

Principal's Report to School Council

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New Horizons School

Earth Day: Students participated in Earth Day activities throughout the last number of weeks. One activity was the Strathcona County Shoe Drive. Used shoes were collected to keep them out of the landfill and provide shoes to those in need. Thanks to Ms. Asquini and her grade 4 class for organizing this and to everyone who donated! We collected over 600 pairs of shoes. Students also participated in our Annual 'Pitch In' to clean up the grounds around the school. Students used gloves to collect trash from around the school to 'spring clean' our outdoor spaces! Students were also encouraged to participate in a litterless lunch on April 25.

Music Festival: Music groups and Kindergarten participated in the Strathcona County Music Festival last week. All groups performed well and had fun with our Ukulele club receiving Platinum for their 3 pieces. Thanks to Ms. Zelada for her work with these groups!

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs): Students in grade 6 and 9 will begin writing their PATs this month with Part A of the English Language Arts Assessment. These assessments will be completed using the digital assessment platform, Vretta that was introduced last year. PATs in the other core subjects will be written in June and are listed on the school calendar.

Admissions: We have completed admissions and are just finishing up our communications to new parents with information on registration.

New Classrooms: We will be getting 2 new modular classrooms installed for use beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. ECDT will be removing their modular classrooms as they move into their new building and we will be adding on additional learning space on the south side of the primary wing of the school. This work may begin in June and I will be meeting with Alberta Infrastructure at the end of May to discuss the details of the installation.

School Clubs and Sports:

- Badminton for Junior High and grades 5 and 6 had their tournaments in April. Thanks to our coaches and Ms. Eccles for your help with these.
- Handball for junior high is completed. Thanks to our coaches and Mr. Wilde for supporting this.

- Track and Field for Grades 6-9 took place today at Strathcona Athletic Park. Thanks to our Junior High teachers for organizing this for the students and thanks to all the parent volunteers for your help to make the event run smoothly.
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