



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #3 November 2020

October was a busy month at Highland Park Elementary. What would October be without Halloween, reconfiguring and Covid? I can't express enough how fortunate we are to have such an understanding and supportive school community! You are very much appreciated!

There were so many amazing costumes and activities for the students. November promises to be just as busy with our Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly and field trips.

Please read on further for events happening at the school. November will be a busy month.

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis



Garbage free Snacks

Please help us keep our playground litter-free by sending litter-free snacks to school with your children. Students will be encouraged to take a snack out with them and leave the garbage inside.

Some suggestions are granola bars, cookies, and fruit, which can be peeled before leaving the building. If we continue to work together, we can maintain a clean, healthy environment, both inside and outside of our school.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Dear School District No. 83

Kindergarten to grade 8 parents:

The BC Ministry of Education and our School District are in the midst of developing curriculum and reporting documents that better meet the needs of families. Our goal is to provide parents with a better way of understanding where their children are at in their learning journey.

Part of this change involves increased opportunities for parents to meet formally with teachers to discuss their child's progress. To accommodate this change, the district has asked each school to schedule an early dismissal day in November to provide time for scheduled parent/student/teacher conferences. Our school will have **early dismissal on Thursday, November 19th**. Dismissal will be at 11:04 and buses will run accordingly. Parents are asked to book their virtual meeting time through Parent Connect. Once schedules are finalized, each parent will receive a notice through their child's TEAM account regarding their TEAMS Goal Setting meeting. Each meeting will be scheduled for 20 minutes.

These conferences will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's areas of strength and needs and set learning goals for their child's

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continued academic and behavioral growth.

We know that community-building and establishing strong relationships between home and school are what promotes learning in the most fundamental way. Therefore, dedicating two hours of learning time over the course of a school year to Parent/Teacher meetings is a valuable use of instructional time. Research indicates that this method of reporting was found to be more meaningful and informative for teachers, parents, and students.

We look forward to meeting with all of you to discuss your child's progress and set goals for the remainder of the school year.

Fire Chief for A Day

Congratulations to Mya Maxnuk, who won our school draw for Fire Chief for A Day. Mya received a goodie bag and lunch from our local Department. Way to go Mya!



Winter Concert

Halloween

We were amazed to see so many unique and amazing costumes on Friday, Oct. 13th. The students enjoyed many activities and the Kindies participated in a costume parade. Well done, everyone!



Picture Retakes

Great news. Picture retakes have been scheduled for Friday, November 27th.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Tues. Nov. 10th:

Remembrance Day Activities

Wed. Nov. 11th:

Remembrance Day Holiday

Wed. Nov. 18th:

PAC Meeting 6:30 via TEAMS

Thurs. Nov. 19th:

Goal Setting Conferences via
TEAMS

Fri. Nov. 20th:

Pro-D Day (no school for
students)

Fri. Nov. 27th:

Photo Retakes

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