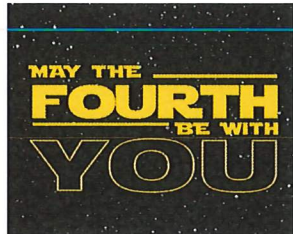




HIGHLAND PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #9
May 2023

April showers brought May flowers and learning is blooming all around Highland Park! The weather allowed our playing fields to recover in time for outside P.E. programs, and each day feels like it is getting progressively warmer. Mother's Day happens in the middle of the month (Sunday, May 14), so hopefully plans are being made to spoil all the Moms out there, while the Dads wait patiently for June!



We are in the initial stages of determining our enrolment for next school year, and it is imperative that we know of any changes that could affect our student numbers in any way. Please contact the office ASAP if you plan on moving. With only two months left in the school year, there will be lots of learning and lots of fun during May!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis
(Principal)

Spencer Ward
(Vice-Principal)

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 grounds without us knowing, as student safety is a priority and is very important to everyone at H.P.E.

Kindergarten Registration

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

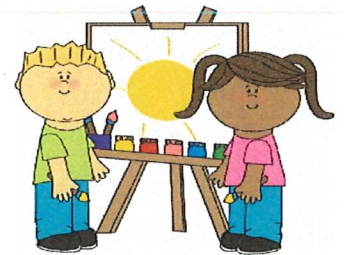


Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Wednesday, June 7th. We'll have 2 groups, one at 8:15-9:15, and another at 10:15-11:15.

An information email will be sent to all our next year's

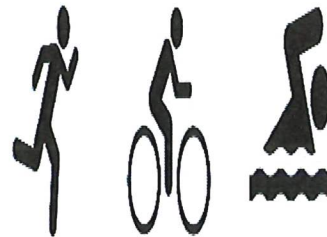
Kindergarten families with specific times and an outline of the events. If you have questions, feel free to contact the office at 250-546-8723.



Grade 4/5 Triathlon

Our grade 4/5 students get the chance to participate in the HPE Triathlon scheduled for Friday, June 2nd.

It is coordinated by Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Daughtry, many staff members, and lots of wonderful parent volunteers. The purpose is fun, fitness, and for students to push themselves to achieve their best as they strive for benchmarks in running, swimming, and cycling.



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Cross Country Running

Many of our HPE students have been practicing at lunch time to train for two District Running Events. On Wednesday, May 3rd, students will compete at AES, and on Thursday, May 11th, they will head to Little Mountain and compete for their personal best time in Cross Country Running.



Trees For Hope Project

To celebrate Earth Day (April 22nd), students and staff received a conifer tree plug to take home, plant it, and help it flourish! Trees were donated by the Forest Nursery Association of British Columbia (FNABC) and arranged by



Kalamalka Forestry Research Station. One of the organizers is Kim Fulton, an environmental educator as well as a retired teacher and principal, who hopes this program encourages stewardship, helps cool the environment, gives oxygen, reduces carbon dioxide, stabilizes soil, and can eventually become a home for wildlife.

Water Bottles

With the recent warm weather, students should bring a reusable water bottle with them to school so they can be filled at our 2 water stations. Many students are visiting the office to get plastic cups, which is not only bad for our environment, but also interrupts our office staff as they are working. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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!



Important Dates:

Mon. May 1: Pro-D Day (no school)

Wed. May 3: AES Cross Country Run

Mon. May 8: Class Photos

Wed. May 10: Cultural Performance AM & PAC Meeting 2:30 (Library)

Thurs. May 11: Little Mountain Cross Country Run

Wed. May 17: SPIRIT DAY: Tie Dye

Mon. May 22: Victoria Day Holiday (students do not attend school)

At Highland Park we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy lifelong learning



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