sup>h</sup> - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thurs. Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fri. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Regular office hours begin on Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> (first day of classes):**

**Mon. - Thurs. - 7:30 am – 3:15 pm**

**Fri. - 7:30 am - 1:30 pm**

### **School Open House and Meet Your Teacher August 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 12:30**

On Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having an open house for one hour for **grades 1-6**, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 25, 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 Administrative Assistant II, Carmen Colette-Sanchez.

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 2024-2025 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.

### **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

