

# New Horizons School Newsletter



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER 19

- BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 p.m.  
at NHS

### NOVEMBER 23

- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE NHS CHARTER  
SCHOOL SOCIETY @ 7:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 25

- FANHS MEETING @ 7:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER 2

- EARLY DISMISSAL

### DECEMBER 4

- TERM I REPORT CARDS

### DECEMBER 15

- MATH FAIR

### DECEMBER 15 & 16

- CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 3

- CHRISTMAS BREAK

## Junior High Tutors

### K-3 students learn the game of chess



About forty students from kindergarten to grade three have been showing up for chess tutorials at lunch time. The tutorials have been able to happen thanks to the help of ten junior high students.

The primary students have been quick learners and tutorials will now shift to the older students.

When the tutorials have been completed, students will be invited to participate in chess matches during lunch hours.



## OUR SOCIAL CONTRACT

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## Upcoming Events and Activities

It will be a busy five weeks before the Christmas break

### Basketball

Basketball practices will begin this week for the grade 7-9 boys and girls teams. Once the league schedule has been established later this week, regular practice and game days will be set.

### Chess

Chess tutorials will continue this week for the grade K-3 and grade 4-6 students. Regular play will begin by the end of November when the tutorials have been completed.

### Rubik's Cube

Those students interested in leaning the Rubik's Cube will continue to receive tutorials during lunch hours. When the tutorials have been finished, students interested will continue practicing for our in-school competition later in January.

### Dance

Artist-in-residence, Dani Altieri, will be working with our students over the next week. Students will be learning a dance routine which will be performed at the Christmas Concert.

### Christmas Concert

We will be using our on gym for the Christmas concert this year. Because of the anticipated large numbers, we will be putting on the show over two nights on December 15 and December 16.

The Junior High Big Drum group will also be part of the performance.

Ticket availability and details regarding which performance night parents and guests will be attending will be sent out soon.

## After School Pick Up Request

Many parents come into the school for after school pick-up prior to dismissal.

There are two classrooms and many offices located around the waiting area, and we are finding the noise level to be increasing at an earlier time in the day while instruction and office work is continuing.

We are urging that parents who come into the school to pick up their child to please wait until after 3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. on early dismissal days) to enter the school to wait for your child their children

Thank you for your consideration.



New Horizons students from grades 3-9 were able to get a sneak preview of the *Beyond the Rubik's Cube* exhibition at the Telus World of Science at the media event, the day before the official opening of the exhibition.

## Math Fair

### NHS students get an introduction to the math fair

A math fair is an event in which students create math puzzles for others to solve, and become involved themselves by going to the various stations to solve the puzzles created by others.

A math fair provides all students with problem solving experiences. While the focus is problem solving, there is also an emphasis on being student centred, non-competitive, all-inclusive, and problem based.

You can read more about a math fair at many on-line sites. Here is one link to the [SNAP Foundation Math Fair Website](#).

New Horizons has had math fairs in past years, but this year's event will be different.

In past years, the junior high students made the math fair puzzles, and the whole school participated in solving them.

This year, because of our extra space, all students will be involved in hosting a math puzzle station. There will be many math problems to solve!

Our math fair will occur on **December 15**. Parents are invited to attend. For those parents who can't make a day-time visit, the math fair stations will be open for viewing after the Christmas concerts on December 15 and December 16.

#### Kick-Off Event

To help kick-off the our math fair focus and to introduce students to the concept of a math fair, a representative from the Telus World of Science made a presentation to the students on Monday, November 16. As part of the presentation, students were given some sample math problems to solve.

#### NHS to Showcase Math Fair at the Telus World Of Science

As an added incentive for students creating their math fair projects, NHS will be able to display the projects at the Telus World of Science in January. Promising projects submitted at our school math fair will have the opportunity to be improved upon and submitted as part of our school's math fair display.



*Students receive an introduction to the math fair.*



*Problem solving with a sample puzzle.*