



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #6 February 2019

We are now at the half-way point in our current school year. How fast time flies! There doesn't seem to be any slowing down in the near future, with February filled with many different events.

Read on for further information on what will be happening at our school in February.

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis

Okanagan Symphony Orchestra

On March 12th we will be taking the grade 1-5 students on a field trip to the Vernon Performing Arts Center. They will attend the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra's performance *Meet Our Orchestra Family*. This 50 minute program will showcase different instruments in the orchestra through exciting pieces like Rossini's *William Tell Overture* (The Lone Ranger theme) as well as more calming pieces such as Morricone's *Gabriel's Oboe* from the movie 'The Mission'. It will be the perfect culminating activity for the students who are exploring instrument families and gives the students real world experience directly connected to their learning. A huge thank you to the PAC for buying the tickets for all students to attend! Another big thank you to Ms. Lelond for arranging this great event!

Ready, Set, Learn

A **Ready, Set, Learn** event will take place in every elementary school in the North Okanagan-Shuswap between January and March 2019. **Ours will take place on**

Monday, February 11th in the gym from 9:30 to 10:30

- **Ready, Set, Learn** is a free early **learning** event for families with children who are **3 to 5 years old**
- All families will receive free books and a kit of materials and resources to help support their child's early **learning** experiences
- All families are encouraged to pre-register for the event at their local school or contact Jennifer Findlay at 250-833-2095 or jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca for more information

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 know and arrangements will be made.

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 (snow banks, double-park, etc.) 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-be kindergarten aged child and they have not yet registered the child, please let them

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know to come to the office to fill out the paper work.

Lego Club

Lego Club will be starting in the Library on Wednesday, Feb 6th for Grade 1, 2 and 3 students. Lego club will take place after lunch eating time. We recommend that students who wish to come bring their own Lego from home for the day. Please bring Lego in a zip-lock bag or a closed container. We will do LEGO every Wednesday until Spring Break. ☺

Talent Show

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

Mon. Feb. 11:	Sign Up for K-2
Tues. Feb. 12:	Sign Up for Grades 3-5
Mon. Mar. 4 - Mar. 15:	Auditions
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

Basketball season is in full swing and our teams are doing very well. Both teams Boys and Girl teams are playing in a league against other schools in our district. They have played very well in the games thus far, and have improved immensely! Go Huskies!



District Art Fair

The school District Art Fair is a week-long event (March 4th to 8th) that provides a public forum in which student art can be displayed. The location of the fair is at Piccadilly Place Mall in Salmon Arm.

The highlights of the Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 6th when students selected from Grade 4 and 5 will be placed in workshops that are put on by local

artists. This will provide a significant opportunity for our students to interact with a very talented, highly skilled group of professionals. In the past, workshops in pottery, sketching, weaving, water colour painting and cartooning have been offered.

Important dates:

- Feb. 11 Ready Set Learn will be in the gym, 9:30
- Feb. 12 Cultural Performance, 8:40
- Feb. 14 Boy's Basketball game at Hillcrest
- Feb. 15 Pro-D
- Feb. 18 BC Family Day - no school For everyone
- Feb 19 Girl's Basketball team at AES
- Feb. 21 Boy's Basketball team at M.V. Beattie
- Feb. 22 School Spirit Day - Cowboy Day
- Mar. 15 Last day before Spring Vacation
- Apr. 1 School re-opens
- Apr. 19 Good Friday - School holiday
- Apr. 22 Easter Mon - School holiday
- Apr. 23 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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