

HIGH PARK SCHOOL



Bi-Weekly School Newsletter

HIGH PARK HERALD
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PRINCIPAL'S MEMO

It was great to see so many families out at Meet the Teacher night!

In keeping with Parkland's commitment to student success and well-being, we are once again working to promote healthy eating and create a positive food environment for all students. We would like to acknowledge the President's Choice Children's Charity Power Full Kids program in providing support for food security at High Park for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

High Park's cross-country run is coming up on October 3rd! We are in need of volunteers from our parent community to make this event a success. Please email denise.daniell@psd.ca to sign up!

Ms. Marcinkevics,
Principal

Hurricane Athletics & PE

- All students are required to wear indoor running shoes in PE classes
- Classes have scheduled outdoor PE classes, students need to dress for the weather and can expect to be outside through all seasons
- Jr A and Sr teams have all completed their seeding rounds, league schedules will be released Monday. Senior Boys will play on Tuesday and Jr A Boys & Girls will play on Wednesday. Locations and times of these games TBD.

Cross Country Runs:

- Thursday September 19 @ Woodhaven
- Thursday September 26 @ Duffield
- Thursday October 3 @ High Park
- Thursday October 10 @ Meridian Heights
- Thursday October 17 @ Prescott (Jubilee Park)



Celebrating our differences and working together to build a fantastic display!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 17, 2024 at 6pm**
School Council & PAL Meeting
- **September 20, 2024**
PD Day (No School)
- **September 24, 2024**
Picture Day
- **September 25, 2024**
M/W Kinder Picture Day
- **September 26, 2024**
Terry Fox Run
- **September 27, 2024**
Orange Shirt Day
- **September 30, 2024**
Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

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EVENTS Calendar**

High Park Library

Greetings from Mrs. C in the Library,

We've had a fantastic beginning of the year in our school library! All students have now had the opportunity to take library books out to enjoy both at school and at home. In our Grades 3-6 classes the students have voted on a book to read together as part of their library block - it's the greatest way to go on an adventure together without ever having to leave our school building! Ask your student(s) what novel we are reading - you just never know when it might be a title you recognize from your own time at school. :)

This week (Sept. 9-13) we read *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds which reminded us all of how each of us is different and those differences should be celebrated - even in something as simple as filling in a dot reflects the beauty in those difference. For the next 2 weeks we will be focusing on Canadian hero Terry Fox as we prepare for the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 26. During this time we will also be learning about the importance of recognizing that Every Child Matters through many stories written and illustrated by Indigenous artists, which our school will celebrate on Sept. 27 in our own initiative of ongoing reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours and friends.

Have a wonderful remainder of September... October will be here before we know it!

Band Bulletin/Music Memo

The High Park Concert Band is starting up next week! Important dates:

September 18th: First Class Meeting (3:20-4:40)

- The High Park Concert Band begins on Wednesday, September 18th. Rehearsals run after school on Wednesdays from 3:20-4:40. Any student in Grade 6-9 is welcome to join the band. All interested students, please complete the [registration form](#) and hand it in to Ms. Schultz by September 18th.

September 25th: Startup Clinic (12:35-1:05)

- Band students and 6Z students will attend an in-school field trip on Wednesday, September 25th. Professional guest teachers for each instrument have been invited to the school to teach students how to properly assemble the instrument, create a sound, and play the first few notes.

Grade 3-6 Choir will begin next week!

Any interested students in Grade 3-6 are invited to come to the first meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at lunch recess (12:35-1:05). A paper copy of [choir permission forms](#) will be sent home next week with students.

PAL - Your Fundraising Parent Group

Hot lunch is running again this year! We will be open for orders on September 4th and close on 25th of the month.

Sign up for hot lunch at hpspal.hotlunches.net/
Access Code: HPHL

Attendance Matters



A 90% attendance rate means you're chronically absent.

It's equivalent to missing one month of learning in a year.

Absences reduce your chances of academic success and can negatively impact your mental well-being.

Attend today, achieve tomorrow.



Counselling Corner

Hoping everyone is having a great start to the school year! The links below contain mental health resources for parents and students.

- Triplep-parenting: <https://www.triplep-parenting.ca/alb-en/find-help/triple-p-online/>
- West view PCN: [Youth Mental Health Clinic](#)
- AMH Education Sessions Newsletter: [05 AMH Education Sessions Newsletter - Sep 2024.pdf](#)

If you are seeking counselling at the school, please connect with Ms. Marcinkevics, Mrs. Dallinger, or your child's teacher.

Attendance

You may have received a call or an email regarding attendance concerns from last year. Please know that we want to work with you to ensure that your child is receiving the best education they can and attendance is a key indicator of success. Parkland is actively working to ensure that attendance remains a priority. If you are under 85% attendance, it means you have missed a month and a half a school a year.

Notes from the office

Please ensure that your past years School Fees are up to date. We did have adjustments to some of our Field Trip fees from 2023 - 2024.

Fees for Field Trips and Extracurricular activities for the current 2024 - 2025 School Year will be added to your Powerschool Parent Portal throughout the year. Please note that all school fees are collected on a cost-recovery basis. It is an expectation that school fee accounts are up-to-date for students to participate in extracurricular activities.

If you are unable to make payment for school fees due to financial constraints, please contact the school office as payment plans are available.

The preferred payment method is through the online Powerschool Parent Portal. You can also pay by cash, credit card or cheque to the School Office. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Parkland School Division.

As always, should you require assistance logging into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, or have any questions regarding your account please contact the office at 780-963-2222 or email at liselle.klack@psd.ca.



First cross country race of the year!

Safe School Drop Off & Pick Up

We are asking for your support to ensure safe arrival and pick up for all students. Our street can get quite hectic during those busy times. Please pay close attention to our crosswalks and when opening car doors. We would like to keep our pedestrians and cyclists safe! The back trails continue to be the safest route for cyclists. When using our busy front sidewalk area in front of the bus lane, we really appreciate when students and families walk their bikes and scooters.

A message from School Council

Hello High Park Parents,

Many parents ask why we fundraise for the school. Where does the money go? How does it support their child?

50% of the funds raised are set aside for current needs that arise during the school year.

Examples of this have been buying Chrome books for the school, investing in new jerseys for the sports teams, supporting the music program, helping buy supplies for the sensory room.

25% of funds raised go to short term needs which happen within 2-5 years. And the remaining 25% go towards long term goals that are 10+ years in the future.

Currently P.A.L. is working to expand our current playground footprint with an inclusive unit. We are applying for various grants to help fund this project.

September 17, 2024 will be our first night of meetings for both P.A.L. and School Council. P.A.L. will meet in the school library at 6pm and School Council will meet right after at 7pm. There is a virtual option for both meetings. Links will be posted on the High Park Facebook Page on Tuesday ahead of the meeting.

Please come join us, learn what our plans are for the year and how you can get involved. The more volunteers we have, the more support we can provide the school.

I look forward to seeing you there on the 17 th !
Catrin Thomson
School Council Chair
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