



Herbert School Newsletter

September / October 2025

Principal : Mr. Chad Sstriker

Vice- Principal : Mrs. Natasha Olynick

Upcoming Events

Oct 13—Thanksgiving Holiday

Oct 15—Early Dismissal Day (2:00 p.m.)

Nov 3—No school (Teachers' Convention)

Nov 5—Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov 6—Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov 7—Report Cards for gr 10—12 only published to the MSS Family Portal

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Nov 17—Picture Retakes

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Principal's Message

It has been a pleasure to start another year at Herbert School. Classrooms are full, the playground is bustling, extra curricular activities are active and players look great in the new uniforms. I want to thank everyone who has been an active supporter of our school, staff and students. If you haven't been in the gymnasium in a while, come to a home game and check out the new score clock which was generously provided by the Robertson Family Foundation. You will also see the growing [Laurel Legion Donor Wall](#). Click the link to learn more!

*Sincerely,
Mr. Chad Striker
Principal*





Important Information!

As a reminder!

Herbert School does have

video surveillance cameras

in various hallways and common areas of the school as well as the parking lot.

The Chinook School Division may choose to place video surveillance on school buses or other vehicles owned, contracted, or operated by the division.

Guest Ridership

The only passengers to ride a Chinook School bus are students who attend a Chinook School and ordinarily ride the bus. To assist with unforeseen circumstances, occasionally the Division will allow for **Guest Ridership** if

Chinook Administrative Procedure(AP) 560 is followed and a

Guest Rider Consent Form

is submitted to the school administration.

Requests for approval should be submitted with as much notice as possible.

School administration reserves the right to deny requests if adequate notice is not provided, if there are not enough seats available on the bus, or if the pick-up or drop-off point is not a regularly scheduled stop on the route. It is also expected that the guest rider follows the rules of the bus. Please contact your school administration if you have questions regarding Guest Ridership.



Early Dismissal Days



To help families plan ahead and make arrangements, students will be dismissed at

2:00 p.m.

on the following five Wednesdays:

**HERBERT
SCHOOL**



OUR REGULAR
DISMISSAL TIME IS

3:15

SO OUR
EARLY DISMISSAL TIME
IS

2:00

Wednesday, October 15

Wednesday, November 26

Wednesday, February 11

Wednesday, April 29

Wednesday, June 3



Each early dismissal allows teachers to participate in **2 hours** of professional development to support student learning and assessment.



**BUSES WILL DEPART THE SCHOOL
BY 2:10 P.M.**

Our first Early Dismissal Day is

Wednesday, October 15

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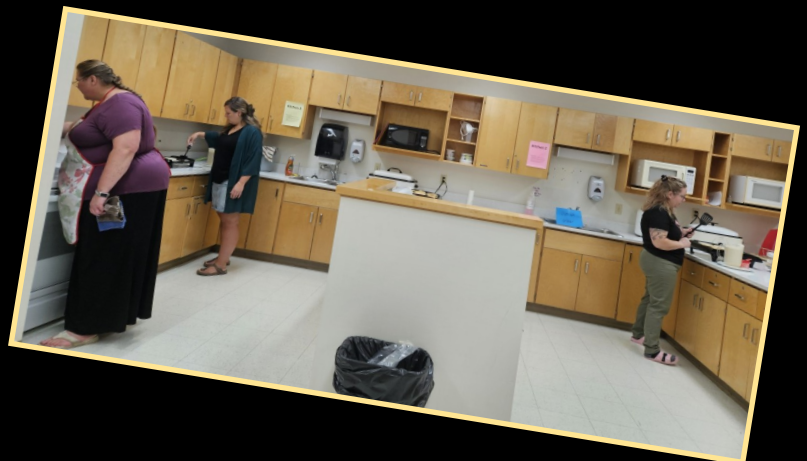
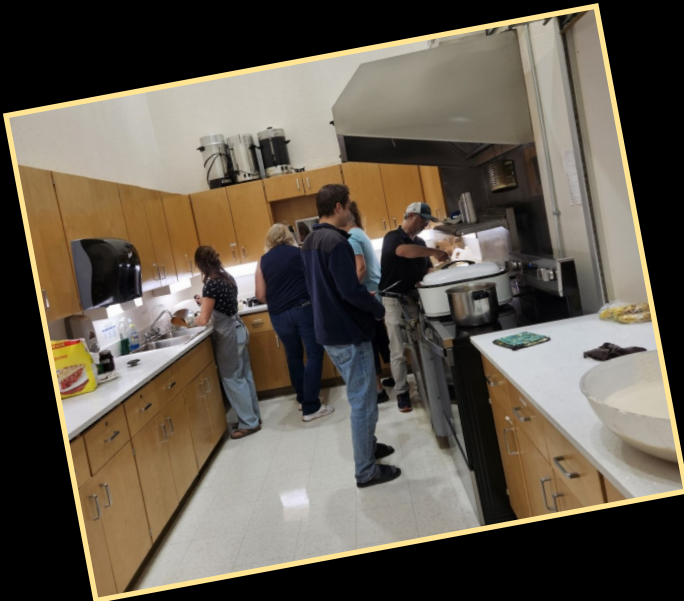
SCC News

The SCC held a **“Welcome Back to School”** Family Barbecue on August 28 and a **Community Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** on September 12 (serving over 200 people)!

It will continue with the Pizza from Pizza Hut Lunches once a month and are trying some other hot lunches this year!

We enjoyed Taco Salad in a Bag on October 9h!

SCC's Community Pancake Breakfast





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SCC Personal Size Pizza from Pizza Hut Dates for 2025-26

Friday, October 24th

Friday, November 21st

Friday, December 19th

Friday, January 16th

Friday, February 13th

Friday, March 20th

Friday, April 24th

Friday, May 22nd

Friday, June 19th





Terry Fox Run 2025



Congratulations

HERBERT SCHOOL

We surpassed our goal of \$4000 for the
Terry Fox Foundation!

This year Herbert School raised

\$5378.00

for Cancer Research!



Thank you to everyone who donated this year!



Terry Fox Run 2025





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Our top 2 fundraisers (William and Holt) were given
the opportunity to throw a pie in the face of

Mr. Krell and Kashton

William also received a t-shirt from The Terry Fox Foundation!





Terry Fox Run 2025

The “Stop the Music” Fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation collected
\$450.00!

The “Twoonies for Terry” Fundraiser collected
\$730.00!





Orange Shirt Day
September 26, 2025





WE SCARE HUNGER



The SLC is running our annual
We Scare Hunger
food drive this October.
We will be collecting non-perishable food items
to donate to the

COMMUNITY FRIDGE IN SWIFT CURRENT

The Community Fridge is a place where you can drop off any
non-perishable food items and people can go the
Community Fridge and take items
whenever there is a need.

*Did you know that this initiative in Swift Current
was started by two
Herbert School Alumni?*

Let's have some hometown support!

If you want to donate
you can bring items to the school library
and place the items on the table provided.

Donations are due October 31st!



Please bring your items to the table set up in the school library!
*Thank you for supporting our annual SLC project for the
Community Fridge in Swift Current!*



SWAC Sports

10h · 🌐

SWAC XC Championship~

Intermediate boys:

1st... Cole Falk (Herbert)

2nd... Gavin Froyman (Herbert)

3rd... Bates Allen (Hodgeville)



Good Luck to

Cole F

as he advances to

**SHSAA Provincial Cross Country Meet on October 11
in Yorkton!**



Member of the Morse and Herbert Fire Departments gave a presentation on Fire Safety on October 10th. The students and staff also practiced a fire drill exiting from the gymnasium.





Fire Safety Presentation October 10





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SLC Dances September 28





From our school counsellor.....

HOW WE UNINTENTIONALLY UNDERMINE OUR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

WHEN WE CONTROL INSTEAD OF COACH

We make it all about us.

When we say: "That's not how you do it. Let me show you."

They think: "I guess Mom can do it better than me."



WHEN WE DON'T SHOW TRUST

We don't believe our child might have the capability to do a new task.

When we say: "Go ask your Dad to help you."

They think: "My mom doesn't trust I can do it. She thinks I need help."

WHEN WE FOCUS ON "THE RIGHT WAY"

We don't consider child's approach to a task.

When we say: "Are you sure that's how you want to do it?"

They think: "I must be doing this the wrong way."



WHEN WE EVALUATE

We put judgment instead of fostering a child's internal evaluation.

When we say: "You didn't ask for help and look what happened."

They think: "I guess I don't need to try doing things on my own."

CONFIDENCE ISN'T A GIFT WE CAN GIVE OUR CHILDREN.
TRUE CONFIDENCE IS LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCES OF TRYING NEW THINGS, EXPERIENCING FAILURE AND SUCCESS, AND...BY HAVING THE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TO COPE WITH ALL OF IT.

WHAT TO SAY INSTEAD

- Coaching = "Here's how I do this; maybe it will work for you."
- Trust = "That's not the way I do it, but give it a try. That approach might work!"
- Not focusing on perfection = "You persisted with that project even though it was difficult."
- Focusing on progress = "You have improved your organizational skills so much."
- Process praise = "I love how you wrote so descriptively in that book report."
- Noticing = "You must feel proud; that project took a lot of work"



From our school counsellor.....

6 THINGS TO SAY INSTEAD OF "GOOD JOB!"



"LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD FUN!
WHAT PART DID YOU ENJOY
THE MOST?"



"THIS WAS NEW! HOW DID
YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WERE
MAKING THIS?"



"YOU WERE SO FOCUSED ON YOUR
WORK. CAN YOU TELL
ME ABOUT IT?"



"I SEE YOU WORKING HARD.
YOU'RE MAKING A LOT OF
PROGRESS."



"THIS MUST HAVE TAKEN A
LOT OF PRACTICE. ARE YOU
PROUD?"



"YOU LOOK VERY EXCITED ABOUT
COMPLETING THIS PROJECT!
WHAT DID YOU LEARN?"

SHIFTING FROM EXTERNAL PRAISE TO INNER AWARENESS

- 1 Hold general praise ("You were great!") and evaluation ("Amazing presentation!") to **make room for kids to process their own feelings and opinions.**
- 1 Ask open-ended questions and invite children to **notice how they feel about their efforts:** both the process and the outcome.

THIS LEADS TO SELF-RELIANCE AND EMPOWERMENT

As you encourage their reflection, children learn to **appreciate their own strengths**, which contributes to their confidence and resilience.



In turn, they learn to **rely on themselves** instead of seeking external praise or evaluation, making them more empowered.





The Herbert School Grad Class of 2026 is set up in SARCAN for
“Drop & Go” to donate bottles/cans throughout the year

The group is **“Herbert Grad”**

The group phrase is **“Herbert Grad”**



Thank you to everyone who donated bottles/cans on our Bottle Drive on October 7th!

The Grad Class is also holding a fundraiser through Mom's Pantry

To order online go to:

www.momspantry.ca

Group Number: 410332

Group Passcode: 41321

Orders are due October 17th!

Thank you for supporting our fundraisers for our graduation ceremony!



Please inform the school if your child will be absent or late by phoning the school (306) 784-2454 or emailing afrancis@chinooksd.ca.

You can also phone and leave a message after school hours on our Message Manager!

Just leave your name, your child's name, and the date and reason your child will be late or absent!

If you do not contact the school the student is marked as having an Unexcused Absence.



Herbert School is a Peanut and Nut Sensitive school!

We have some students who have a severe

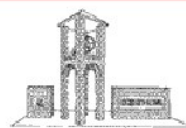
peanut or nut allergy

We ask that parents please exercise caution in not sending peanuts/nuts or foods with peanut/nut products.

Thank you!



Herbert School



Calendar Dates 2025-26

(Any new events will be added each month)

September	Sept 1 -	Labour Day Holiday (no school for students)
	Sept 2 -	BACK TO SCHOOL (Gr 1 – 12)
	Sept 2 -	Kindergarten begins
	Sept 5 -	School photographer here!
	Sept 25 -	Terry Fox School Run at 11:00 a.m. (The public is welcome to participate!)
	Sept 26 -	Orange Shirt Day!
	Sept 29 -	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (TEACHER PLC DAY)
October	Sept 30 -	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Chinook PLC Day)
October	Oct 13 -	Thanksgiving Day (no school for students)
	Oct 15 -	Early Dismissal Day (2:00 p.m.)
November	Nov 3 -	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Chinook Teachers' Convention)
	Nov 5 -	Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30 to 7:00 p.m.)
	Nov 6 -	Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30 to 7:00 p.m.)
	Nov 7 -	Report Cards published to MSS Family Portal (Gr 10 – 12 only)
	Nov 10 -	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Day off in lieu of Parent-Teacher Conferences)
	Nov 11 -	Remembrance Day Holiday (no school for students)
	Nov 12 -	Picture Retake Day
December	Nov 26 -	Early Dismissal Day (2:00 p.m.)
	Dec 11 -	Christmas Concert
	Dec 19 -	Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break
January	Dec 20 - Jan 4 -	Christmas Break (no school for students)
January	Jan 5 -	Classes Resume
	Jan 26-29 -	High school Provincial Exams
	Jan 30 -	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
	Jan 30 -	Report Cards published to MSS Family Portal (Kindergarten to Gr 12)
February	Feb 2 -	Semester II begins
	Feb 11 -	Early Dismissal Day (2:00 p.m.)
	Feb 16 -	Family Day Holiday (no school for students)
	Feb 17 - 22 -	February Break (no school for students)
	Feb 23 -	Classes Resume
March	March 23 -	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Teacher PD Day)
	March 24 -	Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
	March 26 -	Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
April	April 3 -	Good Friday (no school for students)
	April 4 - 12	Easter Break (no school for students)
	April 13 -	Classes Resume
	April 17 -	Report Cards published to MSS Family Portal (Gr 10 – 12 only)
	April 29 -	Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.)
May	May 18 -	Victoria Day Holiday (no school for students)
June	June 3 -	Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.)
	June 12 -	GRAD 2026
	June 23-25 -	High school Provincial Exams
	June 25 -	Last day of classes for Kindergarten students
	JUNE 25 -	LAST DAY OF CLASSES/EXAMS FOR STUDENTS!
	June 26 -	Report Cards published to the MSS Family Portal (Kindergarten to Gr 12) (No school for students)