

## Principal Report October 25, 2011

1. We are still in the midst of finalizing support staff hours. The Breakfast Program started yesterday with Mrs. Rolston. Students come in as soon as they arrive to have a quick bite and then exit to join their classmates to enter the school. We have a PUF student starting on Thurs. Oct. 27 and we will look at hiring 1 more support staff to cover some of Mrs. Beech's Kindergarten time. This will free her up to provide additional Speech and Language support to students at HAS.
2. Staff Planning Day - November 25 @ 9 a.m. staff, school council reps and community members will meet to look at a new 'PATH' for HAS. Ellie Elliott, superintendent for LRSD will lead this morning session. We hope that School Council representation can attend, as well as trustees and community members. We are planning to have a lunch together after the working morning.
3. PAT results will be reviewed as a staff tomorrow. This data, along with other survey and school based data from last year, and the PATH conversation on Nov. 25, will help establish school goals and guide our next 3 year plan.
4. Grade 3's had their first assembly yesterday and K2 and Gr. 1 will provide our Remembrance Day service for us on Nov. 10 @ 11 a.m.
5. Halloween parade of costumes will take place on Monday Oct. 31, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m. followed by Halloween activities in classrooms. Students will change into costumes at lunch time and will not wear costumes in the a.m. The only exception being Gr. 2's who will wear costumes to visit at York Creek Lodge in the a.m.
6. First year student teachers will be here on Thursday Oct. 27, 2011 for their orientation and will be part of our school from Nov. 7 - Dec. 13. We have 2 student teachers with us this year in grade 2.
7. November 1, 2011 is LRSD's Divisional PD day in Fort MacLeod. All staff takes part in this day. The a.m. is a time for the division to recognize long term service followed by breakout sessions. This year school researchers are the main presenters. They will be sharing information related to individual school's AISI projects and new initiatives that support student learning.
8. Volunteers and preschoolers - I have emailed Don Olson at Central Office to ask about having younger siblings in the work room with parents during volunteer time. He has not responded with any change in information from what I received previously. Parents are covered as volunteers but younger siblings are considered members of the public and are not covered by the school's insurance. I have asked if it is possible to have a waiver for parents to sign. The waiver would indicate that parents are responsible for any damage that may occur with younger siblings attending, and that parents are responsible for any bodily injury that could possibly occur. I will bring forward any new information as I receive it. Until I hear differently, younger children cannot attend with parents as volunteers in the volunteer room.
9. Snow Kids program with Castle Mountain is available again for students. Students who returned their signed application forms will be processed on Nov. 23. Any

- families who have not returned the sheets and want to take part in the program, will have to make their own arrangements with Castle Mountain.
10. AB Health Services Dental program information has been sent home for parent signatures. Dates have not been booked yet with the school. With parent signature, students will receive a dental check, and be provided with 2 free fluoride varnish treatments this school year. This check does not replace regular dental care.
  11. We have 2 mentorship teams at HAS this year. Miss Dembicki is a mentor to Jen Kolmatycki in Gr. 3 and Mrs. Pichurski continues as my mentor for Music. This divisional initiative provides release time to teachers new to the division or a grade/class to work with a mentor.