

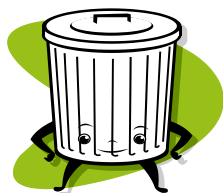


October was a busy month at Highland Park Elementary. What would October be without Halloween and COVID? I can't express enough how fortunate we are to have such an understanding and supportive school staff and community! You are all very much appreciated! There were so many amazing costumes and activities for the students. November promises to be just as busy with our Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly. Please read on further for events happening at the school this 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

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 from kindergarten to grade 8.

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 18th**. Dismissal will be at 11:08 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 an invitation via the email address the school has on file regarding their TEAMS Goal Setting meeting.

Each meeting will be scheduled for 20 minutes, and will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's areas of strength and areas of need. There will also be time to set learning goals for student's continued academic and behavioral growth this year. 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.

Remembrance Day

As a way to honour our veterans each year, we hold a Remembrance Day Assembly. Due to COVID restrictions, we cannot gather as a school and each class will watch a virtual assembly presentation. Students and staff are encouraged to wear red or black on Wednesday, November 10th, and any students who are in Cubs or Scouts, or



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Brownies or Guides are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school on that day to raise awareness.

Winter Concert

This year's winter concert will be at the downtown Train Station where our students will be singing Christmas Carols to build community connections and spread holiday cheer. Times are approximate, but the tentative schedule is as follows;

Wed. Dec. 8

8:10-9:30 Pobuda/Vallance

Thurs. Dec. 9

9:50-11:20 Gordon/Coombs

12:00-1:15 Kalf/Fassbender (Scott)

Fri. Dec. 10

9:50-11:20 Kindergarten

Mon. Dec. 13

9:30-11:30 Benge/Daughtry (at PV Manor)

Tues. Dec. 14

9:50-11:20 Dolinar (Campbell)/Terrell

Wed. Dec. 15

9:50-11:20 Byrnes/Ward/Lee



Daily Health Check

Families should be completing a daily health check (located on the HPE website) with their child prior to sending them to school each day.

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Halloween Memories

We were amazed to see so many unique and amazing costumes on Friday, Oct. 29th. The students enjoyed many activities and the Kindies participated in a costume parade. Well done, everyone!

