

This will be our final Newsletter for the 2022-23 school year. It has been another great year of growth and learning with some challenges along the way! Unfortunately, this is also when we say goodbye to those staff members who are leaving us at the end of the school year: Ms. Jacques, Ms. Novakowski, Ms. Paulson, and Ms. Prystupa. We wish them all luck and success in their next adventures in life and know they will be missed at Highland Park. We want to extend our best wishes to all our Highland Park families and hope Summer treats you well. Please don't hesitate to call the school with any questions.

Sincerely,
Rob Ellis
(Principal)

Spencer Ward
(Vice-Principal)



Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation takes place on Wednesday, June 7th. An information email was sent out to all registered families. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 250-546-8723.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year began in October but is open for those who have not registered for the upcoming year. If you know of someone who has a soon-to-be kindergarten aged child, please let them know to come to the office to fill out the paperwork.



Library

All library books are due back to the library the week of June 12th-15th so that Miss Lee can organize the library and do inventory the following week. Please have your students return their books during their regular library block that week so we do not have to track them down with reminders! Lost or damaged books should also be paid for by this time. There may be a small prize for classes that get all their books in by the end of that week! 😊



Swimming

So far, the weather has been favorable for our swimmers, and there have been many happy faces returning from the Armstrong pool. Thank you to the PAC for helping to fund this excellent activity for our students!



Year End Celebrations

On Thursday, June 29th, we will have an end of the year assembly with a slide show and a special presentation to the Grade 5's who are heading off to middle school next year. Grade 5's will also have a picture-wall set up outside the front of the school so parents can take pictures with their child. The picture-wall will be available from 11:30 to 2:30. Students will be dismissed for the Summer at 10:00am.



Triathlon

The HPE Triathlon was a big success! Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Daughtry and many other staff and parent volunteers worked very hard to get this event up and running. The Grade 4's and 5's tested their endurance on Friday, June 2nd; Way to go!



The Husky Way/Husky Strong



We are trying to focus on some soft life skills that we hope will improve our school culture and atmosphere. We call it "The Husky Way" and being "Husky Strong". We want everyone at our school to use good manners (saying "please", "thank you", and "pardon") as well as removing hats whenever they are inside. Your support is appreciated.

Hot Lunch

With the high number of absences in June, many Hot Lunches are going unclaimed in our fridges.

We are asking families to please contact their child's teacher if they are going to pick up their child's hot lunch when they are absent. If no contact is made, the Hot Lunch may be donated to another deserving student. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.



Hot Lunch Changes & Survey

Next school year, we are contemplating a change in our Hot Lunch Program. With the support of the Shuswap Food Action Society, a non-profit foundation that addresses food scarcity issues in our region, we have the opportunity for our students to receive soup, a bun, and a piece of fruit each Hot Lunch Day at no charge to families.

We are seeking input from our HPE Community about their preferences. We created a survey in hopes of finding out whether families are;

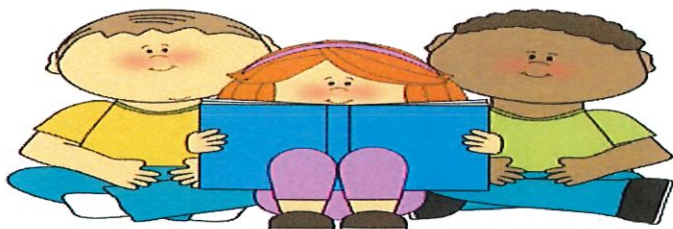
1. Not interested in soup, a bun, and a piece of fruit and want to keep the Hot Lunch Program and cost as is.
2. Are interested in a "hybrid" model (soup, a bun, and a piece of fruit every other week, with various purchased Hot Lunch offerings every other week).
3. Only interested in soup, a bun, and a piece of fruit and do not want purchased Hot Lunch offerings at all.

Any feedback from our community would be appreciated and will be used to guide our decision moving ahead. You can access the survey from the link below, or from the email sent by the school. Please only complete the survey once per household.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pP-hhz-WDkWNkBVd542b5c_GU+tJy8nxAnkgy6mE-gOFUOURETVRPSUY1OUcwWEedDTkk4SzNIQOZBQS4u

Summer Reading is Vital!

Did you know that just 20 minutes of reading a day will change your child's life? While it may seem like a big statement to make, numerous studies have consistently shown how just 20 minutes of exposure to reading materials each day is all it takes to positively shape your child's future. This doesn't just include complicated educational texts-any reading materials, be it comic books, novels, picture books, recipes, magazines, or the back of food packets all count towards your child's daily reading goal. Reading for 20 minutes a day exposes your child to more than 600,000 words in one year. That's more than double the word exposure of a child who only reads for 5 minutes or less each day. Don't forget to make time to read over the Summer!



Watch for Summer reading information from your child's teacher, or visit the Library to explore the options that interest your child!

GOAL 1: To improve student Numeracy skills, in particular, to decipher and solve word problems in critical concepts identified at each grade.
GOAL 2: To improve student Literacy skills, in particular, the specific writing areas of style (impact of language) and conventions (punctuation).

Reading by the Numbers
Increases knowledge and vocabulary by **50%**
Lowers stress by **68%**
Can lengthen your life by **2 years**

Books Can:
Boost your mood
Studies show that people who read for fun are more likely to feel happy and confident.
Help you relax
Your heartbeat slows. Your muscles melt. One minute you're reading in bed, and the next you're zzzzzzzzzzzz.
Bring people together
Whether you're starting a book club or bonding over Harry Potter with a friend, you'll be part of a reading community.

Reading is a workout for your ...

- Memory**
Reading exercises the brain, improving your memory. (Maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!)
- Imagination**
Books help you see vivid pictures in your mind. So you feel like you're actually at Hogwarts, riding a Nimbus 2000.
- Heart**
Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings can make you kinder.

Important dates:

June 6 th	District Track and Field
June 7 th	Kindergarten Orientation
June 8 th	LWMS Visit Gr. 5's PM
June 14 th	PVSS Grad Tour HPE 1:15pm SPIRIT DAY:HPE Gear & PAC Hot Dog Day PAC Meeting & AGM 2:30 Library
June 20 th	Gr. 5's Visit to LWMS 12:30pm
June 21 st	National Indigenous Day
June 28 th	K's Celebration 11:00am
June 29 th	Last day-Early Dismissal 10:00am Report Cards distributed Year End Assembly 8:30am Gr. 5 Student/Parent Photo Wall 11:30am-2:30pm



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