

Welcome back!

Spring is here! Let's hope the upcoming weeks are full of dry weather so that our playing fields will be ready for our outside P.E. programs. I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the final push towards summer. A huge thank you to Valley First Credit Union for their generous financial donation to our school's food program.

Swimming is a go for this year! Soon forms will be coming home for parents to sign. Please get these back to the school as soon as you can, so that we can move forward with our programming. Happy Spring Everyone!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis &
Spencer Ward



Kindergarten Registration

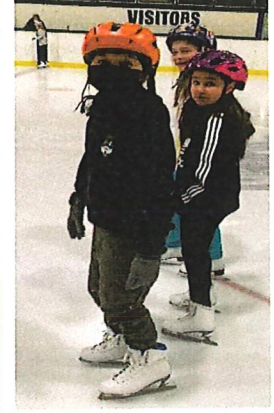
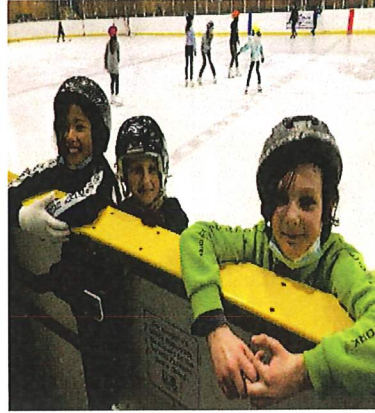
Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year took place in October, but we are open for those who have not registered their child yet for the upcoming year. If you know of someone who has a soon-to-be kindergarten aged child, and they have not yet registered, please let them know to come to the Highland Park Office to fill out the necessary paper work.

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Skating

Despite Covid restrictions, skating was once again a huge success! HPE would like to thank all the parent volunteers who came out to help. You are very much appreciated!



Engineering in Action

Mr. Byrne's class has been working on physics, and their assignment was to build a bridge from spaghetti. The competition was to see how much weight each unique bridge design could hold. The winning bridge held 65lbs! Amazing & well done everyone.



Student Pick Up

Please let the office know if you are picking up your child, even if the teacher already knows. We don't want kids leaving the school without us knowing, as student safety is very important to everyone at H.P.E.

Spring Cleaning

Speaking of pick up, it was great to see some awesome HPE students cleaning up our fields of litter (especially MASKS!); Thanks for being responsible and caring for our school and the environment.



Flag Football: Skills & Drills

Spring Football Skills & Drills (with a light flag football component) registration is open for Salmon Arm & Armstrong locations! Includes 7 sessions in May:
Wed. evenings 6pm-7pm (May 4, 11, 18, 25)
Sat. mornings 10am-11am (May 7, 14, 28)
Salmon Arm will have U10 (Atom), U12 (Peewee), and U14 (Junior Bantam) registration, and Armstrong will have U10 and U12 registration. Cleats (no metal) or supportive running shoes with good traction are required, as well as a mouthguard. Field locations are T.B.A., and the cost is \$70 (plus annual fees) which includes a t-shirt and mouthguard.

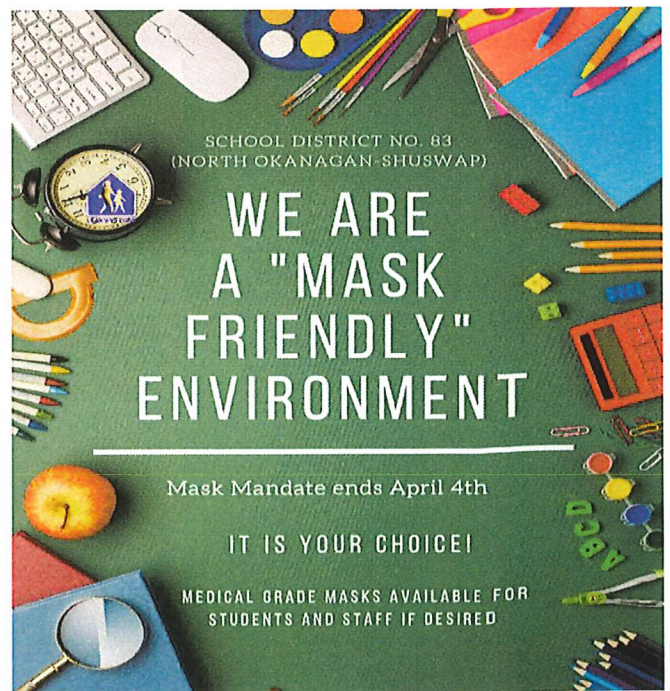


<https://www.shuswapminorfootball.ca/registration>

Parent Safety Reminder

A reminder to all parent/guardians that safety protocols approved by the Ministry and the School District are still in effect.

- ✓ Please remember that there is absolutely no smoking of any substances on school grounds.
- ✓ Parents are reminded to drop off and meet their children at the front of the school.
- ✓ Please refrain from walking them directly to their lineups.
- ✓ Parents are encouraged to park across the street at the IPE parking lot when dropping off or picking up their children.
- ✓ If you are bringing your child in late, please report to Mrs. Anderson at the office. Your child will then be escorted to class.
- ✓ Please be aware of the signage at the front entrance.

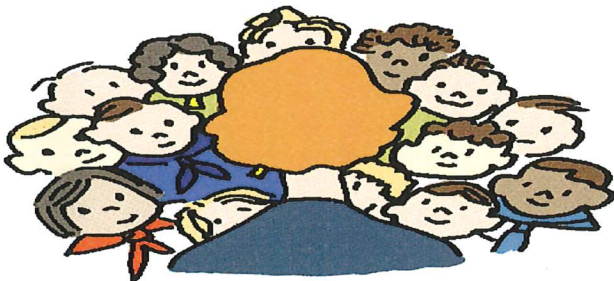


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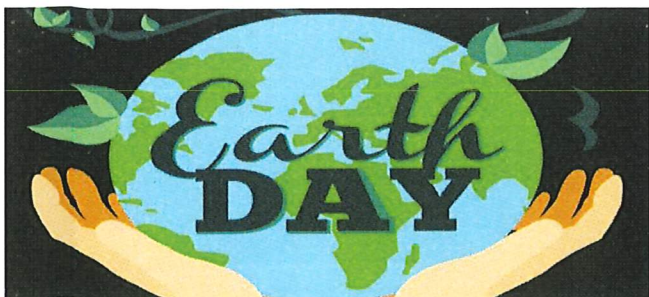
Assemblies

After nearly 2 years without school wide gatherings and assemblies, we will resume getting together in the gym for various events to conclude the 2021-2022 school year. Students are expected to sit quietly with their eyes and ears on the speaker (whole body listening), while also keeping their hands and feet to themselves. There will be 2 cultural presentations with singing, dancing, and story-telling, as well as leadership assemblies that teach various behavioural expectations around our school.



Earth Day 2022

Earth Day is a global event recognized every April 22 to raise environmental awareness in hopes of curbing our impact on our planet. Since 1970, more than 500 million people in over 180 countries have participated in Earth Day activities! We encourage students to walk to school or to help clean up litter around the school or in your neighbourhood.

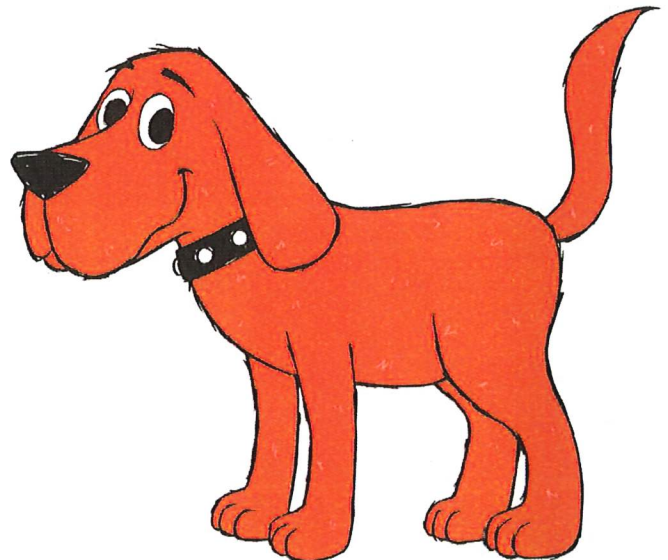


Spring Book Fair Countdown!

Our school's Spring Scholastic Book Fair starts April 11th! It will be open for in person purchases by students and staff only in the Library!

Parents can shop online and have books delivered right to HPE! We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home. When it's time to shop, visit our PAC's Facebook page for the link so you can;

- SAVE it to your browser
- WATCH videos of popular new titles
- PREVIEW our Featured Books (more books download during the fair so check back for updates!)



Your investment in Literacy also helps our whole school. All purchases earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's library and classrooms.

Miss M. Lee
HPE Teacher Librarian

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Student Learning Survey 2021/2022

The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information from students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and teachers about topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement.

The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. This month, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 4. Parents/guardians/caregivers, and all Highland Park Elementary School staff will also have a chance to give ideas and opinions.



We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province - in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed at:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey



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Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-546-8723.



Armstrong, B.C.

At Highland Park Elementary we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property
Responsibility for actions and decisions
Right to enjoy lifelong learning

Important Dates:

- April 11th Book Fair Begins
- April 15th Good Friday Holiday
- April 18th Easter Monday Holiday
- April 19th PAC Meeting @ 2:30pm
- April 22nd Earth Day
- April 26th Cultural Performance