



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #4 December 2021

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 lunchtime. Please also ensure 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. We expect that "the snow stays on the ground" and snowballs should not to be thrown around to keep everyone safer.

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

December is here and students have been hard at work learning some Christmas Carols for this year's concert. We have chosen to follow the advice in the movie Elf; "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing out loud for all to hear". Classes will be singing at Spirit Square to spread Holiday Joy to our community from December 8th - 15th. All classes are learning 4-6 songs, which will take about 20 minutes to share. As we will be singing outside, the public is welcome to listen from the sidewalks as they go about their holiday shopping. Please note which day and time your child's classes will be at Spirit Square, and students are encouraged to wear holiday hats and headbands. No other special clothing or colours are requested or required for this performance.

All times are approximate as putting on snow gear can take some time;

Dec 8-8:30: Pobuda/Vallance

Dec 9-10:10: Coombs/Scott

Dec 9-12:15: Kalf/Peterson

Dec 10-10:10: Kindergarten

Dec 13-9:50: Benge/Daughtry at PV

Manor for the seniors and 11:00 at Memorial Park for the public

Dec 14-10:10: Campbell/Terrell/Luxton

Dec 15-10:10 - Byrnes/Ward

Have a happy holiday and a restful break!

Mrs. Lelond



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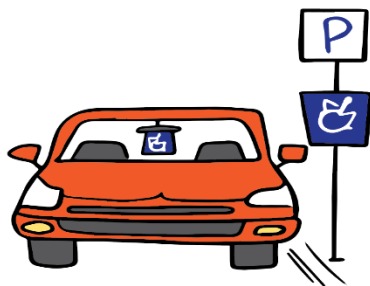
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Strong Start

A reminder to parents that Strong Start is up and running! The Highland Park Program runs weekdays from 8:30am to 11:00am, and families must preregister with the office. Families will be scheduled every week, and unfortunately there is no drop-in this year. Mrs. Lynn will continue to provide a healthy snack and dance party each day, as well as some gym time during the school's Recess break.

Handicapped Parking Space

We have a new student at HPE whose mobility depends on using a wheelchair. As a result, we are asking that the handicapped parking space in the HPE parking lot be reserved only for that student and family, or others who have a handicapped parking permit displayed.

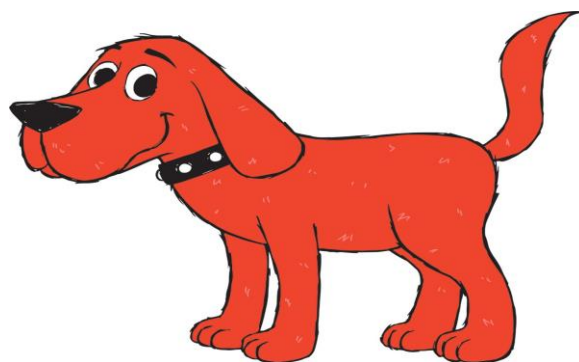


Verification forms & fees

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.

Virtual Book Fair Countdown!

Our school's Scholastic Virtual Book Fair started November 22nd! It will be open for in person purchases by students and staff only from Dec. 1-3, 2021 in the Library! Shop online and have books delivered right to HPE!



We are excited to provide this opportunity for families to shop together, from the comfort of home. Your investment in Literacy 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 PAC's Facebook page for the link so you can;

- SAVE it to your browser
- WATCH videos of popular new titles
- PREVIEW our Featured Books (more books download during the fair so check back for updates!)

Miss M. Lee

HPE Teacher Librarian

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Skating

We are working with the City to plan safety protocols that enable our school to have our winter skating program once again. Once we have been given the green light, more information will follow about dates and times for each class as we enjoy the winter season together.

Intramural Floor Hockey

Grade 4 and Grade 5 students were invited to create teams for our lunch time floor hockey league. Games happen on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, throughout November and December. Highland Park students made 3 teams to challenge "Team Awesome" which is captained by 4-time All-Star and rugged stay at home defenseman, Mr. Ellis, in addition to 4th line stone-handed checking winger Mr. Ward. The season wraps up with playoffs during the final week of school before Winter Break.



Buster The Bus

SD83's bus Safety Program is presented to all kindergarten and grade 4 classes in the District each fall or winter. This is to introduce our elementary riders to the

rules of riding a school bus safely. The students really enjoy interacting with 'Buster' (remote control bus) as he demonstrates the School Bus Safety Rules. Some important highlights include:

1. Always obey your bus driver.
2. Get to your bus stop on time.
3. Stay away from the street when waiting for the bus.
4. Don't damage property or litter.

Food Bank Drive

December 1st to December 10th, classes are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items for the Armstrong Food Bank. Classes will compete against each other to see which class can bring in the most goods. Our PAC will provide a pizza party to the winning class during the week of December 13th-December 17th.



Important dates:

Nov. 26 th	Community Tree Decorating
Dec. 8 th	Community Caroling Begins
Dec. 17 th	Last day before Winter Break
Jan 4 th	School back in session

At HPE we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property
Responsibility for actions and decisions
Right to enjoy lifelong learning

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