



We hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed time with family. On behalf of the students and staff of Highland Park Elementary, we wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. We were excited to see students return on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and know that the second term which is 11 weeks long and ends March 17<sup>th</sup> will absolutely fly by! We appreciate your flexibility, understanding, and cooperation as we aim to keep staff and students safe in 2023.

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis  
Principal

Spencer Ward  
Vice-Principal

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Winter Attire

A reminder that Winter is upon us. Please be sure to send your child with warm winter clothing (coat, hat, mittens, snow pants) so he/she can get out, get some fresh air, and enjoy our great Canadian winter! Thanks!



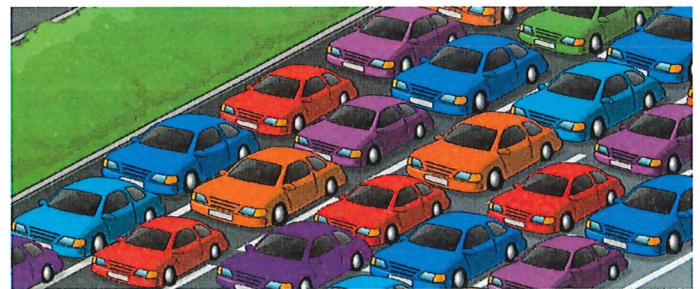
### Thank You

It takes a village to raise a child, and we are fortunate in Armstrong to have the support of many individuals and many businesses. Askew's Food generously donates to our food program, and the Armstrong Legion has donated clothing items. Eagle Rock Plumbing in Armstrong has supported families in the HPE community for the past 3 years during the holiday season. Please support these businesses if you can as they have been amazing to our school and students.



### Parking Lot and Drop-off Lanes

Winter time always complicates the drop off and pick up process at HPE, as most of you know already. We ask that you be respectful of others by not parking in places (snow banks, double-park, etc.) that are going to cause havoc and safety concerns. The IPE parking lot is available to you for parking which does mean a little walk to the school; however, by parking there it does clear up congestion at HPE and makes it safer for our little ones.



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## Skating

Students will be walking to Nor-Val Arena starting Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> for several skating sessions during January and February for Winter Recreation. Teachers will send forms home with dates and times. Let's find and dust off those skates and helmets!

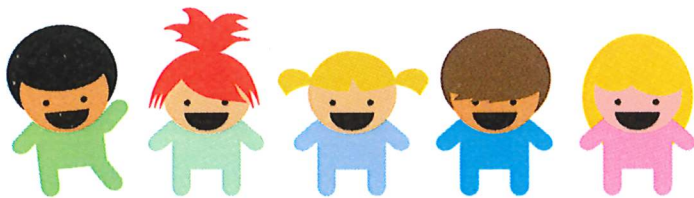


## Verification Forms & Fees

Please make sure your child's verification form is complete with any necessary changes, if any, and that student fees have been paid. If you are unsure of how much fees are please don't hesitate to contact the school. Also, if school fees are a financial burden, please let Mr. Ellis know and alternate arrangements can be made.

## Strong Start

The Highland Park Strong Start Program runs weekdays from 8:30am to 11:00am, and families are encouraged to drop-in. Mrs. Lynn will continue to provide a healthy snack and dance party each day, as well as some gym time during the school's Recess break.



## Winter Rec. for Div.'s 1, 2 & 3

Each year, our grade 4/5 and grade 5 classes go downhill skiing at Silver Star Mountain. This year, we will continue that tradition with 3 of our classes heading for lessons and a full day of fun and adventure. We have 3 sessions scheduled over several days in February.



## Visitors & Health Check

If grown-ups need to come in to school for any reason, they should call ahead and make an appointment with the office. Those who are dropping off items for their child can report to the Office and items will be delivered to your child's classroom by staff. We are asking HPE families to check your child for signs of illness prior to sending them to school each day. If a child is even mildly symptomatic, we ask that they stay at home so we can keep people as healthy as possible in 2023. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.



## Important dates:

- Jan. 2 Statutory Holiday
- Jan. 3 School back in session
- Jan. 11 PAC Meeting 2:30pm
- Jan. 18 Spirit Day: Western
- Jan. 25 Spirit Day: Comfy Clothes
- Jan. 30 Regional Pro-D Day

At Highland Park Elementary we believe:  
**Respect** of self, others, and property  
**Responsibility** for actions and decisions  
**Right** to enjoy lifelong learning



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