

We are now at the half-way point in our current school year. How fast time flies! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and guardians for their diligence in following our school safety plan in regards to picking up their children when they are not feeling well. Read on for further information about what will be happening at our school in February.

Sincerely, Rob Ellis & Spencer Ward



### Parking Lot and Drop-off Lanes

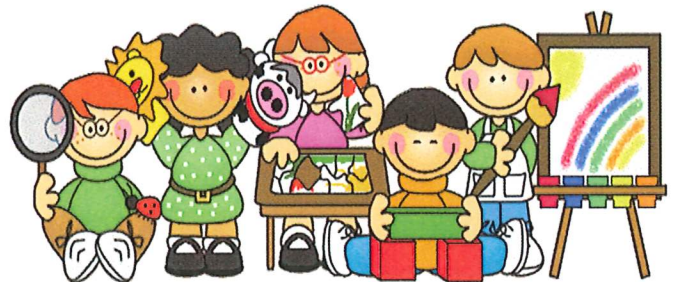
Winter time always complicates the drop off and pick up process at HPE, as most of you know already. We ask that you be respectful of others by not parking in places (snow banks, double-park, etc.) that are going to cause havoc and safety concerns. The IPE parking lot is available to you for parking 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. At times, our school grounds can get slippery from weather conditions despite sand and salt that is applied. Please be aware when visiting our school grounds, and wearing proper footwear is strongly encouraged!

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### Kindergarten Registration

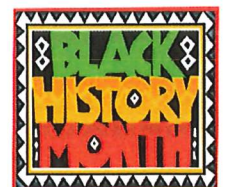
Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open for those who have not yet registered their child for the upcoming year. If you know of someone who has a soon-to-be kindergarten aged child and they have not yet registered, please let them know to visit the office to fill out the paper work.



### Library

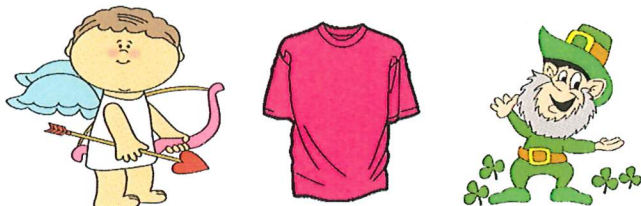
HPE students are reading a lot of books! It is great to see students of all levels so interested in picking new books every week. Unfortunately, we are getting several books returned to the library with water damage. Weather, wet clothing and leaking water bottles are not good for books! If you haven't already, now is a great time to get a large zip lock bag for your child's library books. It really helps to have the books in a plastic bag in their backpacks. We cannot put water damaged books back on the shelves, so replacement fees must be paid for the books.

On another note, February is Black History Month and February 22 is Pink Shirt Day, so this month students are focusing on books about diversity, inclusion and kindness in Library lessons. Students also participate in many great discussions around these topics all month long.



## Spirit Day(s)

Our students and staff spread school spirit and build community with various special "dress-up" Spirit Days throughout the year. In the coming weeks, we will have Red, Pink, & White Day for Valentine's (Feb. 14), Pink Shirt Day for Anti-Bullying (Feb. 22), Green, Gold and Rainbows for St. Patrick (Mar. 15) & PJ's for last day before Spring Break!



## BC SPCA Humane Education Program

The BC SPCA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in B.C. Information on the BC SPCA's programs for youth can be found at: [spca.bc.ca/for-kids-teens](http://spca.bc.ca/for-kids-teens) Programs include the Kids Club, SPCA school clubs, virtual and in-person workshops and our popular summer camps. Families can get access to a library of Learn at Home activities specially designed by the Humane Education team to teach kids about animals and important animal welfare issues.



## Winter Recreation Program

Grade 4/5 students in Divisions 1,2 & 3 have been enjoying Winter Recreation Skiing at Silver Star mountain and learning how to challenge themselves to do hard things. The weather and conditions have been great and

we appreciated the staff and parent support to make this great program happen!



## School Basketball Program



Students in grade 5 have been hosting other schools or travelling within our District to compete and represent the Huskies! Special shout out to Mr. Ellis, Mr. Byrnes, and Mrs. Jacques with several parent volunteers for coaching and supporting this opportunity!

## Important Dates

- Feb. 6 Div.'s 1-7 @ Silver Star
- Feb. 8 PAC Meeting 2:30 (Library) & Girl's Bball @ Home vs Kings
- Feb. 9 Boy's Bball @ Rancho
- Feb. 13 Div.'s 1, 2, 3 @ Silver Star
- Feb. 14 Spirit Day: Red/White/Pink
- Feb. 17 Regional Pro-D Day
- Feb. 20 Family Day Holiday
- Feb. 22 Pink Shirt Day
- Mar. 3 Cultural Performance 10:15am
- Mar. 6 Ready, Set, Learn 9:00am
- Mar. 8 Report Cards Distributed
- Mar. 15 Spirit Day: Green/Gold/Rainbows
- Mar. 17 PJ's: Last Day before Spring Break

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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