



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #5 December 2020

Hard to believe that it is already December, and the weather is getting colder! 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

Greetings Highland Park Families!

The holiday season is fast approaching and thoughts start turning to Winter Concerts...or is that just me? We have enjoyed two amazing performances in the PVSS gym the past two years but that is not an option this year. For health and safety reasons we cannot have a public performance this year. The students are still learning special pieces to celebrate the winter season, but they will only be performing for their cohort class. Most of the pieces the students are learning can be shared with and shown to families at home. Please ask your child what piece they are working on and if they can show you their part. We are hoping we can put on a socially distanced show in the spring when the weather will let us perform outside. It is our hope that we can find a safe way for families to attend the spring show. In the meantime, enjoy this beautiful season with your family!

Mrs. Lelond

Strong Start

A reminder to parents that Strong Start is up and running! Program runs from 9 to 11, families must preregister with the office. Families will be scheduled every week, unfortunately no drop in this year. We continue to provide a healthy snack and dance party but we do not have a gym time.

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Thanks PAC!

We would like to thank our wonderful PAC for, once again, providing us with funds to purchase items for our school that benefit our students. We have recently purchased a storage shed, so that we can store our outside equipment safely. We are also in the process of purchasing more outdoor equipment for our students to enjoy.

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 alternate arrangements can be made.



Skating

The School District and the City are working out safety procedures and protocols to enable our school to have our winter skating program once again. Stay tuned! Once we have been given the green light, I will forward the information on to parents.

Virtual Book Fair Countdown!

Dear families,

Our school's Scholastic Virtual Book Fair starts next week! It will be open from December 1 - 9, 2020! Shop online and have books delivered right to your home!

Let's continue to give our students access to the books they want to read! We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home.

Plan to participate in our Virtual Family Events on Wednesdays (Dec 2nd or Dec 9th) from 6 - 8 pm when all orders get free shipping!! Regular shipping rates are free for any order over \$35.00 or a flat fee of \$6.00 for orders under \$35.00 except during the Wednesday night events.

Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn Rewards that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's library and classrooms.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link:

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5153700>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- SAVE it to your browser
- WATCH videos of popular new titles
- PREVIEW our Featured Books (more books)

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download during the fair so check back for updates!)

Watch for more news on the HPE PAC Facebook page leading up to and during our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!

Happy reading!
Miss M. Lee - HPE Teacher Librarian



Important dates:

Dec. 3 rd	Kindergarten Teddy Bear Picnic
Dec. 8 th	Tacky Sweater Day
Dec. 15 th	Christmas Cohort Concert
Dec. 18 th	Last day before Winter Break/PJ Day
Jan 4 th	School back in session

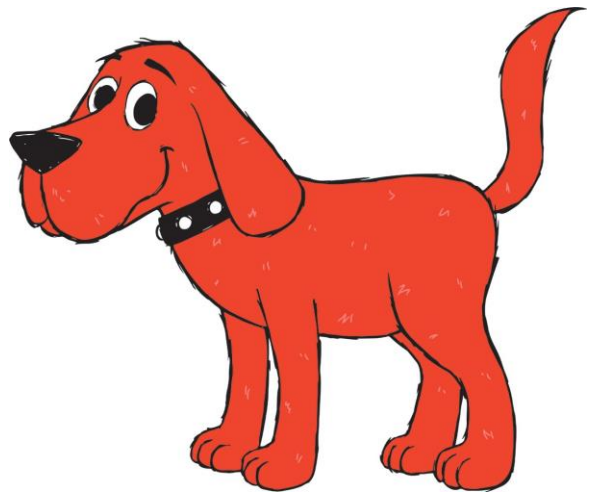


At Highland Park Elementary School we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy lifelong learning



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