



HIGHLAND PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER #10
June 2019

What a great Spring it has been! Hopefully this beautiful weather will continue so that all our June outdoor activities enjoy the sunshine.

It's the time of year when our classes will be heading out on their end of the year field trips. Dates and times for these events will be included in this email, posted on our school website and on the PAC Facebook page.

I'd like to personally thank all those parents and volunteers who make it possible for our students to enjoy the many exciting events we have at our school.

Here's to a great finish to our school year!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis

Information Regarding Student Placement for 2019-2020

Placement of students in classes is dependent upon a number of considerations. We will have our placement meeting in mid-June. Our school is likely going to have 17 divisions. As of now, we will have a combination of straight grades and mixed grades. Our class configurations may change with unexoeected increased enrollment, so we

will have to wait until the first week of September to finalize classes. In placing students the following considerations are taken into account:

High Priority

Instructional groupings
Class composition including special needs/requirements
Social/cultural issues (independence, interactions, leadership)
Behavioural/social issues
Diversity in development (academic, social, emotional)

Middle Priority

Groupings in previous years
Dominant grade composition
Physical/social maturation
Learner style
Siblings and relations

Lower Priority

Friendships
Teacher-learner compatibility
Class size (room to accommodate new students)
** Please note requests for 'straight' grades is not an educational reason.
Field Trips
Any requests regarding placement of your child for the upcoming year needs to **be in writing** to the Principal, Rob Ellis, **by Friday, June 12th.** In some instances you will be asked to come in for an interview or you may be contacted by phone for more

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information. In your letter please identify the **educational reason** for your request (see above). The reasons you provide are important as we use them to assist as part of the above criteria in placing your child. Please make only 1 request per child as in class request, or with a certain student or not, etc. Please be aware that the teacher assignments identified in this newsletter are **subject to change**.

The school staff will take every aspect into consideration when placing students from year to year. Notwithstanding, the opportunity is available for parents to meet with me to discuss placement for the coming year. **The final decision regarding student placement rests with the school principal.** Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



Cross Country

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team, who represented HPE school very well at the District Cross Country Meet in Salmon Arm.

A special congrats to Cody Baird, who finished 1st out of over 100 runners in his age group. The top six finishers were:

Connor Johnson	3 rd
Wyatt Stowrds	4 th
Will Drapula	5 th
Ryker Johnson	6 th

A huge congrats to all our runners for their outstanding effort! Awesome job!!



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

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation day was a huge success with next year's Kindergarten students participating in learning/play stations with their parents and Kindergarten teachers.



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Music Monday

We celebrated Music Monday on Monday, May 6th with our students demonstrating their musical talents under the supervision of Ms. Lelond. It was an amazing concert!



Breakfast Program

While renovations have been going on to our new classroom, our Breakfast Program has been, and will continue to be, for those in need only. Students who are in need are still receiving breakfast in the morning, but the program has been scaled back and is not open to everyone. Once the renovations

have been completed, the program will continue as before.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Rope for Heart campaign was a huge success, with our school exceeding its target goal of \$4000. At last check we were well over \$5000. Awesome Job to the entire HPE school community! I guess now Mr. Ellis will have to smooch a farm animal at a school assembly. I wonder what it will be?!

Bike Rodeo/Triathlon

On June 6th and 7th, our school participated in a Bike Rodeo and Triathlon. Our students worked hard to try their best, and there were lots of laughter and smiles! Thank you to Mr. Byrnes and all other staff for making these events such a success.



Indigenous Day

Highland Park Elementary will be honouring Indigenous Day on Friday, June 21st. It is a celebration of Indigenous Peoples' culture and heritage. This date was chosen because it corresponds to the Summer Solstice, the

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longest day of the year, and because for generations, many Indigenous Peoples' groups have celebrated their culture and heritage at this time of year. We would like to extend a warm invitation to our students, families and staff to participate in a traditional opening to the territory, drumming and singing, traditional Indigenous games, food and fun.

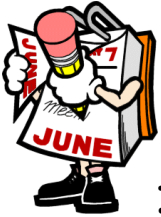


At Highland Park Elementary School we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy lifelong learning



Important dates:

- June 11th Douglas and Sandberg field trip to Planet Bee/Benge's field trip to Memorial Park
- June 12th PAC Meeting, 6:00/Mr. Ellis animal kissing assembly, 10:30
- June 14th Neon Bright Colour Day
- June 17th Divs. 13, 14, 15 and 16 field trip to Kangaroo Farm and Splash Park/Bookfair Preview Day
- June 18th Mr. Byrne's class leaves for Vancouver/Divs. 6, 7 and 8 field trip to Blackburn Park
- June 19th Divs. 11 and 12 field trip to Allan Brookes Nature Centre
- June 20th Daughtry's class field trip to Polson Park
- June 21st Indigenous Day: All day events
- June 24th Divs. 5, 6, 7 and 8 field trip to Paddlewheel Park in Veron
- June 27th Last day for students - report cards go home.
Early Dismissal at 10:05 am.

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