

HIGHLAND PARK  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER #9  
May 2024



April showers brought May flowers and learning is blooming all around Highland Park! The weather allowed our playing fields to recover in time for outside P.E. programs, and each day feels like it is getting progressively warmer. Mother's Day happens in the middle of the month (Sunday, May 12), so hopefully plans are being made to spoil all the Moms out there, while the Dads wait patiently for June!



We are in the initial stages of determining our enrolment for next school year, and it is imperative that we know of any changes that could affect our student numbers in any way. Please contact the office ASAP if you plan on moving. With only two months left in the school year, there will be lots of learning and lots of fun during May!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis  
(Principal)

Spencer Ward  
(Vice-Principal)

**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 grounds without us knowing, as student safety is a priority and is very important to everyone at H.P.E.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

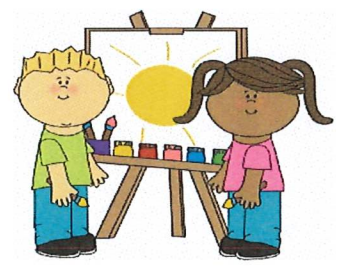
**Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open for those who have not registered their child yet. If you know of someone who has a soon-to-be kindergarten aged child, please let them know to come to the Highland Park Office to fill out the necessary paperwork.



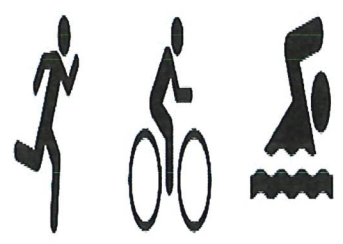
**Kindergarten Orientation**

Our Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We'll have 2 groups, one at 8:30am-9:30am, and another at 10:00am-11:00am. An information email will be sent to all our next year's Kindergarten families with specific times and an outline of the events. If you have questions, feel free to contact the office at 250-546-8723.



**Grade 4/5 Triathlon**

Our grade 4/5 students get the chance to participate in the HPE Triathlon scheduled for Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.



It is coordinated by Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Daughtry, many staff members, and lots of wonderful parent volunteers. The

purpose is fun, fitness, and for students to push themselves to achieve their best as they strive for benchmarks in running, swimming, and cycling. It is a great way to show your "Husky Way" perseverance!

## Cross Country Running

Many of our HPE students have been practicing at lunch time to train for two District Running Events. On Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, students competed at AES, and on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, they head to Little Mountain and compete for their personal best time in Cross Country Running.



## Student Learning Updates

As one of the 5 learning updates throughout the school year, classroom teachers will be either sending home paper copy Interim Reports in early May, or some will host "Open House" style Student Led Conferences which are scheduled for Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> between 2:00pm-6:00pm. Your child's teacher will let families know which they are doing, and more precise dates and times for either.



## Water Bottles

With the recent warm weather, students should bring a reusable water bottle with them to school so they can be filled at our 2 water stations. Many students are visiting the office to get plastic cups, which is not only bad for our environment, but also interrupts our office staff as they are working. Your cooperation is appreciated.



## Earth Day Clean Up

It was great to see some awesome HPE students cleaning up our fields of litter from the winter melt on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks for being responsible and caring for our school and the environment; Well done!



## Avree Tuff Donations

We've had an amazing outpouring of support for Avree, who is recovering well from a liver transplant in February. We can't thank the Highland Park community enough for contributing over \$1000 dollars in April for our Avree Tuff fundraiser. An enormous amount of appreciation to everyone who helped demonstrate caring in "The Husky Way" (Whoo-Ahh!).



## Important Dates:

- May 1: Little Mountain Cross Country Run
- May 2: Class Photos
- May 7: School Wide Spirit Assembly
- May 8: PAC Meeting 2:30 (Library)
- May 20: Victoria Day Holiday
- May 25: Askew's Fundraiser Div. 2
- May 30: Kindergarten Orientation

At Highland Park we believe:

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

