

HIGHLAND PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #10

June 2024



This is our final Newsletter for the 2023-24 school year. It has been another great year of growth and learning with some challenges along the way! Unfortunately, this is also when we say goodbye to those staff members who are leaving us at the end of the school year: Ms. Hatt, Ms. Emon, Ms. Laponder, Ms. Abbott, Ms. MacKinnon, Ms. Calso, Mr. Bellows, Ms. Sene, Mr. Dolman, and Ms. Hirvinen. We wish them all luck and success in their next adventures and know they will be missed at Highland Park. This is also the final newsletter for Mr. Ellis as our Principal and Mr. Ward as our Vice-Principal at HPE. Mr. Ellis is headed to Silver Creek to be Principal after 6 years at HPE, and Mr. Ward will be at Falkland as the Principal after 5 years at HPE. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Shelly Cull as Principal and Mr. Duncan Hazelwood as Vice-Principal next school year and know they will be a great duo. We want to extend our best wishes to all our Highland Park families and hope Summer treats you well.

Rob Ellis
(Principal)

Spencer Ward
(Vice-Principal)



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year began in October but is open for those who have not registered for the upcoming year. If you know of someone who has a soon-to-be kindergarten aged child, please let them know to come to the office to fill out the paperwork.



Library

All library books are due back to the library the week of June 10th-14th so that Miss Lee can organize the library and do inventory the following week. Please have your students return their books during their regular library block that week so we do not have to track them down with reminders! Lost or damaged books should also be paid for by this time. There may be a small prize for classes that get all their books in by the end of that week! 😊



Swimming

So far, the weather has been favorable for our swimmers, and there have been many happy faces returning from the Armstrong pool. Thank you to the PAC for helping to fund this excellent activity for our students!



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On Thursday, June 27th, we will have an end of the year assembly with a slide show and a special presentation to the Grade 5's who are heading off to middle school next year. Grade 5's will also have a picture-wall set up outside the front of the school so parents can take pictures with their child. The picture-wall will be available from 11:30 to 2:30. Students will be dismissed for the Summer at 10:00am.



The HPE Triathlon is fast approaching, and we'd like to recognize Mr. Byrnes, Ms. Daughtry and many other staff and parent volunteers who are working very hard to get this event up and running. The Grade 4's and 5's have been preparing to challenge themselves and have their endurance tested on Friday, June 7th; Way to go, Huskies! Be Husky Strong!



With the high number of absences in June, many Hot Lunches are going unclaimed in our fridges. *We are asking families to please contact their child's teacher if they are going to pick up their child's hot lunch when they are absent. If no contact is made, the Hot Lunch may be donated to another deserving student.* Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.

Summer Reading is Vital!

Two brown paper lunch bags are shown in the top right corner of the page. They are simple, rectangular bags with a fold-over top, typical of school lunches. One bag is slightly behind and to the right of the other, creating a sense of depth.

Did you know that just 20 minutes of reading a day will change your child's life? While it may seem like a big statement to make, numerous studies have consistently shown how just 20 minutes of exposure to reading materials each day is all it takes to positively shape your child's future. This doesn't just include complicated educational texts-any reading materials, be it comic books, novels, picture books, recipes, magazines, or the back of food packets all count towards your child's daily reading goal. Reading for 20 minutes a day exposes your child to more than 600,000 words in one year. That's more than double the word exposure of a child who only reads for 5 minutes or less each day. Don't forget to make time to read over the Summer! Watch for Summer reading information from your child's teacher or visit the Library to explore the options that interest your child!

An illustration of three children sitting together on the floor, reading a large blue book. On the left is a boy with light skin and brown hair, wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants. In the middle is a girl with red hair and a pink headband, wearing a pink shirt and purple pants. On the right is a boy with dark skin and curly brown hair, wearing a green shirt and blue pants. They are all smiling and looking at the book.

Your Brain on Books

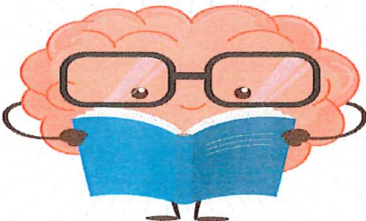
What science tells us about why you should get lost in a great story

Reading by the Numbers

- Increases knowledge and vocabulary by **50%**
- Lowers stress by **68%**
- Can lengthen your life by **2 years**

Books Can:

- Boost your mood**
Studies show that people who read for fun are more likely to feel happy and confident.
- Help you relax**
Your heartbeat slows. Your muscles melt. One minute you're reading in bed, and the next you're zzzzzzzzzzzz.
- Bring people together**
Whether you're starting a book club or bonding over *Wormy Kid* with a friend, you'll be part of a reading community.
- Heart!**
Research shows that reading about a character's thoughts and feelings can make you kinder.



Reading is a workout for your . . .



Memory
Reading exercises that brain, improving your memory. (Maybe you'll stop forgetting your lunch at home!)



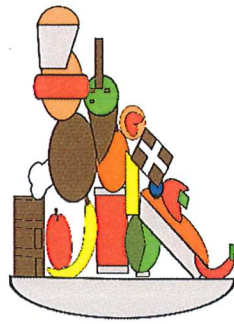
Imagination
Books help you see vivid pictures in your mind. So you feel like you're actually at Hogwarts, riding a Nimbus 2000.



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Breakfast/Lunch Program Donations

Our HPE community was fortunate to receive food donations for our Breakfast/Lunch Program from the Armstrong Kinsmen and Okanagan Shuswap Century Ride. Our school will enjoy some bagels, watermelons, chips and chocolate milk to nourish student's tummies and help feed their mind for learning. A big Husky Howl for both these groups as well as our appreciation for their support.



Armstrong Club
3015 Wood Avenue



REGISTER TODAY!

SUMMER BREAK

Join us for the best summer ever with our full day care or recreation programs including: Little Chefs Camp, Mad Scientists, Kid Tech Nation, Adventure, Creative Camp and more.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Play, explore, and discover at our daycare and preschool programs this fall. While kids at our after school and recreation programs will develop new friendships at a safe place to be after the school bell.

@BGCOKANAGAN

Summer Slide Literacy Program



A fun children's literacy program to help prevent learning loss over the summer holidays.

Program Overview

The Summer Slide Literacy Program

- will offer additional literacy support and education opportunities to selected students who have completed grades 1-3
- will have a maximum of 16 students
- will be facilitated by a teacher with an early literacy background
- will be supported by a Certified Education Assistant or Aboriginal Education worker
- will include daily outdoor play time and a healthy snack
- will include fieldtrips - for example to the local library and bookstore

Throughout the program, students will receive free books (new and used) to help build up their personal home libraries.

The Program Goals

- to provide a learning environment that fosters and supports strong literacy skills
- to support learners to be proficient and confident readers
- to help learners experience the love of reading

Full participation and attendance is expected by children in the program!

Program Details

- 2 weeks long, Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon July 3-14, 2023
- Programs conveniently located within each community (Salmon Arm, Enderby, Sicamous & Armstrong)



Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society
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childprograms@shuswapliteracy.ca

Important dates:

June 4	District Track and Field Meet
June 7	Grade 4/5 Triathlon 8:30am
June 12	PAC Meeting 2:30pm Library
June 14	LWMS Visit Gr. 5's PM
June 19	PVSS Grad Tour HPE 1:15pm
June 20	Indigenous Day Celebration
June 24	School Fun Day @ Memorial Park
June 25	Gr. 3-5 Talent Show in Gym
June 27	Last Day-Early Dismissal 10:00am
	Report Cards distributed
	Year End Assembly 8:30am
	Gr. 5 Student/Parent Photo Wall 11:30am-2:30pm

At Highland Park Elementary we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility

for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy

lifelong learning



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