HIGH PARK

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PRINCIPAL'S MEMO

We are into the final week before the break! Our students had fantastic performances at our Christmas Concerts and it was great to see so many families out. If you can take a minute to fill out our Share a Thought Survey, we would love your feedback on our question about Christmas Concerts. Please access it here.

Our results from the 2023-2024 school year are hot off the press and High Park is a great place to be and learn. Check out our <u>full</u> <u>report</u> or skim through the Key Takeaways to catch the highlights.

All the best to your family this holiday season and see you in the new year!

Ms. Marcinkevics, Principal

Hurricane Athletics & PE

Congratulations to our grade 5 & 6 Handball teams for their successful and fun filled day of handball!

All basketball teams have completed their seeding games and will begin their league games the New Year. We hope everyone enjoys the break and come back rested and ready for the season!

Bi-Weekly School Newsletter

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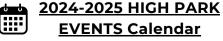
Grade 5 and 6 Handball Players

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 17 2024 Grinch Day! Wear green
- **December 18, 2024** Whoville Funky Hair Day
- **December 19, 2024** Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- December 20, 2024 Pajama Dav
- December 23 January 3rd Winter Break - No School







Counselling Corner

Wishing each and every High Park family a safe and happy winter break. As we know, unexpected circumstances can happen and certain events occur that are beyond our control. If you should find yourself in such a situation over the holidays please know there are community agencies open and available to assist you and your family over the school break.

- Town of Stony Plain Help for Hard Times
- <u>Tri-Region Season Guide</u>
- <u>Community Low-cost Counselling Services</u>
- Grief Support During The Holidays 2024

Here is the December edition of <u>PSDs Stronger</u> <u>Together Newsletter</u>

A message from School Council & PAL

Keep an eye on this section of the High Park Herald to keep up-to-date with School Council and PAL news, events, and initiatives to see how we are continuing to provide resources to our school that wouldn't otherwise be available, as well as how you can help!

P.A.L. would like to thank all those who donated baked goods for the bake sale. The Christmas Market was a success. Donations for the food bank raised \$140 for the Food Bank / Christmas Hamper Program.

If you ordered Make It Sow please watch your children's backpacks. Orders will be coming home in the coming days. If your order is too large for your child to bring home P.A.L. will contact you to arrange pickup.

P.A.L has one fundraiser running into the New Year -Pet Foods Inc. Purchase a gift certificate online, or in purson and save 10% off your purchase. 10% of the Total Gift Certificate Sales will be directed to High Park School. Gift certificates can be purchased at <u>www.petfoodsetc.ca</u>.

School Council and P.A.L. wish you're a Happy Holiday season and we look forward to working with you in the new year.

Catrin Thomson School Council Chair Contact email: highpark.scchair@partner.psd.ca

Band Bulletin/Choir Connection

Congratulations to all students who performed in the Christmas concerts last week! Choir will start up again in the New Year. Any new members in Grade 3-6 are welcome to join at this time. Band will rehearse on December 18th and then break until school resumes in January.

PAL - Your Fundraising Parent Group

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

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

High Park Library

It has been a great month of December in the library with the fabulous art from the Alberta Art Gallery, the Elder visits, and of course....THE BOOKS!!! Books of Christmas and Winter and Crafting and Learning....and Travelling... without ever actually having to leave the comfort of home or school -AMAZING!!

Students in Grades 4-9 will have the option of taking books out over the holiday but, of course, they will need to be returned in the first week of school when we return in January. Our ECS - Grade 3 will return all of their library books prior to the holiday in order for them to come back and not be worried about where their library book might be.

I wish you all a great time of being together with loved ones and a joyous holiday season - see you next year!!

Notes from the Office

Hey Folks, you would not believe it if you saw it...Lost and Found, It is crazy what kids lose.

Best stop by before we do a run to the thrift shops.

Please remember to call/email in your student's absence to the absence line 780-963-2222 or <u>highpark@psd.ca</u>

High Park Ski & Snowboard Club - Permission forms have gone home so please get those in. Mrs. Clark will be reaching out to volunteers in the upcoming days to organize our trips. The fees for the trip are in PowerSchool and remember, all outstanding fees must be paid to participate in this extra-curricular event.