

Branches a school to home newsletter

January 13, 2023





Dear HCS Community,

Your school Board is writing to communicate to you that Dorene Jaarsma will be taking a one year leave of absence for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

The Board fully supports Dorene in this decision and is so very grateful for all the hard work she has invested in the HCS family, not just as a wonderful teacher, but in these last years in her various responsibilities as a learner support coordinator, and her other highly valued role as an administrative team member here at HCS. The blessings of her dedication to our school are evident in the many good fruits it has produced in the lives of our students, staff, and school community.

We pray this time will provide Dorene with rest, the time to enjoy a well-earned break from her duties here at HCS, and that the time will be a blessing to her and her family.

Sincerely, The HCS School Board

Fresh Fundraising

This spring, we are partnering with West Coast Seeds to offer a 'new to HCS' fundraiser. West Coast Seeds is committed to supplying their customers with non-GMO, high-quality, untreated seeds. Their goal is to inspire and empower people to take responsibility for the state of the earth, by using products to grow their own food 12 months of the year.

See page 3 for more information on this fundraiser that will happen through the month of February.



Boomwhackers are a music class favorite, being used from Kindergarten all the way up to grade 6. If you've never heard of boomwhackers before, they may look like a strange type of instrument. These brightly colored musical tubes have won numerous awards, are a favorite of music educators around the world, are used by professional musicians and music therapists, and frankly, are simply a lot of fun! Basically, boomwhackers are colorful plastic tubes of varying lengths, ranging from a foot to several feet. Bang the tubes against a table, floor, or any stable surface, and these percussion tubes make all the notes imaginable. Bang them together for a unique blend of notes. Click on the button below for a fun video of our grade 5s playing a boomwhacker edition of 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars,



What's Happening at HCS?

January 17 (Tuesday)

- Skating for Kindergarten 12:45-1:45
- Skating for Grade 3/4 1:45-2:45

January 17 (Tuesday)

Wacky Hair Day Prizes for wackiest!

January 19 (Thursday)

 All School Worship - 8:40 am EVERYONE WELCOME

January 25/26 (Wed/Thurs)

High School Exams

January 27 (Friday)

- Semester Turnaround Day
- No school for Gr. 9-12 ONLY

January 30 (Monday)

• 2nd Semester Begins



Wacky Hair Day Tues. January 17

Prizes will be awarded to those with the weirdest, wildest, wackiest styles!

WILDCATS CORNER





Jr. Girls - Saturday Jan. 14

Smithers

Game Times: 1:00 pm HCS vs CHSS @ BVCS gym 4:30 pm HCS vs HAZ @ ECRS gym



Jr. Boys - Saturday Jan. 14

Terrace

Game Times: 11:00 am HCS vs SMS @ SMS gym 1:00 pm HCS vs Nisga @ SMS gym

HCS is FUNDRAISING

WITH



West Coast Seeds...



All seeds are untreated and non-GMO.

We offer a wide range of vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

All seeds can be ordered on the fundraising site

fundraising.westcoastseeds.com

from February 1 - February 28.



MEET THE STAFF

ABOUT ME

I have lived on a farm in Houston my entire life.
I graduated from HCS in 2021.
I enjoy dirt biking, growing flowers, and showing cattle.
I was in 4-H for over 10 years.
I have 3 siblings and a mini Aussie named Bea.

FUN FACTS

- I would way rather eat a salad than a steak.
- I have never been on an airplane before.
- I live on a farm with 200 cows.
- One of my brothers only has half a pelvis.
- My dad went to HCS when they only had elementary grades.

MY FAVORITE...

FOOD: Sushi & watermelon

MOVIE: Mulan

BIBLE VERSE: Isaiah 43:2

ANIMAL: Mini Aussi

COLOR: Blue & Pink