

HIGHLAND PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #5

January 2024



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 8th, and know that the second term which is 10 weeks long and ends March 15th will absolutely fly by! We appreciate your flexibility, understanding, and cooperation as we aim to keep staff and students safe in 2024.

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 they can get outside for some fresh air, and enjoy our great Canadian winter! Thanks!



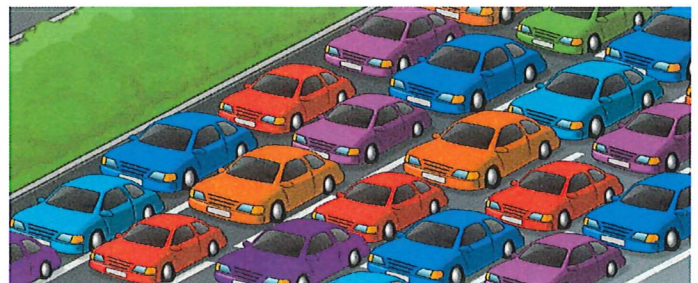
Thank You

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 5 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 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.



Skating

Students will be walking to Nor-Val Arena starting Jan. 15th 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!

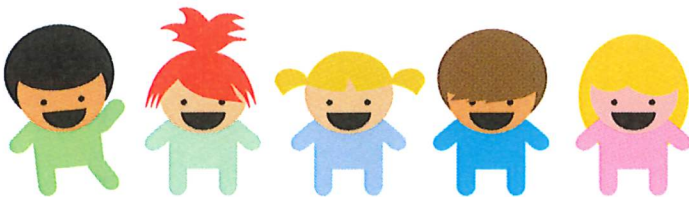


Verification Forms & Fees

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 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 for February 2nd, 9th, and 23rd.



Visitors

VISITORS All visitors must check in at the Office upon entering the school, and it is best to call ahead if students are being picked up early, or if items are being dropped off throughout the day. Your consideration and cooperation allows staff to better serve our families.

Food Bank

The Highland Park Community supported the Armstrong Food Bank prior to the Winter Break, by collecting 33 boxes of non-perishable items that support those in need. We were grateful for your support, and the class that brought in the most number of items was Mr. Benge's class who will receive a pizza lunch courtesy of our awesome PAC.



Important dates:

- Jan. 8 School back in session
- Jan. 10 PAC Meeting 2:30pm
- Jan. 19 Spirit Day: Wacky Tourist
- Jan. 29 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

