

HIGHLAND PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #7

March 2024



March is upon us and brings with it Spring, as well as a two-week holiday from school! Students and staff have been working very hard and are ready for some sunny weather and time to relax and recharge. We would like to thank all parents and guardians for making appointments to visit the Office, and letting the Office know when you pick up students early and/or drop off students when they are late. Best wishes for a happy, safe, and fun March break for you and your family!!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis
(Principal)

Spencer Ward
(Vice-Principal)



Packing Extra Clothes

With the weather changing, our school fields are quite muddy. We have many students each day who are slipping and falling into puddles, despite our warnings. It would be a good idea if students have an extra pair of pants and a shirt in their backpack in case they get wet and dirty. It will help reduce the number of phone calls home for replacement dry clothes, which can be inconvenient for parents and for learning.

GOAL 1: To improve student Literacy skills, in particular, the specific writing areas of style (impact of language) and conventions (punctuation).
GOAL 2: To improve student skills in demonstrating 4 quadrants of Circle of Courage at school (Generosity, Belonging, Independence, Mastery).

Student Learning Updates



Term 2 "Report Cards" now referred to as Student Learning Updates, will be available for viewing online as well as in paper copy sent home with students on Wednesday, March 6th. This

is a time to celebrate student growth in the second term and set goals together about where some improvements can be made in the final few months of the school year.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year took place in October but we are still 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 the child, please let them know to come to the office to fill out the paperwork.



Student Learning Surveys

From February until the start of May, Grade 4 students in School District #83 are participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with other school districts in the province. Parents and Caregivers are also encouraged to complete the online surveys **any time before 11:59 pm May 3rd, 2024**, which helps to provide immediate results to the school and the district.



<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Calendar Feedback

SD83 is collecting feedback from families and community on the proposed 2024-2025 district school year calendar. Your input will be shared with the Board to help trustees decide if any edits to the calendar are necessary before it comes back for approval during the March Board meeting. A link to the survey is located on our website.

DRAFT SD83 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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Rotational Day / Individual Day

Statutory Holiday (or in lieu day)
School Vacation Periods
Professional Development Day (K-12)
Non-Instructional Day (K-12)
Early Dismissal Day (K-12)
Conferencing Day (Elementary/Middle-Only)
Semester Transition Day (Secondary only)

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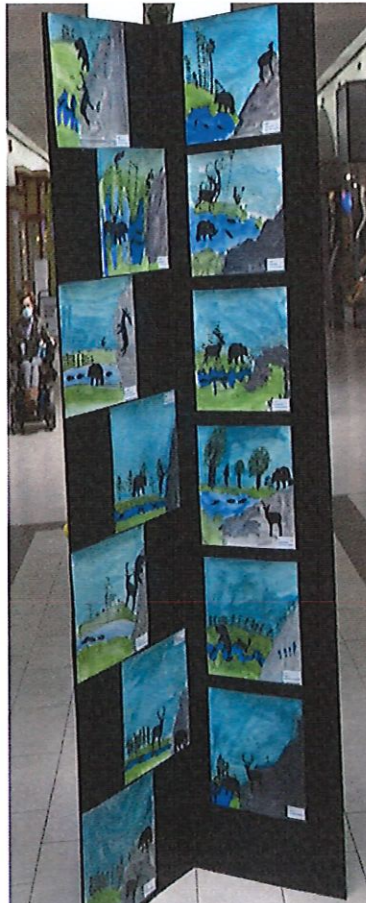
Swag Store

The Highland Park Swag Store is online and up and running! Our families can purchase various items of clothing like hoodies, sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts, and shorts to show their Husky Spirit! The store closing date is March 28th, 2024. Late orders will not be accepted to ensure delivery deadlines are met, and orders will be placed at the close of the store, not at the time of your purchase. Expected order delivery can take up to 8 weeks from the close of the store, not from date of purchase. Due to products being custom decorated for this store, we are unable to provide refunds or exchanges on orders. A link was emailed to our community, but can also be accessed here; <https://highlandparkapparelspring2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



District Art Fair

Piccadilly Mall in Salmon Arm will be a colourful place March 5th-10th as students from throughout the district will have their artwork on display as part of the annual SD83 Elementary & Middle School District Art Fair! Many students from Highland Park will have their artwork displayed, and some of our Gr. 5 students will participate in art workshops with local artisans.



Basketball Season

Many of our grade 5 students represented our school during Basketball season which concluded at the end of February. We had a Boys and a Girls Team, both coached by Mr. Ellis, and they competed against other schools in our District. Our Girls team finished with a 3-1 record, and our Boys team went 2-2. Our students improved their basketball skills, sportsmanship skills, and teamwork skills, all while being Husky Strong and having fun. Well done!



Farmers Boxes

SD83 schools can take part in a **monthly protein and vegetable box** supplied by local farmers. These boxes are being made available to increase the affordability and access to nutritious foods for families, while also supporting local farmers. Boxes will also include recipes to help with some ideas for using the ingredients. The program is open to all SD 83 families, and boxes are ordered and paid for online.

Meat Box: sd83.yfmeats.ca

Veggie Box: FAQ [here](#). Order [here](#).



While any family in SD83 can participate, each school has a limited number of subsidized boxes. Therefore, if families feel they can afford the full price, we ask that they pls leave the subsidy opportunity for those who cannot. If you need this subsidy, please enter the promo code, **SD83WINTER** and then pay the remaining balance (\$20 for veggies, \$30 for meat). This discount will be covered by **School Family Affordability Fund**. E-transfer option is available for those who do not have credit cards. Boxes are delivered to schools on a designated day for pick up by families **after school** from 2:30-3:30. Schools will need a parent/guardian who will be present on the date of delivery to help ensure families who

ordered boxes receive them. Please contact scaner@sd83.bc.ca if you are able to volunteer to help with pick up at your school. Due to the coordination involved in drop-off and pick-up, and the capacity of each volunteer and farmer, there will be a limit of 80 boxes per school (40 meat, 40 veggie). **The online ordering site will show when the capacity has been reached and the boxes are sold out.** Due to limited capacity of volunteers, any boxes not able to be picked up after school will be sent on to a local food charity for immediate use.

Two promotional posters for BGC Okanagan. The left poster is for the 'ARMSTRONG CLUB' and features the text: 'Join us for play, fun and adventure MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY / DISMISSAL - 6PM / GRADES K-5 / SCHOOL CLOSURE CARE to register visit www.bgco.ca'. The right poster is for 'Spring Break' and features the text: 'full days for School Age children REGISTRATION NOW OPEN vernon@bgco.ca'. Both posters include the BGC Okanagan logo and the tagline 'LEARN. CREATE. EXPLORE.'.

Important Dates:

- Mar. 5 Monthly Spirit Assembly AM & Gr. 3-5 Vernon Symphony Visit
- Mar. 6 Art Fair @ Piccadilly Mall & Student Learning Updates
- Mar. 8 Div.'s 13-15 @ Jungle Mania
- Mar. 11 Chess Tournament in Gym
- Mar. 15 Last Day before Spring Break & SPIRIT DAY: PJ's & Green/Gold
- Apr. 1 Easter Monday Holiday
- Apr. 2 First Day after Spring Break

At Highland Park Elementary we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy lifelong learning

