



Armstrong, B.C.

HIGHLAND PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #4

December 2021

Hard to believe that it is already December, and the weather is getting colder! Please remember to dress your child appropriately for outside play, as students will continue to be outside for recess and lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child's outdoor clothes are clearly labeled with their name so that runaway clothing can be quickly and easily returned to the rightful owner. As for the snow, students have been reminded of wintertime expectations in regards to snowballs. We expect that "the snow stays on the ground" and snowballs should not to be thrown around to keep everyone safer. This is a season of giving, kindness and gratitude and we at Highland Park are grateful to our caring and supportive parents/guardians, and the community for helping to make our school a wonderful place to be.

Rob Ellis
(Principal)
&
Spencer Ward
(Vice-Principal)



Food Bank Drive

From November 14th to November 30th, Highland Park students competed with students from Len Wood Middle School and PVSS to see which school could bring in the most food and money donations for the Armstrong Food Bank. We want to thank all our families for their generosity, as our Huskies collected more than 500 items. Way to go!



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Winter Concert

December is here and students have been learning Christmas Carols for this year's concert. Kids will be Christmas Caroling again this year but at the **Gazebo in Memorial Park** and **NOT the train station downtown**. The times below reflect the walking time in both directions as well as singing. **Parents should plan for the concert start time to be about 20-30 minutes AFTER the time listed.**

For example, if your block is 8:00-9:30, parents can expect that we will be up and singing by around 8:20-8:30ish. It is about a 15-ish minute walk up, plus a few minutes getting classes set up in their rows, until we can begin. This is how we envision the concert going.

Classes will sing several songs which should equal approximately 20 minutes, followed by hugs and pictures from/for parents and then walk back. Have a happy holiday and a restful break!



Mrs. Lelond

Monday, December 5th:

8:00-9:30 - Ward/Brandoli

12:10-1:40 - Sandberg/Gordon/Myhre

Tuesday, December 6th:

8:00-9:30 - Novakowski/Coombs

Wednesday, December 7th:

9:48-11:18 - Vallance/Byrnes

Thursday, December 8th:

9:48-11:18 - Daughtry/Benge

Friday, December 9th:

8:00-9:30 - Fassbender/Kalf

9:48-11:18 - Terrell/Dolar/Luxton

Cold Weather

With the possibility of extremely cold temperatures this month, it is important that students dress for the weather when coming to school. Please see the image below for some guidelines to dressing for the cold. During very poor weather students will be permitted to play appropriately inside. Given our surrounding topography, when temperatures are in the range of 0 to -12 degrees at the school, students are typically expected to play outside as long as the windchill isn't too bad. When the temperature drops below -12 degrees **at the school** there is a good chance students will have an indoor recess and/or lunch. The decision whether or not to have indoor recess/lunch rests with the principal and is based on a number of factors (ie. temperature at the school, windchill, shelters available, length of time outside, etc.). If your child arrives at school before the bell, some teachers may choose to open their classroom doors a few minutes early on extreme cold weather days, or administration will decide to bring all early arriving students inside.

Winter Recreation: Skating

We are working with the City to plan safety protocols that enables HPE to have our winter skating program once again. This will begin in January, and more information will follow about dates and times for each class.

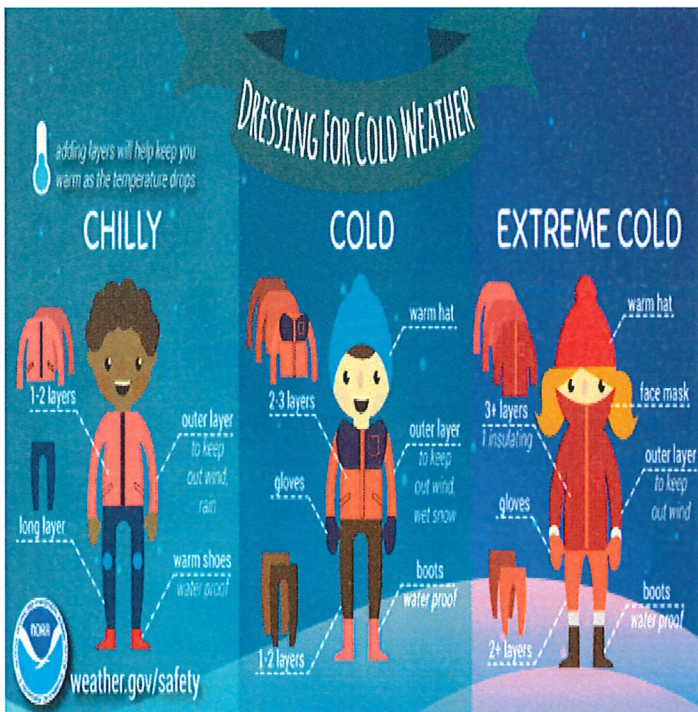


Important dates:

Nov. 30 th	Term 1 Report Cards Distributed
Dec. 2 nd	Kangaroo Farm Visit to HPE
Dec. 5 th	Ward/Brandoli Caroling 8:00-9:30 Sandberg/Gordon/Myhre Caroling 12:10-1:40
Dec. 6 th	Novakowski/Coombs Caroling 8:00-9:30
Dec. 7 th	Vallance/Byrnes Caroling 9:48-11:18 SPIRIT DAY: Tacky Sweater
Dec. 8 th	Daughtry/Benge Caroling 9:48-11:18
Dec. 9 th	Fassbender/Kalf Caroling 8:00-9:30 Terrell/Dolinar/Luxton Caroling 9:48-11:15
Dec. 16 th	Last day before Winter Break
Jan. 3 rd	School back in session

At HPE we believe:

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



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