



# Hart Highlands Elementary School

September 2019

Newsletter

## Calendar

Sept. 11	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
Sept. 16	First full Day for New Kindergarten students
Sept. 19	Open House/Meet the Teacher Night (6:00-7:00)
Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 27	Professional Development Day No school for students
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 3	School Photos
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 9	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 25	Professional Development Day No school for students
Nov. 5 & 7	Early Dismissal Days 1:38pm
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov. 29	Professional Development Day No school for students
Dec. 6	Primary Report Writing Day-No School K-3

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

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We would like to extend a special welcome to the families of our new students. We look forward to working with you and know you will enjoy being a part of the Hart Highlands school community. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We want to ensure your transition into Hart Highlands is a smooth one. We are so excited to meet you all so please drop in and say hello and be sure to attend the OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We have worked very hard to get our school ready for opening and our staff has been busy preparing for your first day.

As always, we would like to take a moment to thank our returning parent(s)/ guardian(s) for being such important members of our community. The home and school connection is a vital part of the success of our students, so thank you for communicating with us and working together! Please feel free to email, call or set up a meeting if you have questions, concerns or compliments.

Please note that classroom organization is still in progress and student placements, in all classes, are tentative during the first two weeks of school. We want to thank all of our parent(s)/guardian(s) for their patience and cooperation during this process. We have noted parent requests for placement and while we do our best, we need to consider the needs of all our students. We have had many families move into our community over the summer who are still going through the registration process. This sometimes means parent requests cannot be filled, but we are confident all of our students will be successful and happy in their final placements.

Lastly, please join me in welcoming our new staff members. C. Southwick (K/1), C. Martin (4/5), F. McKinnin (Librarian), D. Wagner (ELL), and D. Himmelspach (AEW). We know they will fit right in!

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Bond  
Principal

Ms. S. Whitehead  
Vice Principal

Mrs. L. Day  
Secretary

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## 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

### Interested in Volunteering

Volunteers are always a valuable resource in the school. We appreciate the many, many hours that parents and volunteers provide in order to work with students and assist with the many events that occur.

All volunteers must complete a Police Information Check. The forms, to begin this process, are available at the school office. Completed forms must be dropped off at the RCMP detachment. There is no charge for this service, but it can take a couple of weeks to complete. Police Information Checks must be renewed every three years. If you have completed these forms and have volunteered in the past, please contact the school to ensure your Police Information Check is still up to date.

If you are able to assist with driving, there is additional paperwork. Please contact the school for more details.

We ask that all volunteers report to the office to sign in upon arrival and sign out when leaving the building.

### No Drop-Off Zones

Please be aware the handicap/disabled parking stalls in our parking lot should not be used for pickup and drop off. These spots are reserved for those who have permits. We realize we have a busy parking lot and appreciate your understanding with this.

### Morning Supervision

A reminder that **outside morning supervision doesn't begin until 8:20am**. For personal safety, students are to arrive no earlier than 8:20am when supervision begins.

### Field Trip Forms

**A reminder that Field Trip Forms are due no later than 1 day before the planned Field Trip.** We will no longer be phoning the day of the field trip for permission. This will allow staff to plan and organize with accurate numbers (i.e. How many are going, how many are needing an alternate location during the field trip, etc). Thank you for your understanding.

## **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, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the school library.**

## **Toonies for Terry**

The students and staff at Hart Highlands will be honoring the legacy of Terry Fox by participating in the annual Terry Fox Run on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. From September 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>, teachers will be collecting TOONIES for Terry and donating them to the Terry Fox Foundation for the continued research into finding a cure for cancer.

### **Be On Time!**

It is always a bit of an adjustment to move from relaxed summer schedules to responding to bells.

One of our school goals every year is to reduce the number of students arriving late in the morning. Being on time minimizes interruptions to instructional time and helps everyone have a positive start to the day.

We ask for family support with this goal for the current school year and with establishing morning routines that allow for your child(ren) to arrive on time for the 8:35 warning bell. Staff are on duty at 8:20am.

### **Monthly Newsletter**

Our school newsletter goes home once a month by email. It is very important that we have email addresses from parents so you can keep up to date on what is happening in the school and important calendar dates. Please email Mrs. Day at [lday@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:lday@sd57.bc.ca) if you didn't receive the newsletter by email last year, your email has changed, or you are new to our school so you can be added to the mailing list.