



HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #7 March 2020

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

We are very pleased to announce that the grade 1-3 students will be attending the Symphony on March 11th at the Vernon Performing Arts Center. Keep an eye out for the permission forms coming home soon!

This year the OSO is thrilled to present a brand-new show for this season's Symphony School Show: Tmixw (the nsyilxcən word for animals). This show will shine a spotlight on the animals of the Okanagan from the perspective of the Sylix people. Curated by Cori Derrickson:smqwmqwtalqs, Sqilw Artist of the Okanagan Nation, with new orchestrations by Summerland composer Anita Perry, Tmixw will celebrate the land and the animals of the Okanagan using music, drama, dance and storytelling with a focus on Nsyilxcən, the traditional language of the Sylix people of the Okanagan. Okanagan students and professional performers will share the stage with the OSO as we celebrate this rich heritage.

A huge thank you to the PAC for paying for the buses! Another big thank you to Ms. Lelond for arranging this great event!

Ready, Set, Learn

A **Ready, Set, Learn** event will take place in every elementary school in the North Okanagan-Shuswap between January and March 2020. **Ours will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd in the gym from 9:30 to 10:30**

- **Ready, Set, Learn** is a free early **learning** event for families with children who are **3 to 5 years old**
- All families will receive free books and a kit of materials and resources to help support their child's early **learning** experiences
- All families are encouraged to pre-register for the event at their local school or contact Jennifer Findlay at 250-833-2095 or jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca for more information

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.

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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 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.



Basketball

Our teams have done very well this season with only two combined losses for all three teams! Way To Go Huskies! The District tournament will be held in the second week of March, and we wish all our players well as they compete against the best from our district.



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.

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.

Important Dates:

- Mar. 3 Ready, Set, Learn, 9:30
- Mar. 5th Divs. 6 & 7 at Sovereign
- Mar. 9th Grade 4's at Sovereign
- Mar. 11th Symphony, 9:30
- Mar. 12th Div. 5 Sleepover
Divs. 6 & 7 at Sovereign
- Mar. 13th Last day before Spring Break
- Mar. 15th Last day before Spring Vacation
- Mar. 30th School re-opens
- Apr. 3rd Talent Show, 12:30
- Apr. 8th Jersey Day/Author visit
- Apr. 10th Good Friday - School holiday
- Apr. 13th Easter Mon - School holiday



At Highland Park Elementary School we believe:

Respect of self, others, and property

Responsibility for actions and decisions

Right to enjoy lifelong learning

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