



Welcome back! Spring is here and 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. We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the final push towards summer. Our Swimming Program is happening again this year. Permission forms will be coming home soon for parents to sign. Please get these back to the school as soon as you can, so that we can move forward with our scheduling. Happy Spring Everyone!

Sincerely,  
Rob Ellis  
(Principal)

Spencer Ward  
(Vice-Principal)

### Skating

Skating was once again a huge success for our classes! HPE would like to thank the City of Armstrong for letting our kids use Nor-Val Arena, as well as all the parent volunteers who came out to help; You are very much appreciated!



### 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.



### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year began in October, but we are open for those who have not registered yet. If you know of someone with a kindergarten aged child, let them know to come to the Highland Park Office to fill out the necessary paper work.



### Spring Cleaning

Speaking of pick up, it was great to see some awesome HPE students cleaning up our fields of litter from the winter melt. Thanks for being responsible and caring for our school and the environment; Well done!

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## 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.



provides a district and provincial perspective. Students in grade 4 completed the survey prior to Spring Break.

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 survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed at:

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey)

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 with an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-546-8723.



## Student Learning Survey 2022/2023

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

## HPE PAC Needs Your Help!

Do you like the Hot Lunch Program and enjoy not packing lunch for your child on most Wednesdays? Our PAC needs a Hot Lunch Coordinator! Contact PAC President Julie DeBoer, at 250-306-2614 if you are interested in joining the HPE PAC Team!



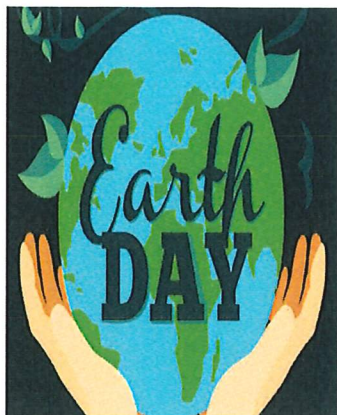
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## Earth Day 2023

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 school or neighbourhoods.



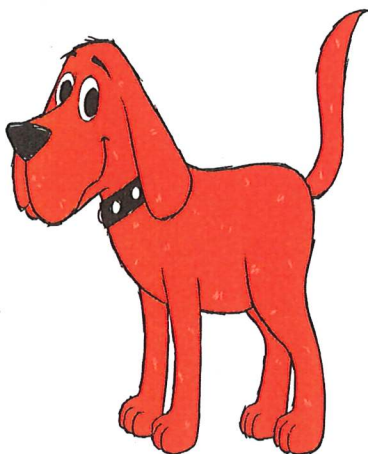
## Spring Book Fair Countdown!

Our school's Spring Scholastic Book Fair starts April 17th! We will run this Book Fair in a similar way to our most recent events; students will be able to shop during their Library time on Library Day. There will also

be some Recess and Lunch times that will be announced prior to the Book Fair opening. Parents can come in after school to shop from 2:00pm-2:30pm, or they can shop online. You may refer to the PAC Facebook Page for links to this event.

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

Miss M. Lee  
HPE Teacher Librarian



## Talent Show

Students auditioned and judges made their final selections for the popular Highland Park Talent Show, which returns after a 3 year hiatus. Our Talent Show will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, with a Dress Rehearsal a few days prior to the performance. Due to Fire Code Safety Protocols, this event will be for Highland Park students only. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated. Special thanks to our staff who volunteered and gave up their time to allow this event to return this year. Mrs. Novakowski, Mrs. Kalf, Mrs. Brandoli, Mrs. Fassbender, Miss Churchill, Mr. Bengel, Mrs. Lelond, and Mrs. Coombs.



## Important Dates:

- April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Holiday
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday Holiday
- April 12<sup>th</sup> SPIRIT DAY: Jerseys & PAC Meeting 2:30pm Library
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Talent Show
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Begins
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Cultural Performance
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day
- April 27<sup>th</sup> Vision Screening K's & 3's
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional 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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