


Vista Heights School

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School Council

Please mark Tuesday, September 19 on your calendar. **All parents are welcome!**

One of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students is through school councils. By connecting students, schools and communities, school councils help nurture and inspire our students to achieve their full potential.

Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

Principal's Message

On behalf of all of the staff at Vista Heights School, it is my pleasure to welcome you to a new and exciting school year. For those of you whose children have attended our school in the past, we are so glad to have you returning. And for those of you whose children are just entering Vista Heights, we are pleased to have you as a part of our school community.

Let me also take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Michelle Harvey, and I am honored to once again be serving as your principal. Although I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of you last school year, I look forward to meeting and seeing each of you very soon.

I know from meeting with teachers, parents, community members, that Vista Heights is a school committed to excellence. Academic success, character development, personal development, citizenship, commitment to safety, and a sense of belonging and community are high priorities at Vista Heights. Please be assured of my commitment to honoring your accomplishments and my hope of contributing to even greater success in the future.

In the spirit of building community, let me invite each of you to the Student Learning Conferences and 'Meet the Teacher' being held September 21 and 22 at the school. Details regarding booking a time slot with your child's teacher will be coming home soon.

Please visit our school website at <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b239/> to review our newsletter, classroom blogs and School Handbook. These will provide you with important information regarding upcoming events, classroom updates, and parent and community activities.

All staff who are at Vista Heights School are looking forward to meeting you. Each staff member brings specific expertise and experiences to Vista Heights School and makes us a stronger team.

Again, I want to welcome all of you to what we hope will be your best school year yet. Please do not hesitate to stop by the office or to give us a call if we can assist you in any way. Best wishes to you and your family, and together, we will "believe and achieve".

Respectfully yours,
Michelle Harvey

Character Corner
September Virtue: Friendliness

This month's virtue is friendliness. Friendliness is being a friend through good times and bad. You are kind to people, show care and concern and a genuine interest in others. You share your belongings, your time and yourself. Friendliness is lived at Vista Heights School through our inquiry, our learning and our interactions with one another. At Vista Heights School, it is our intent to:

- Design personalized learning opportunities for all students.
- Design learning environments that reflect good teaching and learning practice.
- Devote time and resources to develop learning profiles and plans so that students learn in deeper and more meaningful ways and students will achieve success with their learning.
- Develop relationships based on respectful treatment of all people.
- Discover that which is truly unique and wonderful about each individual.
- Direct our energies toward community and the common good.
- Determine ways in which each learner can meet with success.

"One thing everyone in the world wants and needs is friendliness." William E. Holler

