



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #6 February 2020

We are now at the half-way point in our current school year. How fast time flies! There doesn't seem to be any slowing down in the near future, with February filled with many different events.

Read on for further information on what will be happening at our school in February.

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis

Okanagan Symphony Orchestra

We are very pleased to announce that the grade 1-3 students will be attending the Symphony on March 11th at the Vernon Performing Arts Center. Keep an eye out for the permission forms coming home soon!

This year the OSO is thrilled to present a brand-new show for this season's Symphony School Show: Tmixw (the nsyilxcən word for animals). This show will shine a spotlight on the animals of the Okanagan from the perspective of the Sylix people. Curated by Cori Derrickson:smqwmqwtalqs, Sqilw Artist of the Okanagan Nation, with new orchestrations by Summerland composer Anita Perry, Tmixw will celebrate the land and the animals of the Okanagan using music,

drama, dance and storytelling with a focus on Nsyilxcən, the traditional language of the Sylix people of the Okanagan. Okanagan students and professional performers will share the stage with the OSO as we celebrate this rich heritage.

A huge thank you to the PAC for paying for the buses! Another big thank you to Ms. Lelond for arranging this great event!

Ready, Set, Learn

A **Ready, Set, Learn** event will take place in every elementary school in the North Okanagan-Shuswap between January and March 2020. **Ours will take place on Tuesday, February 11th in the gym from 9:30 to 10:30**

- **Ready, Set, Learn** is a free early **learning** event for families with children who are **3 to 5 years old**
- All families will receive free books and a kit of materials and resources to help support their child's early **learning** experiences
- All families are encouraged to pre-register for the event at their local school or contact Jennifer Findlay at 250-833-2095 or jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca for more information

Verification forms and student 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

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school. Also, if school fees are a financial burden please let Mr. Ellis know and arrangements will be made.

Parking Lot and Drop-off Lanes

Winter time 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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 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 paper work.

Lego Club

Lego Club has started! Grade 1 to 3 students meet in the Library on Wednesdays. Lego club will take place after lunch eating time. We recommend that students who wish to come bring their own Lego from home for the day. Please bring Lego in a zip-lock bag or a closed container.

We will do LEGO every Wednesday until Spring Break. 😊



Basketball

Basketball season is underway for many of our grade 4/5 Girls and Boys. Highland Park has 3 teams that each play a 5 game schedule versus other teams in our District. Our Girls Team practices on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch, and has games on Thursday after school. Our two Boys Teams practice on Wednesday and either Friday or Monday depending on holidays and Pro-D Days, and play games on Wednesday after school. Our teams will also participate in the Grade 5 year-end Jamboree Tournament at a location to be decided later. Our Girls Team is coached by Miss Fox and Miss MacKinnon, while our Boys Teams are coached by volunteer Gary Davidson and Mr. Ward and Mr. Ellis. We are very appreciative of our coaches giving their time and expertise in helping our students develop skills, play with sportsmanship, and have fun together. Games usually take about an hour and are from approximately 3:00pm-4:00pm, and all members of the Highland Park community are encouraged to come out and support our athletes!

Girls Game Schedule

Thurs. Jan. 23 away versus MV Beattie
Thurs. Jan. 30 home versus Bastion
Thurs. Feb. 6 Bye Week (no game)
Thurs. Feb. 13 away versus Hillcrest
Thurs. Feb. 20 home versus Bastion
Thurs. Feb. 27 home versus Kings

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Thurs. Mar. 5 Year-End Jamboree (TBD)

Boys Team 1 Game Schedule

* Thurs. Jan. 23 home versus Kings
Wed. Jan. 29 away versus Bastion
Wed. Feb. 5 home versus Hillcrest
Wed. Feb. 12 away versus Ranchero
Wed. Feb. 19 home versus AES
Wed. Feb. 26 away versus MV Beattie
Wed. Mar. 4 Year-End Jamboree (TBD)

Boys Team 2 Game Schedule

* Thurs. Jan. 23 home versus Kings
Wed. Jan. 29 home versus AES
Wed. Feb. 5 away versus South Broadview
Wed. Feb. 12 home versus MV Beattie
Wed. Feb. 19 away versus Bastion
Wed. Feb. 26 home versus Bastion
Wed. Mar. 4 Year-End Jamboree (TBD)



District Art Fair

The school District Art Fair is a week-long event (March 2nd to 6th) that provides a public forum in which student art can be displayed. The location of the fair is at Piccadilly Place Mall in Salmon Arm.

The highlights of the Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 4th when students selected from Grade 4 and 5 will be placed in workshops that are put on by local artists. This will provide a significant opportunity for our students to interact with a very talented, highly skilled group of professionals. In the past, workshops in pottery, sketching, weaving, water colour painting and cartooning have been offered.

Important dates:

Feb. 11 PAC Meeting
Feb. 13 Girls Basketball Ranchero Report Cards
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day/Fancy Day
Feb. 17 BC Family Day - no school For everyone
Feb. 21 Pro-D
Feb. 22 School Spirit Day - Cowboy
Feb. 24 Cultural Performance, 12:30
Feb. 26 Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 3 Ready, Set, Learn - 9:30
Mar. 11 Symphony, 9:30
Mar. 12 Div. 5 Class Sleepover
Mar. 13 Last day of school/Spring Break



At Highland Park Elementary School we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy lifelong learning

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GOAL 2 STATEMENT: Social Responsibility: Students will use communication and cooperation skills in a positive way to respond to anger and frustration. They will develop an understanding of accepted behaviours in different settings.