



HIGHLAND PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #5

January 2019

Happy New Year!

As we embark on a new year, it's difficult not to reflect on the past year and think about all the good and the not-so-good that we have experienced. I certainly have reflected and come to the realization that all of my experiences have taught me something and provided personal growth as I move forward. Being here at Highland Park Elementary for the past couple of months has been an amazing experience for me both professionally and personally. I've loved getting to know the staff and students and being a part of their daily lives. I feel that I've been able to form strong connections with so many wonderful people which has filled my bucket with happy memories and made me a better person. I just want to thank the staff, students and parents/guardians for welcoming me at HPE and allowing me to be part of their journey, as they have definitely been part of mine. Rob Ellis is going to be back at HPE as principal on January 15th and I know he is excited to get back and resume his role. We will have a couple days together for transition and then I'm gone on the 17th.

Again, it's been a pleasure being here and I wish you all a happy finish to the year.

Jared King

Thanks PAC!!

Students loved going to the theatre and watching a movie prior to the winter break! Thanks for inviting our students and providing the popcorn!

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 school. Also, if school fees are a financial burden please let Mr. King or 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.

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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 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.

Skating

Classes have signed up for skating starting in the new year at Nor-Val arena. Thank you to the city for letting us use their facility for students. Teachers will be sending home their schedules soon with students and they will need some parent volunteers to walk over with the class, so if you can help please let them know. If you plan to be on the ice with students, you need to have a helmet and skates on, for your own safety.

Important dates:

- Jan. 15 Mr. Ellis returns to Highland Park Elementary
- Jan. 16 PAC meeting in HPE library – 6:30-7:30 pm
- Jan. 20-31 Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) administration for Gr 4s
- Jan. 26-Feb 2 Unplug and Play: Family Literacy Week
- Feb. 1 Pirate Loppet – Mr. Bengie is lead teacher for this activity
- Feb. 11 Strong Start – Ready Set Learn will be in the gym in the AM
- Feb. 12 Cultural Performance – Runaway Moon – 8:40 am
- Feb. 15 Regional non-instructional day – no school for students
- Feb. 18 BC Family Day – no school for everyone
- Mar. 15 Last day before Spring Vacation
- Apr. 1 School re-opens
- Apr. 19 Good Friday – School holiday
- Apr. 22 Easter Monday – School holiday
- Apr. 23 School-based non-instructional day (Pro-D)



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we believe:

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