

Welcome back!

Spring is here...well, almost! Let's hope the upcoming weeks are full of dry weather so that our playing fields will be ready for our Spring sports. I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for the final push towards summer. A huge thank you to the Kinsmen Club for their generous financial donation to our school and to our wonderful PAC for their purchase of additional snowshoes for our Winter Rec Program.

Our students will be starting their training for district cross-country events and parents are encouraged to run along with them!

Happy Spring Everyone!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis

Chess Club

Our chess players travelled to South Broadview Elementary for the District Chess Tournament and did an amazing job at representing our school. Special mention to the following students for their standing in their individual pool: Ryder Luttermding - first Mason Blum - second Kalum Kalf - first Emmy Butler - second Quinton Benge - second Ashton Watson - second Marshall Luttmerding - first Decklan McKechnie - second Hayden Peters - third Wade Lightfoot - first Lewis De Boer - second Rhys Oyarzun - second

Kalum Kalf and Wade Lightfoot placed particularly well in the overall competition. Wade was second out of all the Grade 3's in the district. Kalum was first out of all Grade's 4 and 5. Very impressive boys!



Cross Country

Our cross country team will be starting up for Grades 2 to 5. Practices will be held at lunch time (excluding Wednesdays).

Practices will begin on Tuesday, April 9th.

The District Cross Country Competition will be held at Little Mountain Sports Complex in Salmon Arm on Thursday, May 9th, starting at 1:00. Thank you to Mr. Benge for arranging this for our students.

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 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 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-

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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.

Talent Show

Once again our school will be holding a Talent Show. Please see below for specific dates:

Mon. April 1-5: Call Back Auditions
Fri. April 12: Talent Show

I am certain that there will be a staff entry this year - stay tuned!



Basketball

Both our Girl's and Boy's basketball teams wrapped up their season at their perspective tournaments. Both teams played extremely well and did an amazing job at representing our school! The Girl's team finished tied for third in the district and the Boy's team finished second overall. Well done Huskies. Thank you to our coaches, Candace Riemersma, Mr. Byrnes and Mrs. Sandberg for her awesome reffing!



AquaVan

Our school had a visit form the AquaVan where our students learned about our impact on the Oceans. The AquaVan staff led our school through how our oceans affect every human life and in turn, how humans affect the ocean in a variety of positive and negative ways. Once again, thank you to our PAC for covering the cost of this great learning experience!



Important dates:

•	Apr. 9 th	Cross country practice begin
•	Apr. 12 th	Talent Show -10:30
•	Apr. 19	Good Friday - School holiday
•	Apr. 22	Easter Mon - School holiday
•	Apr. 23	Pro-D
•	Apr. 26 th	Jersey Day
•	May 6 th	Music Monday/Parent Tea
•	May 9 th	District Cross Country Meet
•	May 10 th	Class Pictures
•	May 13 th	Kindergarten Orientation
•	May 16 th	Jump Rope for Heart
•	May 17th	Pro-D



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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