



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.

Food Bank Drive

Highland Park students collected items for the Armstrong Food Bank from December 1st to December 10th. A total of 1221 items were brought to school to support families in our community, and your assistance was greatly appreciated. Our HPE PAC generously provided pizza lunch for 3 lucky classes; Mrs. Kalf, Mrs. Scott, and Miss Lee. Way to go, Huskies!



Visitors

A reminder that if grown-ups need to come in to Highland Park for any reason, they should call ahead and make an appointment with the office. We are trying to reduce the number of extra people in the school for health and safety reasons. Those who are just dropping off items for their child can report to the Office and the items will be delivered to your child's classroom by a staff member. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Winter Attire

A reminder that Winter is upon us. Please be sure to send your child with warm winter clothing (coat, hat, mittens, snow pants) so he/she can get out, get some fresh air, and enjoy our great Canadian winter! Thanks!



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Thank You

It takes a village to raise a child, and we are fortunate in Armstrong to have the support of many individuals and many businesses. Askew's Food generously donates to our food program. On-Side Restoration in Vernon has donated winter clothing and backpacks for those that need them. Eagle Rock Plumbing in Armstrong has supported families in the HPE community for the past 2 years during the holiday season.



Skating

Students will be walking to Nor-Val Arena starting Jan. 24th for several skating sessions during January and February for Winter Recreation. Teachers will be sending forms home with dates and times. Let's find and dust off those skates and helmets!

Daily Health Check

We are reminding all HPE families to please complete the daily health check online prior to sending your child to school each morning. If your child is even mildly symptomatic, regardless of whether the symptoms appear on the health check or not, it would be best if they remain at home that day so we can keep as many people as healthy as possible in 2022. Your support, understanding, and cooperation are very much appreciated.

Return To School

In consultation with Provincial Health Authorities, and with School District 83, our guiding principles for returning to Highland Park are as follows:

- *Ensure everyone entering the building is healthy*
- *Teach and practice proper hygiene*
- *Procedures in place to minimize contact, reduce density, ensure proper cleaning*

CLASSROOM

- Full classes attending daily.
- Reviewing student expectations, routines, and procedures (frequent handwashing, minimizing contact and distancing with others, reducing touching of face, and limiting washroom overcrowding).
- Outside learning time as much as possible, and custodians sanitize room when teachers are out of classroom.
- A classroom set-up that provides adequate space between student workspaces, with students bringing **very limited and only academically necessary** items from home to be kept in class desk. Labelling supplies is recommended.
- Lockers will remain available.

MAIN OFFICE

- Main office door entrance will remain closed to students and parents. Window will be left open instead to allow for easier communication with Mrs. Anderson.
- The main entrance door will be locked by 8:30. All other exterior doors will

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be locked. Parents can call office at (250) 546-8723 to book an appointment. Front entrance will be monitored for students arriving late.

- Masks will be required for any parent/community member who wishes to enter the school.
- Admission to the school for parents/community members will be by appointment only.
- Parents/community members will be required to sign in and sign out.

ARRIVAL/DROP OFF

- Parents should not be arriving with kids any earlier than 7:30am, as morning supervision for only begins at this time.
- When students arrive, they will need to go directly to their outside classroom door to drop off their backpacks.
- Once backpacks are in place in the class line up, then students may play.
- Health checks will be conducted at home by parents prior to students arriving to school.
- Students who are late will report to the office prior to going to class.
- Parents are asked to drop off their children and leave as quickly as possible.

ENTERING CLASSROOMS

- Teacher/CEA will meet students at the outside door of their classroom.
- Hand sanitizing procedures will remain the same.

DISMISSAL/PICK UP

- Bus students will be escorted to the bus lines and are able to play once their backpacks are in the lineup.
- After bus students have left the room, other students will be escorted out of the room by classroom teachers.
- Parents will pick-up from outside classroom door or arrange pick up for early dismissal in the parking lot.
- Parents leave for home **immediately** after pick-up to avoid congregating on school property or traffic issues.
- Students who walk/ride bikes will be directed to leave for home immediately upon dismissal.

STUDENT WASHROOMS/FOUNTAINS

- The washroom closest to student's classroom must be used, with a 4-student maximum at any given time.
- Students will use washrooms on the office side during recess and lunch.
- The bottle filling stations are automatic, so there is no touching involved and they can be used by students.



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STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS

- If a student becomes symptomatic while at school, they will be removed immediately from class and parents will be contacted to pick them up.
- Parents are asked to complete the following questionnaire at home daily:


- Or, parents can access the Health Check Mobile App to complete the questionnaire at home daily:



Download the K to 12 Health Check Mobile App

The K to 12 Health Check App is also available on your mobile phone.



 DAILY HEALTH CHECK	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C)	If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Chills	
Cough	
Difficulty breathing	
Loss of sense of smell or taste	
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat	If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.
Loss of appetite	
Headache	If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
Body aches	
Extreme fatigue or tiredness	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption . Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival , as part of federal requirements .
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	If yes: Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.

Important dates:

- Jan. 10 School back in session
- Jan. 19 PAC Mtg.@6:00 (TEAMS)
- Feb. 17 Report Cards Distributed
- Feb. 18 Regional Pro-D Day
- Feb. 21 Family Day Holiday



At Highland Park Elementary School we believe:

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

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.



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