

HIGHLAND PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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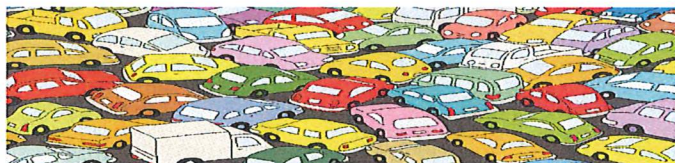


We are now at the half-way point in our current school year. How fast time flies! We would like to thank all parents and guardians for their diligence in following our school safety plan in regards to picking up their children when they are not feeling well. Read on for further information about what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

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis
Principal

Spencer Ward
Vice-Principal

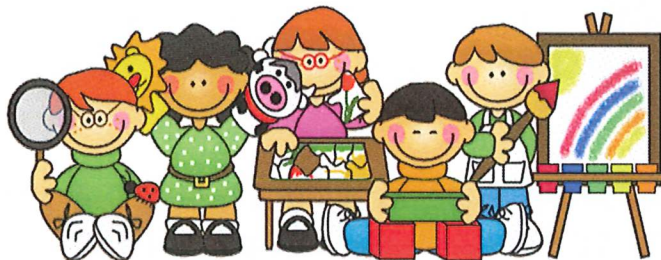


Parking Lot and Drop-off Lanes

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, bus compound) that are going to cause safety concerns. The IPE parking lot is available to you which does mean a little walk to the school; however, by parking there it does clear up congestion and makes it safer for students. Our school grounds can get slippery despite the sand and salt that is applied. Please be aware when visiting our school grounds, and wearing proper footwear is strongly encouraged!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 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 paperwork so they secure a spot.



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 an extra-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 a month full of many special themes. We will focus on books about Sharing (Our Husky Spirit theme this month), Lunar New Year, Black History Month, Valentine's, and Pink Shirt Day. As always, we have lots to read about and discuss in Library this month!



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 Formal Day for Valentine's (Feb. 14), Pink Shirt Day for Anti-Bullying (Feb. 22), as well as PJ's for last day before Spring Break (Mar. 15).



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 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 5 students have started Winter Recreation Skiing at Silver Star mountain and are learning how to challenge themselves to do hard things. We appreciate the staff, parent, and our PAC's 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 for coaching and supporting this opportunity! Parent volunteers are encouraged to get involved if they are able to, as there are several games and practices remaining.

Important Dates

- Feb. 2 Gr. 5's Skiing at Silver Star
- Feb. 6 Monthly Spirit Assembly
- Feb. 7 PAC Meeting 2:30 Library
- Feb. 8 Boys Basketball at Bastion
- Feb. 9 Gr. 5's Skiing at Silver Star
- Feb. 14 Spirit Day: Formal Wear & Ready, Set, Learn in Gym 10:15 & Girls Basketball Home vs Kings
- Feb. 15 Cultural Performance 1:00pm & Boys Basketball Home vs Kings
- Feb. 16 Professional Development Day
- Feb. 19 Family Day Holiday
- Feb. 21 Girls Basketball Home vs Hillcrest
- Feb. 22 Boys Basketball at South Canoe
- Feb. 23 Gr. 5's Skiing at Silver Star
- Feb. 28 Pink Shirt Day & Girls Basketball Home vs Bastion
- Feb. 29 Boys Basketball Home vs Hillcrest

At Highland Park Elementary, we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property
Responsibility for actions and decisions
Right to enjoy lifelong learning

