



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #5 February 2020

I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed time with family and friends. Our winter recreation program begins this month, with classes skating, cross-country skiing and downhill skiing for our grade 5's.

On behalf of the students and staff of Highland Park Elementary, I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. All the best for 2020!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Skiing and Skating (Jan)

A reminder to parents that our Ski and Skate Winter programs begin this month. Grade 5 students will be heading to Silver Star for ski/board lessons while our Grade 4's head to Sovereign for Cross Country. Grade 5 students should arrive at the school at **7:30 am** in order for the bus to leave for Silver Star on time. Students will return to the school **between 4:30 and 5:00 pm**.

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Information for skating has already been sent home along with a schedule. Please look at dates and times carefully.

Please be sure your child has the appropriate clothing and equipment (mitts, snow pants, **helmets**, **skates**, etc). Our thanks to PAC for their contributions and support which make including these activities in our P.E. program possible.



Sick Children

It's that time of the year when children are coming down with colds. Please make sure that your child stays home if they are sick, as we wish to limit the spread of colds as much as possible.

Coats, Hats, Etc

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



Basketball!!

Basketball season will start in January. Players have already been practicing and getting ready for league games. This year, we will have two boy's teams and one girl's team. Good luck Huskies!

Unplug & Play Family Literacy Week

January 25th to February 1st, 2020

Unplug & Play Family Literacy Week: January 25th to February 1st, 2020. The Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society (LASS) and many community organizations invite you to participate in Unplug & Play Family Literacy Week from January 25th to February 1st, 2020. Children use an average of 7.5 hours of entertainment technology per day. We are encouraging students and their families to find a way to balance their technology use by spending more time playing and interacting face-to-face with one another. Unplug & Play Passports will be distributed to all elementary students in the school district. The challenge is for students and families to reduce or eliminate their screen/electronic time for one week. On each passport, there is a daily checklist to record achievements and a schedule of free events for families throughout the North Okanagan-Shuswap. Students can bring their completed passports to the school office and enter for a chance to win a draw prize. For more information, please visit www.shuswapliteracy.ca

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.

Lego Club

Lego Club will be starting in the Library on Wednesday, Jan 15th for Grades 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:

Thurs. Jan. 30:	Sign Up for K-2
Fri. Jan. 31:	Sign Up for Grades 3-5
Mon. Mar. 2 - Mar. 13:	Auditions
Mon. Mar. 30 - Apr. 2:	Call backs
Fri. April 3 :	Talent Show

I am certain that there will be a staff entry this year - stay tuned!



District Art Fair

The school District Art Fair is a week-long event (March 2nd to 6th) 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.

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The highlights of the Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 4th 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.



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:

- **Jan. 7** Skating Program begins
- **Jan. 13** Ski program first day
- **Jan. 14** PAC Meeting, 6:00
- **Jan. 20** Ski program second day
- **Jan. 23** Favourite Book Character
- **Jan. 27** Ski program third day
- **Feb. 3** Pro-D

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