


September 2019 Hay Lakes E.C.S. Newsletter



Welcome to Hay Lakes ECS! We are going to be very busy throughout the school year, learning new things, going on field trips and making new friends! In September we will be learning about colours and shapes, and getting to know our new friends at school. Some of our learning activities will include practicing how to recognize and print our names, participating in dramatic play, getting our hands dirty at sensory stations, making some beautiful works of art and counting by ones to 10.

To help us learn about colours, we will be having "colour days" in September and October. If possible, please have your child wear something that is the colour of the day! See the calendar for the colour days starting September 9/10.

Please take the time to look at our website if you haven't already. You will find kindergarten information from newsletters (posted each month), class schedules, minutes of meetings etc. etc. as well as links to documents including our health, discipline and weather closures. Our website is mobile device friendly! haylakesecs.ca I also use the Remind App to keep parents updated on what is going on in kindergarten! If you haven't already signed up it is easy. Text the message @hlakesecs to (306) 500-0518 to receive text updates and reminders.

We have 20 students registered so far in kindergarten! This means Hay Lakes ECS students will be split in 2 classes for the first part of the year! Field trips and special days will be together. Our ECS next parent meeting is scheduled on October 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Your child will be the Student of the Day (SD) on your scheduled Parent roster day (POD). Please be ready to help welcome students to school by

8:30 a.m. The SD is the teacher's special helper at various times throughout the school day.

Starting September 11/12 each Student of the Day has the opportunity for Show and Tell. The purpose of Show and Tell is to give your child an opportunity to share with others and practice speaking and answering questions before a small group. **For their first Show and Tell time,** I ask that your child bring objects that tell something about themselves. For example, crayons might say, "I like to draw and do other types of art," and a soccer ball says, "I'm a good soccer player." Your child is also welcome to bring something that starts with the first letter of their name. **Please do not send any toy knives, guns or other aggressive toys such as Transformers for Show & Tell.**

The September "Parents of the Day" (PODs) will be listed on the September calendar coming home the first day of kindergarten. Please let me or Miranda, our coordinator know if you are willing to be a **substitute POD parent.** We will put your name and phone number on our sub parent contact list so parents know you are willing to help out and they can call you first. **Remember, all people volunteering at Hay Lakes ECS in the classroom or on a field trip need a VS check.**

Your child will have the opportunity to order books for your home library each month! The book orders are from Scholastic Book Clubs and will be sent home each month (sometimes additional special orders will be sent home too). Each time you order from Scholastic, our classroom earns credits towards free classroom materials or books for our class library. If you would like to purchase something for your child, please return the order forms with a **cheque** payable to "**Scholastic Canada**" by the date stamped on the order form. You may send **one** cheque for all orders. (Please **do not send cash** as I can not send it through the mail). You may also order and pay by **credit card** on-line at parentpay.scholastic.ca. If you order and pay on-line you do not need to send me back the Scholastic order form as your order is saved on the scholastic website.

We have the opportunity to take out school library books once each week. This year we have grade 4 buddies that will be taking us to the library, reading to us and helping us pick out books to bring home. Your child may keep their books for a week and return them on library days to take out more. Students can take out 2 books per library visit and can have maximum of 3 books out at a time. Library time will start the second week of kindergarten on Wednesday/Thursday.

We will be celebrating birthdays throughout the year. Birthdays in August will be celebrated in September (July birthdays in June). Birthday party days are noted on the monthly calendars. We usually play some games, sing some songs and eat delicious goodies. Birthday treats are appreciated, but certainly not expected. We ask the parent(s) of the birthday child(ren) if they would like to bring in something for the class to eat. If more than one child is celebrating a birthday on the same school day, parents may phone each other regarding the birthday treats. In the past, we have had cupcakes, pudding, homemade cakes or fruit and veggie platters. It is up to the birthday child's parent(s). If your child's birthday party day does not fall on your scheduled roster day, you are welcome to attend or trade roster days with the schedule POD. (Don't forget to let me know if you trade). Birthday parties are usually about half an hour long in the afternoon (usually starting at 1:30 unless otherwise noted). **Please note:** If you are planning to send birthday party invitations to school to be distributed, please put them in your child's communication folder and I will hand them out.

Although no parents this year have noted peanut allergies, we have had peanut allergies in previous years, therefore it was decided at the August 28 ECS meeting, that our ECS classroom will remain **peanut free** for the health and safety other students in the school whose classrooms are close to ours or ride the bus with our students. Tree nuts are fine to send to school.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or the kindergarten program, please don't hesitate to talk to me at school or to text or call me on my cell 780-237-9690. You are also welcome to e-mail me at mwrubleski@brsd.ab.ca. I usually check my e-mail in the

morning before the students arrive at school. I am busy teaching during the school day so please call the school 780-878-3368 and ask the school to give me a message, *if you don't get a response to your e-mail/text* during the day, especially if there is something I need to know before dismissal time (i.e. change of home time arrangements). I may be too busy during the day to look at my phone and your child's safety is my first concern.

On Thursday September 26th Sportball is coming to kindergarten! Coach Aaron is coming to teach us sports skills in an energetic active way! Sportball is a skill-based program designed to promote physical literacy and build self-confidence. Sportball begins with warm-ups, progresses to skill development, then finishes up with games. Coach Aaron uses simple instructions, keywords and clear visual instructions to break down various sport movements all in an energetic way. It's so much fun!!!! Tuesday-Thursday students attend school all day like usual. Monday-Wednesday parents bring their child to school after lunch to join to the Sportball fun!

I am excited to be your child's teacher and I plan to provide a safe and fun learning environment for your child. Thank-you for sharing your child with me!

Mrs. Wrubleski☺