

HIGH PARK SCHOOL PAL

MARCH 2025

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have made it more than **HALFWAY** through the current school year and we are extremely excited to see what the rest of the year has to bring!

In this issue of the newsletter, we want to highlight what PAL does with the fundraising money we generously receive through our campaigns during the year.

Currently we are working towards building an inclusive park addition for the students, as well as the community at large, and we are getting closer to achieving this goal.

We work closely with administration to make sure we are contributing funds to all different demographics in the school. PAL funds help when school administration has expenses that come up that are not allotted for in their budget. Read on to see what's been previously done, and what we are looking to fund going forward. At our next meeting, we have administration doing a presentation regarding this if anyone wants to join either in person, or remotely.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of our school community.

High Park PAL

Meetings held monthly in the school library at 7pm following the School Council meeting.

Next Meeting:
March 18
(Virtual option available!)

CONTACT INFO

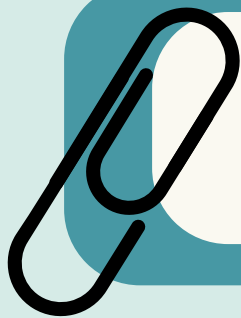
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

High Park School Parents' Advisory League (PAL) raises money to help enhance the school experience for families and to provide academic and extracurricular opportunities for students that would otherwise not be provided. High Park PAL works to contribute to the success of the school by collaborating with the administration, staff and parents to align with school goals.

- *Managing our Hot Lunch fundraising program is an undertaking and a half! This program is 100% volunteer based and provided by PAL yearly for the students.
- *This year, PAL has organized and delivered two very successful events: our Annual Halloween Hoopla and our Annual Bake Sale!
In Addition, PAL has contributed funds for sensory room equipment, an emergency scoreboard repair, and a Staff Appreciation event right before winter break.
- *Did you know PAL facilitates the Nutrition Donation Program? You'll see our volunteers in the school serving up breakfast to dozens of hungry kids many mornings throughout the week!
- *Currently PAL, in conjunction with school staff and administration, is running our first ever Read-A-Thon! Along with generous donations from surrounding community businesses, PAL has funded a delightful array of prizes for students who participate. We hope to encourage literacy and excite kids about reading while raising funds for new Chromebooks.
- *It has recently come to our attention that broken equipment on the playground, as well as in the gym, will require funds to be replaced or repaired.
- *The biggest item on PAL's agenda right now is the inclusive park addition! This is an expansion of our current playground and is completely separate from High Park School in regards to funding. We currently have a cash raffle running in support of this initiative. Please look for the QR code below to get your tickets!



CURRENT & UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

READ-A-THON

March 10 to April 7, 2025

We are very excited to present this program for the first time at our school this month! Students can log minutes online to work towards amazing prizes that have been donated by local businesses, individuals, and by PAL. Look for information sent home in back packs and on our social media pages. Also, be sure to take a look at the plethora of incredible prizes on display in the cabinet by the gym!

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

May 3, 2025 - 9am to 3pm

Spring cleaning? Looking to get rid of that winter clutter? PAL will be setting up a community yard sale in front of the school. Sign up with us at HighParkFundraiser@gmail.com to reserve a spot to sell your items! Or just donate items to the school for sale during the Town of Stony Plain's popular annual treasure hunt weekend! Proceeds from reservations and donated items goes toward our Inclusive Playground Initiative!

CASH RAFFLE

PAL is getting closer and closer to our goal of providing a playground where families, students, and community members faced with mobility issues will be able to play along side their peers and family! If you haven't already supported this great endeavor, the cash raffle is open until April 25, 2025, and tickets are only \$10 each. Use the QR code below or www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ppa to get your tickets today!



SPRING FLING

APRIL 25, 2025 6-9pm

Spring is in the air and we are excited for our upcoming school dance! This year's dance will feature a snack concession, glitter tattoo station, door prize, and raffles with prizes the whole family will enjoy! Try your luck while we dance the night away with our families!

MABEL'S LABELS

If you're in the market for waterproof labels, clothing labels, or even wooden stamps, check out the selection at Mabel's Labels! Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose our organization from the list. 20% of your pre-tax purchase goes right back to High Park!

This is an on-going fundraiser, so you can order throughout the year.

BOSTON PIZZA

Bring your receipt from any Northern Alberta Boston Pizza location into the High Park School office for PAL to receive 5% back on behalf of High Park. Original receipts from Boston Pizza or any food delivery service (Uber Eats, Skip the Dishes) is accepted. There is a labeled container in the office and this program runs throughout the school year so you can bring them in any time!

BOTTLE DEPOT

Bring bottles and cans to our local Stony Plain Bottle Depot and request the refund in-part or in-full be donated to High Park PAL. As always, all proceeds collected on behalf of High Park go toward programs, equipment, and experiences that would not otherwise be provided.



REMINDERS

Hot Lunch ordering opens on the 1st, and closes on the 25th, each month for the following month.

If your child will be absent on a hot lunch day and you would like to send it to a sibling or arrange pick-up, please do so by contacting the office before 10am that day.

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Just a reminder with the on-going situation involving CUPE and our wonderful EA's, that everyone is working together towards the same goal of educating our children in the best, safest way possible. Thank you in advance for your kindness and understanding during this stressful time.

Previous contributions from PAL include, Chromebooks and charging carts, literacy programs, High Park Hurricanes jerseys, Physical Education equipment, a Music Program residency, our current playground, and so much more!

Please check out the proposed inclusive playground design ideas below!

