

HIGHLAND PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #8

April 2024



Welcome back! Spring is here and let's hope the upcoming weeks are full of dry weather so that our playing fields will be ready for our outside P.E. programs. We hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the final push towards summer. Our Swimming Program is happening again this year. Permission forms will be coming home soon for parents to sign. Please get these back to the school as soon as you can, so that we can move forward with our scheduling. Happy Spring Everyone!

Sincerely,
Rob Ellis
(Principal)

Spencer Ward
(Vice-Principal)

Skating

Skating was once again a huge success for our classes! HPE would like to thank the City of Armstrong for letting our kids use Nor-Val Arena, as well as all the parent volunteers who came out to help; You are very much appreciated!



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



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!



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year began in October, but we are open for those who have not registered yet. If you know of someone with a kindergarten aged child, let them know to come to the Highland Park Office to fill out the necessary paperwork.



Parent Safety Reminder

A reminder to all parent/guardians that safety protocols approved by the Ministry and the School District are still in effect.

- ✓ Please remember that there is absolutely no smoking of any substances on school grounds.
- ✓ Parents are encouraged to park across the street at the IPE parking lot when dropping off or picking up their children.
- ✓ If you are bringing your child in late, please report to Mrs. Anderson at the office. Your child will then be escorted to class.
- ✓ Please be aware of the signage in the school parking lots in terms of directions for cars and where adults can and cannot park.



Student Learning Survey 2023/2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey gathers information from students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and teachers about topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Students in grade 4 have been working on the survey since the beginning of March, and will continue in April. Parents/guardians/caregivers, and all Highland Park Elementary School staff will also have a chance to give ideas and opinions.

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).

We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs improvement. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed at:

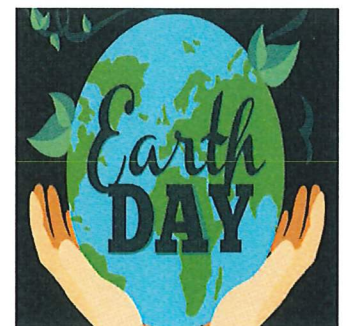
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey



Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-546-8723.

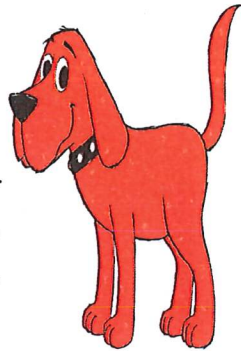
Earth Day 2024

Earth Day is a global event recognized every April 22 to raise environmental awareness in hopes of curbing our impact on our planet. Since 1970, more than 500 million people in over 180 countries have participated in Earth Day activities! We encourage students to walk to school or to help clean up litter around the school or around their own yards and neighborhoods.



Spring Book Fair Countdown!

Our school's Spring Scholastic Book Fair starts April 15th! We will run this Book Fair in a similar way to our most recent events; students will be able to shop during their Library time on their Library Day. There will also be some extra Recess and Lunch times that will be announced for each grade. Parents can come in after school to shop from 2:00pm-2:30pm, on Tuesday through Thursday of Book Fair week. Your investment in Literacy helps our whole school. All purchases earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's library.



Miss M. Lee - HPE Teacher Librarian &
Mrs. A. Martin - Book Fair Coordinator

Organ Donation Month

April is organ donation awareness month, and we are encouraging everyone to wear Green/Gold on April 7th (and especially on April 9th at our Spirit Assembly). We have a personal connection to this cause this year, as one of our own students, Avree, in Kindergarten, was born with childhood liver disease. She received a new liver on February 22nd, and Avree is currently in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Edmonton. We hope everyone can support this important cause and demonstrate how they are "Avree Tuff" at HPE.



RCMP: Think Of Me Program

Prior to Spring Break, some of our Grade 5 students collaborated with the Armstrong RCMP to promote safe speeds in our school zone. Between 7:00am and 5:00pm on school days, vehicles should be travelling no more than 30 kilometers per hour on Wood Avenue in front of our school. Cars were pulled over and given a warning from an RCMP officer and an HPE student who issued a "ticket" they illustrated to "think of me" when driving close to our school. As the weather improves, and more children are walking, riding, and scootering around the school grounds, we encourage all drivers to slow down to help keep our students safe.



Important Dates:

- April 1 Easter Monday Holiday
- April 2 Students Return to School
- April 3 Box Cars & 1 Eyed Jacks - AES
- April 8 Cultural Performance AM
- April 9 Spirit Assembly AM/Green or Gold Shirt
- April 10 PAC Meeting 2:30 Library & Spirit Day: Biggest Fan
- April 15 Book Fair Begins
- April 18 Book Fair Ends
- April 22 Earth Day
- April 24 Spirit Day: Hats/Sunglasses
- April 29 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

