



HIGHLAND PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #4

December 2019

Hard to believe that it is already December, and there is finally snow on the ground! Please remember to dress your child appropriately for outside play, as students will continue to be outside for recess and at lunchtime. That being said, please make sure that your child's outdoor clothes are clearly labeled with their name so that runaway clothing can be quickly and easily returned to the rightful owner.

As for the snow, students have been reminded of wintertime expectations in regards to snowballs. The expectation at HPE continues to be no throwing snowballs on school grounds for safety reasons.

This is a season of giving, kindness and gratitude and we at Highland Park are grateful to our caring and supportive parents/guardians and the community for helping to make our school a wonderful place to be.

Rob Ellis

Winter Concert

Mrs. Lelond and Mrs. Kalf continue to make final preparations for the upcoming Winter Concert at PVSS. We are thankful to PVSS for allowing us to use their facilities so that we can have one concert for all. It will be a beautiful celebration of the season through song, with a theme of "A New World Christmas" and a focus on the coming together of friends and family. Students are requested to be at PVSS no later than 5:40 pm to prepare for the night. A parent notice will be sent out soon with information on drop-off, pick-up and room allocations.

Thanks PAC!!

We loved the hot chocolate that PAC served up on November 22nd! Students were kept nice and warm at lunch with a cup of hot cocoa in their hands. Thank you for the time you spent getting it all together and serving it to students as we know you are all very busy with life. Can't wait for round two!

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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. Ellis or Mr. Ward know and arrangements will be made.

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.

Lost and Found

If you notice your child is missing a jacket, a mitt, or maybe a boot, it's possible that it may be found at our HPE lost and found. Come on down and check things out!

Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is a fun time to dress up and enjoy some treats, but it can also be a time to think about others. During the week following Hallowe'en, our students were asked donate a portion of the candy they collected to support the Armstrong Food Bank. A large and very full box of more than 5 pounds of Hallowe'en treats were collected and donated for families in need in our community. A very big thank you to students and their families for contributing to this good cause.

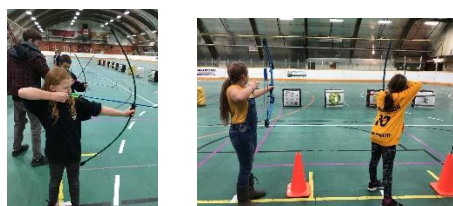


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Archery

Ms. Laura, our Indigenous Support Worker, organized an awesome archery experience for our students at the Hassen Arena. Students learned about the different types of bows and how they are constructed, as well as how arrows have changed in terms of design and materials. Students had an opportunity to practice skills and try out various bows and arrows to try and hit targets and pop balloons.



Movember

Each November, many people grow moustaches to support men's health, and in particular, to fight for those with cancers that typically affect men. At Highland Park, many staff members have been growing their "cookie-dusters" and raising money to donate to the Canadian Cancer Society. Each week, students were asked to donate spare change to a jar of the staff member of their choice. At the end of the month, whichever staff member raised the most money would colour their moustache for a day in front of the whole school. The first week of the month was nickels, the second week was dimes, the third week was quarters, and the final week was loonies and toonies. Highland Park students and families donated more than \$200.00 for the Canadian Cancer Society and we thank you for that!

Basketball

Basketball practices have begun for our grade 4 and 5 boys and girls during lunch time twice a week. Students have been working on dribbling, passing, and shooting skills, while working with Mr. Ellis, Mr. Ward, and Coach Gary (a retired Vernon high school teacher and Basketball coach who volunteers his time). The basketball season will begin in the new year, and will include after school practices and some games versus other schools in our District.

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Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is up and running. Students had preview tours on Monday and will be able to purchase items until Thursday. The Book Fair is open before school, from 7:45 am to 8:30 am. Lunch time, from 11:30 to 12:15 and after school, from 1:30 to 2:30. The Book Fair is located in the Library.



Important dates:

Dec. 6 th	Christmas Letter Writing, 1:00
Dec. 11 th	Christmas Concert
Dec. 13 th	Divs. 8 and 14, Cookie Decoration
Dec. 17 th	Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 to 10:30, Kindies only
Dec. 18 th	PAC Movie Day #1
Dec. 19 th	PAC Movie Day #2
Dec. 20 th	Last day before winter break/Pajama Day
Jan 6 th	School back in session



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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