

HIGH PARK SCHOOL



Bi-Weekly School Newsletter

HIGH PARK HERALD
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PRINCIPAL'S MEMO

We have noticed lately that several students are arriving prior to our first bell at 8:15am when doors are opened and supervision starts. With the cold weather this week we wanted to ensure families were aware to time their arrival.

Teaching and learning opportunities during transportation cancellation may vary depending on the number of students who are learning from home, balanced with the number of students who are able to attend school, and this may differ from class to class or grade to grade within schools across the Division.

Ms. Marcinkevics,
Principal



Our Volunteerism CTF students

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 6 & 7, 2025**
Teachers' Convention (No School)
- **February 12, 2025 at 6:00pm**
Kindergarten Open House
- **February 14, 2025**
PD Day (No School)
- **February 17, 2025**
Family Day (No School)
- **February 18, 2025 at 6:00pm**
School Council Meeting

Band Bulletin/Choir Connection

Upcoming Events:

- 6R Startup Band Clinic - 6R students will attend an in-school field trip on Wednesday, February 19th. Professional guest teachers for each instrument have been invited to the school to teach students how to properly assemble their instrument, create a sound, and play the first few notes.

Hurricane Athletics & PE

Jr Hurricane Athletics & PE:

Feb 10: Sr Boys vs Blueberry @ High Park 3:30

Jr Girls Hector at Prescott 4:45

Feb 11: Sr Boys vs CFL @ High Park 3:45

Feb 12: Jr Boys at Meridian Heights

Feb 13: Sr Boys vs SML @ SML 3:45

Jr B Girls vs Greystone 4:15 & 5:00

PE classes will be participating in jump rope activities beginning February 24 during a Fitness Unit. We will be building jump rope skills and stamina while we raise money for

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**2024-2025 HIGH PARK
EVENTS Calendar**

A message from School Council & PAL

On Friday, January 31, 2025 all Parkland School Division Parents and Guardians received an email from Superintendent Shauna Boyce entitled 'Potential Labour Action Update'. Many concerned parents have reached out to school administrators with their questions and concerns, me among them.

To help our community I wanted to provide a link that covers many of the concerns you may have regarding impacts to your child's learning. Please take time to read the page on the PSD website that is full of frequently asked questions that pertain to parents and staff. ([Labour Action Updates | Parkland School Division](#))

This is a very stressful time for all involved. Parents and Guardians are worried about potential learning impacts, potential classroom shifts, and rumours they have heard. Teachers, Support Staff and Administrators are working hard to provide an upbeat learning environment during these times. I urge you to please remember that everyone is affected and be kind, polite and gracious when dealing with staff during this time. If you have further concerns, please reach out to school administrators.

Catrin Thomson
School Council Chair
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Travel for Credit Enrolment is Open

Registration is now open for this summer's Travel for Credit program. In partnership with EF Educational Tours, **Parkland School Division** is offering students the chance to travel while earning school credit this summer.

Courses available:

Grades 10 and 11, Communication Technology (Summer Edition): Exploring Media in Europe - Paris & Nice.

The Travel for Credit program takes place throughout the months of July and August. Our program is now open to all current Grade 9 to 12 students. Students who register for the program will be able to earn credit by participating in 6 weeks of self-paced learning plus one week of travel with EF Educational Tours.

Learn more about Travel for Credit at Parkland School Division

Please [--click here--](#) to find travel dates, cost, FAQs and more.

Or join our upcoming info session: (Online)
Date: February 11th, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm (MST)
Registration Link [--Click Here--](#)

Counselling Corner

There is a theory by Dr. Gary Chapman that each person expresses and feels love in the same five ways: Acts of Service, gifts, physical touch, quality time, and words of affirmation. Dr. Chapman referred to this as the [5 Love Languages](#). Usually the way a child shows love is also the way they prefer to receive it. Knowing your child's love language builds attachment and contributes to their emotional safety and well-being.

Here is the February edition of [PSD's Stronger Together Newsletter](#).

PAL - Your Fundraising Parent Group

Hot lunch is running again this year! We will be open for orders on February 5th and close on 25th of the month.

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



Join us for **YOUTH PICKLEBALL!!!!**

When: **Feb 13 & 19 4:30-6pm**

Where: **Stony Plain Pavilion
Heritage Park**

Come on out and let's introduce you to a wonderful game that we all love!! If you know of some children that would like to play and are the ages between 9 and 15 please sign up via email. Email juniorspickleball@yellowheadwest.ca to register to play.

This is a NO COST Try it for 2 sessions!!! We will provide the pickleball paddles for these 2 sessions

Pickleball can:

- Promote Physical Activity
- Develop Social Skills
- Building confidence & Self Esteem
- Intergenerational Connections
- Academic Benefits
- Community Engagement

High Park Library

Brrrrrr...it's cold outside....if the students are chilly they should stop into the library and grab a book! They might still be chilly, but at least they will have a book!! 😊

For all that good reading there is also a lot of Lego building going on during the lunch break and on Fridays during library blocks. Some of the building projects are of epic proportions and my builders are in need of a bit more. If you happen to be tired of stepping on those sharp little Legos in your home I would gladly rehome them here in the library and the Lego builders would be excited to put your pieces to work!! Thanks, in advance, to any Friends of the Library who can help out. Please feel free to contact me by email at: amy.collett@psd.ca if you would like to chat about the Lego. Have a great February stay warm and remind your student(s) to take a few minutes to read, read, READ - It can take them places without needing to leave their house.