

October 28, 2024 Principal's Report

### 1. Staff Updates

- a. Lisa Melnyk is now teaching in grade 2 for 90% of the time. Shelby Kwasny is our Inclusive Education Lead and is teaching grade 2 Music, Art and kindergarten PE.
- b. Brittany Turko and Kristin Magnusson are two Educational Assistants who are now working at our school.

### 2. School News and Events

- a. Testing is being completed based on our division protocols. Once the testing is complete we review the results and determine which students require intervention. We have started our Literacy and Numeracy interventions. We are using a pullout model with Educational Assistants and a push in model in classrooms.
- b. We are excited to be working with Elder Cardinal and Jackie Steinhauer. This week we will be making drums with some of the junior high students. We will be getting our tipi poles soon and we will be able to set up our tipi by the elementary playground. We are also fortunate to have our planters filled with dirt this week so we can hopefully do some fall planting or be ready for the spring.
- c. On October 15th we had our district wide Mental Health day. All Aspen View staff went to EPC in Athabasca. Staff were able to choose sessions to go to. Dr. Greg Wells was an excellent speaker who made everyone focus on what they need to do to make themselves healthier. It may be increased exercise, eating healthy, less screen time, or more sleep,
- d. On October 30th we are having a safety presentation from Rural Crime Watch for elementary students. We would like to thank Michelle Wright for setting this up for us.
- e. CASA is providing the Halloween lunch for elementary students. The students will be going to the lodge to parade.
- f. The Remembrance Day ceremony is Friday, November 8th @ 10:30.
- g. Our Book Fair is coming on November 4-6.
- h. On November 6th the High School Art class is going to the Edmonton Art Gallery.
- i. CASA is still selling cash calendars as a fundraiser. Please let us know if you are interested in purchasing some.
- j. It was wonderful to have jr/sr boys and girls volleyball teams. We hosted a junior boys and girls tournament. HS students went to Saddle Lake and Lac La Biche for some games. All teams have gone and will be going to various tournaments. We are also hosting regionals for the junior boys and mixed teams on November 7th. Thank you to the students, coaches and parents for making this successful.

- k. Student Council nominations and candidate speeches are next week. The election will be before November break.
- l. There is a week-long welding opportunity for high school students at Portage College. This will be happening the 18th - 22nd of November.
- m. All of HAK staff are required to complete Public School Works Safety courses. This helps to ensure that staff are aware of the current safety guidelines and helps enable staff to abide by the OHS safety measures.
- n. We will be holding our Christmas concert on Thursday, December 19th. We will have two shows, one in the afternoon at 1:00 pm and one in the evening at 7:00 pm.
- o. We had the first night of parent/teacher conferences for junior and senior high students. The elementary teachers are having theirs on the evenings of November 6th and 7th. The last one for jr/sr high is November 27th.
- p. We have continued monthly "Lunch with a Cop". So far, RCMP members have been to some of the elementary grades. This is a popular and fun event. We really appreciate all that the RCMP has done for us this year and in previous years.
- q. We have begun working on our Annual Education Results Report (AERR). The AERR is released each fall. It reports on results from the previous school year.
- r. Mental health is a priority throughout the division. We are having students in grade K-12 fill out a mental health survey. This survey is the same one as they filled out last year. This will help guide HAK and the division to see what work still needs to be done on this topic.