



KLEEFELD SCHOOL

The Buzz

SEPTEMBER. 2016

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5 Labour Day	6 Administration Day	7 Day 1 Welcome to School! Kindergarten Interviews	8 Day 2 Kindergarten Interviews	9 Day 3 Kindergarten Half Class
12 Day 4 Kindergarten Half Class	13 Day 5 First Day of Kindergarten PAC Annual General Meeting @ 7:00—Library You are Welcome	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 Strong Connections
19 Day 3 Strong Connections	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1 Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs @ \$1.50 HSD Cross Country Run #1
26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4 Terry Fox Run 2:30-3:30	29 Day 5	30 Day 6 Hot Lunch: Pizza @ \$1.50/Slice HSD Cross Country Run #2

Principal's Message

Welcome Back! It was great to meet so many students and parents at our Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday! It was so much nicer to know students' names and recognize many more faces. We have had an excellent first day of classes and the staff are looking forward to an excellent year of learning together. Incidentally, that is the theme we have chosen for the year—

KLEEFELD SCHOOL—A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS!

By community—we mean that everyone—students and staff are important members of our school group. Each person belongs, has a voice and a right to be heard. When we refer to learners—we also are referring to everyone. Perhaps this is one of the greatest shifts in schools. Being a learner does not refer only to students—but all staff. This is a commitment we as a staff are making to our students and parents—we are committed to being learners and striving to improve our practice. We have the privilege of working with your children, we are honored that you entrust them to us and we want to do our best to help them grow to become successful, lifelong learners. Here is to a great year of working together to build a COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS @ KLEEFELD SCHOOL.



HEAD LICE SEASON WILL BE ARRIVING SOON!



The season that head lice become active and mobile will soon be upon us. **The most important thing for parents to hear is that when your child has head lice, it is in no way a personal reflection on them or their family.** They are just very mobile little creatures.

Parents, please check your children for lice and treat accordingly. If advice or supplies are needed, please contact the school—we are happy to help.

If it is possible to notify the school, we greatly appreciate it. We will send letters home to students in the class and take necessary precautions to limit the spread of the lice. **THE CHILD(REN) WITH LICE WILL REMAIN ANNONYMOUS!**

The most important way to get rid of head lice is to ensure that all nits and eggs are removed from every strand of hair on the person's head. There are special combs for to do this.



Kleefeld School Strong Connections

HSD recognizes the importance of the relationship between students and teachers. They value these

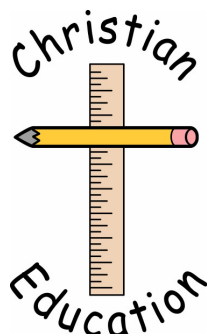
connections so much that

they set aside two days at the beginning of the school year, so that staff will have the opportunity to connect with students. These days are called **Strong Connections**. On Friday, Sept. 9, each Kleefeld School family should receive information about which day their students will be attending, either Friday, Sept. 16 or Monday, Sept. 19. On these days, teachers will spend half the day, one on one and small group time with students. We know that when students have a positive relationship with their teachers, they learn better. Teachers will gather information on how individual students learn best, ways to support students and the achievements students are proud of. The other half of the day is spent connecting with other school staff in the gym, library, music room and with the principals. Some student assessment will occur, but we are making a big effort to keep low key and not stressful. The information we gather during these days will assist teachers as they plan to meet the individual needs of their students.

Religious Exercises and Instruction

The HSD Board of Trustees has received petitions requesting that religious exercises be held in Kleefeld School. Parents must indicate their students participation each year. Students can be added or removed from participation at any time with a signed note from parents. Hanover School Division provides religious exercises and instruction in line with provincial guidelines.

Sometimes students indicate that their desire is different that what their parents have indicated. When this occurs, the school will honor the parent directive. Should the student continue to resist, the parent will be contacted by the principal.



HSD Parent / Child Community Program

The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program invites Kleefeld parents and their preschool children (1 to 4 years) to attend this free preschool program. The goal of preschool is to promote school readiness skills. Children will play, create, sing and learn skills in preparation for kindergarten. In the program, parents can connect with other parents, learn new skills and participate in activities with their children. Snacks are provided. Families can attend regularly or just drop in.

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 AM

Thursdays 9:30-11:30 AM

Late September 2016 to Early June 2017

**Located in the west hut behind
Kleefeld School**

**TO PARK—please drive through the staff parking
lot and park on the north end of the lot.**

We will follow the
HSD calendar
and
policies for
school closure
days.



Attendance @ Kleefeld School



If your child is absent or late for school, please notify the office. **Students arriving late should sign in at the office.** Attendance is recorded in the morning and after lunch.

When students are absent without parent notification the school will call parents. **Parents picking students up are asked to come in to the office to sign them out.** We will bring your child to the office to meet you.

KLEEFELD SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Kleefeld School PAC** has been hard at work last year, and is inviting you to their Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 13 @ 7:00 in the Library.

Parents and guardians of student attending Kleefeld School are welcome to attend.



SAFETY REMINDERS

We are working hard to ensure the safety of all students as they travel to and from school. Here are some ways you can help:

When dropping students off...

1) New lines have been painted to remind drivers to leave space between your vehicle and the curb so there is room to walk.

2) Do not pull into the drop off lane against the flow of traffic (facing the wrong way). Drivers may be ticketed.

3) Reduce speed to **30 KM/HR** in the marked school zone.

4) Please do not drop off in the parking lot. We cannot see your kids.

5) Use the bus loop for drop offs and pick-ups after the buses have departed.



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the library! I'm looking forward to seeing you all as you check out our great selection of books.

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success.

735 books were taken out over the summer by **60 students** and **4 community** members who participated in the program. Thank you for your continued support of this fantastic program.

This year we are holding the **Scholastic Book Fair** January 30-February 2, 2017. We are also running a new online library fundraiser from **Books 4 Eternity**. This Book Club Program is a Christian alternative to Scholastic. The program will run September through December. Once the program is up and running there will be catalogues available for pick up at the library and more in depth details will be posted on our website.

Take a look at the link below for a sneak peek!

Flipbook:

<http://www.kidz4eternity.com/Wholesale/2016Fall1FlashSWF/FlipBook.html>

The 2016/2017 MYRCA book club will be starting in October. The book selection is fantastic! Grade 5 - Grade 8 students are invited to join MYRCA.

"The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read" - Mary McCleod Bethune

Meet Your School Counselor!

Mrs. Christine Friesen

Color Me!

Eyes: Look out for students and see ways to help students!

Ears: Listen to you whenever you need someone to listen to your feelings/problems.

Helping hands and arms for hugs!

Bag of tricks to help you find new skills.

Mouth: Speaks kind words, but never repeats what you say unless you are in danger or being hurt.

Feet: Walk to your class, the playground or lunchroom.

Your School Counselor can help you in all of these ways and many more! Tell your parents, grandparents, or teachers if you think you want to talk to your school counselor....or come see me in my office! I'm always happy to talk to you!

MUSIC/BAND @ KLEEFELD SCHOOL



Mrs. Hiebert is very excited about the start of the 2016-17 school year. She has a jam-packed year planned—with a Gr. 1-3 Christmas Musical and a Gr. 4-6 Spring Musical. The Eastman Choral Workshop is on Fri., Oct. 14 with students from gr. 5-8 participating. If you are able to volunteer to supervise for the workshop, please let Mrs. Hiebert know.



Welcome Back Stinger Athletes

September is a very busy month for students. These are some of the important upcoming events for the 2016/17 school year.

Footwear and Clothing

All students must have a clean pair of indoor gym shoes. Indoor gym shoes should not be worn outside except for special circumstances (*ex. fire drill.*). Gym clothes are also mandatory for students grades 4-8. Any student who wishes not to change in the change room will be given permission to change in alternate changing area.

Cross - Country Running

During the month of September Kindergartens through to grade 8 students will be actively involved in games and lessons that involve a variety of running skills. Early years students will learn how to run efficiently by jogging at different speeds, sprinting, and how their bodies react to those changes. Students in grades 5-8 will be given an opportunity to represent Kleefeld School at a HSD divisional 2 km cross-country meet. Students in grades 5-8 who are interested in participating in cross country running should see Mr. Shields for information regarding participation.

Grade 7-8 Stingers Volleyball and Triple Ball

In order for students to participate in Stingers Volleyball, players are asked to submit a signed student contract to Mr. Shields by Friday, September 9th 2016.

Games Schedules

- *League Starts Tuesday October 4th
- *Grade 7 and 8 Girls play on Tuesdays
- * Grade 7 and 8 Boys play on Thursdays

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### Grade 7 Volleyball/Triple

Triple Ball rules apply.

Please see Mr. Shields about Triple Ball rules.

- :Score will be kept, cap at 27
- :2 timeouts per set
- :equal playing time

### Grade 8 Volleyball

- :score is kept, cap at 27
- :games will no longer be timed
- :Teams will receive two timeouts per game
- :Playing Time: Players who did not start in the first set must start in the second set.
- :Subs cannot be made until one team has scored 15 points
- :equal playing time
- :Playoffs – No longer equal playing time.

### Terry Fox Run K-8

Kleefeld School's Terry Fox Run will be held on Wed., Sept. 28, 2:30-3:30 PM. Fundraising details will be provided. Family members are also encouraged to participate in this event. All participants will meet in the gym at 2:30 and will proceed to our route from the gym.

### Jersey Sales Gr. 5-8

Our Kleefeld Jerseys are multi sport jersey which may be worn for all of our school's athletics (cross country, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track and field, and soccer). We are looking to sell jerseys this year at a discounted rate of \$20.00. The shirts/jerseys may also be worn next year as our school teams jersey. These shirts/jerseys are available to all students in grades 5-8. They will go on sale starting Sept. 12th.