

Upcoming Events

Wed., November 12

- Assembly 8:15 am
- PAC Meeting 2:30 HPE Library
- PAC Hot Lunch - Chicken Pesto

Thursday, November 13

- Skating - Daughtry's and Kalf's class 8:30 - 9:30, Benges's class 1 - 1:45

Friday, November 14

- Skating - Ricard and Coombs's classes 8:30 - 9:45

Monday, November 17

- Wheelchairs arriving at HPE for physical Literacy lessons

Wed., November 19

- PAC Hot Lunch – Subway
- [Purdy's Order](#) deadline (PAC) - campaign 59491

Thursday, November 20

- [HUSKY STRONG SPIRIT DAY](#) - Lumberjack Day
- School Learning Plan Parent Session @HPE 7 pm - 8 pm - all HPE parents welcome (Library)

Friday, November 21

- Legion Contests due to HPE office - [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

November 24 - 28

- Book Fair Week/Career Week

Wed., November 26

- PAC Hot Lunch - Mac and Cheese
- Knowledge Keeper Visit - Laureen Felix

Thursday, November 27

- Kalf's class to City Hall

Friday, November 28

- PAC Hot Lunch - Mac and Cheese

Monday, December 1

- Knowledge Keeper Visit - Laureen Felix

Tuesday, December 2

- Skating - Byrnes' class 8:30 - 9:30, Fassbender's class 1 - 1:45 pm

Other Information:

11. Winter Recreation Dates for grade 4 and 5 students are Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Friday, January 23, 2026, Tuesday, February 3, 2026. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

12. Communicating Student Learning: Written Learning Updates will be available for families online on Tuesday, December 16. Hard copies will be sent home on Wednesday, December 17.

13. Winter Concert: More information will be coming soon about the times students will be performing on Thursday, December 18. We ask that parents use the outside entrance to the gym and follow our parking instructions and visitor sign in process if coming into the main building. More information about parking will be sent out in the next few weeks.

14. FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment) – Administration of this provincial assessment is completed. I feel confident that we were able to fulfill our promise to ensure that students had their best chance to show their best work.

15. What does it mean to be HUSKY STRONG? We, S – Show Safe Choices, T – Take care of each other, R – Respect EVERYONE, O – Own your actions, N – Never give up, G – Grow Together through GOALS

16. Christmas Movie Days (PAC) – Tuesday, Dec 9 and Monday, December 15 are the confirmed dates. We have a proposed schedule and are working with teachers on coming up with some suggestions of movies with their students.

17. Book Fair set for Nov. 24 – 28. More info to come.

18. Restoration Update – Ms. Fassbender's classroom and project room is almost complete, then onto Ms. Cooper's class, Rm. 16. Our hallway, main office and other smaller spaces are most likely getting repaired over the Winter Break. We have a meeting next week to establish the scope of work in the timeline provided.

19. We received a \$10,000 grant from our neighbours, DRAX. This amount will be utilized for an extended pathway along the far/long side of the school. SD83 Operations have agreed to supplement the project financially in order to dig out the dirt right next to the school. Level it a bit and spread rock before the concrete for the path is installed. While this work is being done, K/1/2 students who usually line up in this area will line up at the front of the school and the grade 4/5 students will line up at the back. Excavation will be getting started this week, concrete will be in the Spring.

19. You can see our long list of important dates and upcoming events on our school website, <https://hpe.sd83.bc.ca/>

19. Unplug and Play – Is there something the PAC would like to organize for Unplug and Play? See email communication from LASS Oct. 30.

20. Willing to Ninja – review communication received by email.

21. Operation Food Drive – Competition by division – Div 14, 13, 12, 11, 10 (K/1s) then Div. 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 (Grade 2/3/4) Division 4, 3, 2, 1 (Grade 4/5). Dec. 1 – 12.

Principal Report PAC

Wednesday,
November 12

Problem solving process—How to communicate concerns with your school:

[CLICK HERE](https://sd83.bc.ca/parent-concerns/) or use the link
<https://sd83.bc.ca/parent-concerns/>



HUSKY STRONG

RESPECT

of self, others, and property

RESPONSIBILITY

for actions and decision

RIGHT

of all to enjoy lifelong learning

1. Land Acknowledgement – K'wsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw.

[K'wsaltktnéws](#): KWA-SEELT-K-NAWS

- We are all connected – land, air, water, people, and animals
- ne Secwepemcúl'ecw: NAY SUH-KWEP-MUK-OO-LOO
- on Secwepemc land

2. Enrollment – Our enrollment is at 291. (down two student since last report)

3. Parking Lot UPDATE – [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the new Parking Lot routine. Reminders to please turn right only during our busy times and no parking in the back of the school. Avoid parking in the angled parking as it is too congested to get out during our busy times. The THROUGH lane is to the left of the cone. **Crossing Guard Volunteers needed please.** Thank you for the two green guys that were purchased they are out on our main cross walk and the one at the back of the school marking the cross walk along Highland Park Drive.

4. [CLICK HERE](#) to access previous Newsletters. [CLICK HERE](#) to review Newsletter 3 for the 2025 – 2026 school year. We also posted a HUSKY HIGHLIGHT full of timely reminders – [CLICK HERE](#) for that post.

5. School Learning Plan: [CLICK HERE](#) for the most recent version. Ms. Mac and I will be hosting a meeting for parents on Thursday, November 20 from 7 – 8 to review these goals, progress and direction with interested parents.

6. Staffing – Welcome to two additional CEAs. Welcome to Stefanie Pollen and Annelise Leclerc.

7. Hardship – As always, please contact Shelly Cull, Principal if you are experiencing hardship and not able to cover expenses for field trips, etc. This includes Winter Rec. We have a program available to families at HPE called Starfish Backpack Program to support food security. If you or if you know someone that might benefit, please contact Shelly. There is also a Legion Angel Tree project that can support our families. Again, please see Shelly before

8. Lauren Felix, Knowledge Keeper will be at HPE On November 26th, 28th and December 1st and 2nd to engage student in the opportunity to drum and learn the Secwepemc Welcome Song.

9. Physical Literacy: Wheelchairs will be at HPE from Nov. 17 – Dec 8 as part of the adapted wheelchair sports program. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more posted on TEAMS including lesson ideas for your Physical Education planning. They rotate through schools in SD83 every second year.

10. You may notice some **changes coming soon to our website.** We are transitioning to a new platform with a new look shortly. Just FYI.



SD83

Mission: Empowering students to become confident, curious, and caring individuals who thrive in their learning, relationships and community.

Vision: Preparing students to become educated citizens who contribute to a dynamic, sustainable, and diverse world.

Values: Belonging, Respect, Empathy, Equity, Perseverance, Reconciliation