



# Hart Highlands Elementary School

October 2019

Newsletter

## Calendar

Oct. 3	School Photos
Oct. 9	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 10	Cross Country Meet (Spruceland)
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 24	Hot Lunch-Subway
Oct. 25	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
Oct 31	Pumpkin Carving Contest: Details to Follow
Nov. 5 & 7	Early Dismissal Days 1:38pm
Nov. 8	Hart Highlands Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov 28	PAC Movie Night
Nov 28	Hot Lunch-Edo Japan
Nov. 29	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
Dec. 6	Primary Report Writing Day (No School K-3)
Dec 20	Last Day Before Winter Break

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s), Staff, and Students,

Our first month of school have been active, exciting and productive. From the first bell on September 4th, the staff and students have put themselves into high gear and the energy has been boundless. We are confident that you have discovered, through discussions with your child(ren) that they have already been provided with various opportunities that have challenged, motivated and enabled them to progress along their individual learning paths.

The entire staff at Hart Highlands School takes great pride in nurturing a safe and rich learning environment for your child(ren). As well as challenging the children academically, we wholeheartedly believe in, and take seriously, our responsibility to instill in each of our students the importance of being a caring individual that supports one another both within and outside of our school community. Our Terry Fox Run, held on September 26th, was a great example of this. It was wonderful to see the entire school participating in the event that raised \$600 for cancer research.

Best of luck goes out to all of our cross country runners as they prepare for the upcoming, and final, meet of the season. On Thursday, October 10th our cross country team will be at Spruceland Elementary. We are proud of these runners for their continued commitment and for representing our school.

Please join us in welcoming M. Elson (Gr. 3/4), M. Kennedy (BAND), D. Heppner (EA), and L. Collins (EA) to the Hart Highlands staff. We are happy they are here and we know they will fit right in!

As we move into our first long weekend of the school year, we truly have reason to give thanks. On behalf of all of the staff at Hart Highlands, we would like to extend to you a Happy Thanksgiving. May you enjoy this time with family and friends, giving thanks for all with which you have been blessed.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Bond  
Principal

Ms. S. Whitehead  
Vice Principal

Mrs. L. Day  
Secretary

## Hart Highlands Bell Schedule: 2019/2020

8:20 am	Outside supervision begins
8:35 am	Warning bell
8:40 am	Classes begin
10:20 am	Recess begins
10:35 am	Recess ends
12:15 pm	Lunch begins
12:30 pm	Bell to go outside
12:55pm	Bell: Classes resume
2:38 pm	Dismissal
2:52 pm	Outside supervision ends

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Hart Highlands Elementary parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to join the PAC and contribute their ideas and energy to our school community. The next meeting will be held on:  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the school library.**

**MunchaLunch website:**  
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/harthighlands/>

## **World Teacher Day is October 5th**

Today we say "Thank You" to all of our teachers and educators who dedicated their lives to our next generation. We are especially proud of our Hart Highlands staff who are dedicated to improving achievement and well-being for all of our students. GO HUSKIES.

### Pedestrian Safety Tips

On Wednesday, September 11, 2019 we held an assembly, for Primary students, to talk about pedestrian safety. Following is a list of tips we shared with your child(ren). Please take a moment to review the tips and have a discussion regarding their learning and importance of making safe decisions whether they are walking to school, to a friends, or home.

#### **Teach Kids How to Walk Safely**

1. Teach kids at an early age to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until safely across.
2. It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
3. Teach kids to make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
4. Encourage kids to be especially alert for cars that are turning or backing up.
5. Teach kids not to run or dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
6. If kids are walking when it's dark out, teach them to be especially alert and make sure they are visible to drivers. Have them wear light- or brightly-colored clothing and reflective gear.

#### **Take Action Against Distraction**

1. Teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down when crossing the street. It is particularly important to reinforce the message with teenagers.
2. Pull headphones down or turn off the volume before crossing the street.
3. Be aware of others who may be distracted and speak up when you see someone who is in danger.
4. If kids need to use a cell phone, teach them to stop walking and find a safe area to talk.

#### **Let Your Actions Speak as Loudly as Your Words**

1. Be a good role model. Set a good example by putting your phone, headphones and devices down when walking around cars.
2. When driving, put cell phones and other distractions in the back seat or out of sight until your final destination.
3. Be especially alert and slow down when driving in residential neighborhoods and school zones. Be on the lookout for bikers, walkers or runners who may be distracted or may step into the street unexpectedly.
4. Give pedestrians the right of way and look both ways when making a turn to spot any bikers, walkers or runners who may not be immediately visible.

### Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school at 250-962-9211 to report it to us no later than 8:15 a.m. If we do not receive a call from you, we will call to find out the reason for your child's absence. Please ensure we have phone numbers where you can be reached throughout the day.

### Late Arrival

It is extremely important for your children to arrive for school on time. Being on time teaches children, at an early age, the importance of being punctual, an important character trait that will serve them well in the future. In addition, arriving late means missing out on learning and can be disruptive to the other children in the class as well. Of course, there are times when being late is unavoidable and we understand that. If children are late, they need to report to the office upon arrival to obtain a late slip.

### Picking Your Child Up Throughout the Day

If you need to pick up your child for whatever reason while school is in session, please report to the office. We will call your child from class to come to the office to meet you. If your child comes back to the school later in the day, he/she will need to report to the office for a late slip and to be signed back in. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Reminders for Bus Families

With the arrival of chilly mornings, please ensure that children are dressed for the weather.

To help ensure a safe and comfortable ride for everyone, students are asked to keep all parts of the body inside the bus, and to follow the driver's instructions the first time they are given.

Seating plans are a routine bus procedure, just as in the classroom.

Thank you for having your child(ren) to the designated stop five minutes before the bus, and supervising until the bus arrives.



## LOST and FOUND

Each year many articles find their way to the lost and found bin. To help reduce losses we suggest that all students' articles be labelled, especially all gym wear, outdoor clothing and boots.

Lost items can be found in the lost and found bin located in the hall beside the Girls' Change room.

Small items such as rings, keys, etc. are kept in the office.

Unclaimed Lost and Found articles are donated to charity after students and parents have been given notice. This happens approximately 3 times per year.

## What's Up in the Library?

Hello! My name is Ms. McKinnon and I am the new Teacher-Librarian at Hart Highlands. On the three days of the week that I am in the school, I meet with all classes for book exchanges and other related activities. The library is now in full swing and all students are checking out books on a weekly basis.

Ask your Intermediate child about how they solved puzzles to "Escape the Library." Primary students can tell you all about how to properly care for their books: Books colour your world, but don't colour in your books! Students in all divisions can tell you about Phyllis and her orange shirt. Why do we wear orange shirts on September 30<sup>th</sup>?

Please Note: Primary students have all been provided with a plastic Ziploc bag to keep their books in. Please take note of their library day on the label and ensure that both their books and the bag are returned to school in time for them to get new items each week.

What About the Public Library?

Both the Nechako Branch and the Bob Harkins Branch have exciting things happening all year. Be sure to check out some of the programs available for your whole family.

Nechako Branch Free Drop-In Programs:

Craft Night in Canada – Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 – 8:00pm (All Ages)

Storytime Wednesdays 10:15 – 11:45am (Age 0 – 5 yrs.)

Babytime Wednesdays 11:30 – 12:00pm (Age 0 – 11 mos.)

Legotime Mondays 4:00 – 5:00pm (Age 0 – 9 yrs.)

Tens to Teens Mondays 4:00 – 5:00pm (Age 10 – 18 yrs.)

Refashion Without Rules – Friday, October 11  
7:00 – 8:30pm (Adults)

Visit [www.pgpl.ca](http://www.pgpl.ca) for information about more activities available at both branches.