



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #7 March 2019

Principal's Message

March is upon us bringing with it March Break and Spring! Students and staff have been working very hard and are ready for a sunny holiday.

We have many activities coming up before and after Spring Break, so I know the time will go fast. Once again, a huge thanks to our staff, parents, and community members who do so much to make this such a special school for our students.

Best wishes for a happy, safe and fun March break for you and your family!!

Sincerely,

Rob Ellis

Okanagan Symphony Orchestra

On March 12th we will be taking the grade 1-5 students on a field trip to the Vernon Performing Arts Center. They will attend the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra's performance *Meet Our Orchestra Family*. This 50 minute program will showcase different instruments in the orchestra through exciting pieces like Rossini's *William Tell Overture* (The Lone Ranger theme) as well as more calming pieces such as Morricone's *Gabriel's Oboe* from the movie 'The Mission'. It will be the perfect culminating activity for the students who are exploring instrument families and gives the students real world experience directly connected to their learning. A huge thank you to the PAC for buying the tickets for all students to attend! Another big thank you to Ms. Lelond for arranging this great event!

Verification forms and student 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 know and arrangements will be made.

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.

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.

Talent Show

Once again our school will be holding a Talent Show. Please see below for specific dates:

Mon. Mar. 4 - Mar. 15:	Auditions
Mon. April 1-5:	Call Back Auditions
Fri. April 12:	Talent Show

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

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Early Years Fair

On Wednesday, March 6th all families and caregivers with children 0 - 5 are invited to attend the Early Years Fair. This event is free and will be held in the Highland Park Gym from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Early Years Fair is an opportunity for parents, caregivers and all family members to gain information about their child's development, connect with service providers! Receive a gift bag of education tools! Enter to win a prize. This event includes Children's Entertainer Kiki the Eco Elf, Face painting by Christine! Toys/ activity center provided by Child Care Resource and Referral. *Complimentary Pizza & beverages.



Basketball season is almost over, and our teams have improved immensely! The season will be ending with a round-robin tournament at Shuswap Middle School for both teams. The Girl's Tournament is on Tuesday, March 12th, and the Boy's Tournament is on Thursday, March 14th. Players will be leaving school at 2:00.



The school District Art Fair is a week-long event (March 4th to 8th) 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.

The highlights of the Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 6th 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.



Go Pink!

Wednesday, February 27th was "Wear Pink" day - a day to take a stand against bullying. It all started with a couple of young students in Nova Scotia. One of their classmates was bullied because he wore pink to school. To show support, they wore pink the next day and their action quickly spread across the province and the country.

Important dates:

- Mar. 4th Talent Show auditions
- Mar. 6th Art Fair
- Mar. 8th Benge's class at Vernon Arts Centre
- Mar. 12th Grades 1 to 5 at Okanagan Symphony Orchestra
- Mar. 13th District Chess Tourn. Report Cards go home
- Mar. 15 Last day before Spring Vacation
 - Divs. 6/8 at Sovereign Lake
 - Backwards Day
 - Div. 2 at H2O
- Apr. 1 School re-opens
- Apr. 19 Good Friday - School holiday
- Apr. 22 Easter Mon - School holiday
- Apr. 23 Pro-D



At Highland Park Elementary School we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

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Right to enjoy lifelong learning

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