



Hart Highlands Elementary School

September 2022

Newsletter

Calendar

Sept. 19	Professional Development Day No school for students
Sept. 20	First full Day for New Kindergarten students
Sept.	PAC Meeting pm
Sept. 2	Terry Fox Run
Sept 20-23	Toonies for Terry Drive
Sep 29	Open House and BBQ 5:30pm- 7:30pm
Sept. 30	Day of Truth and Reconciliation-Stat
Oct 9	School Photos
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 21	Professional Development Day: No school for students
Oct. 25, 27	Early Dismissal Days 1:32 pm
Nov 9	Photo Retakes
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov. 25	Professional Development Day No school for students
Nov. 30	Primary Report Writing Day-No School K-3

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Hadih/Hello,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Hart Highland Elementary School! We hope you have had a safe, healthy and relaxing summer vacation. We are looking forward to an exciting school year filled with incredible learning opportunities for our learners including land based and cultural learning opportunities!

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to our school community: Krista Merritt (EA), Emily Desnoyers (teacher), Missy Glover (Principal), Chris Wood (teacher), and Brandon Raskob (teacher).

Our wonderful PAC is already busy planning the Back to School BBQ/Open House on Thursday, September 23rd from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please watch for more information coming home later this week. Some other activities our PAC is hard at work planning are movie nights, hot lunches, fundraisers and many more exciting activities! PAC is always looking for parents to join their fun, easy going team! Please join the Hart Highlands PAC Facebook group to ensure you are in the loop with upcoming activities.

We are in the process our creating our School Plan for Student Success. Please look for a Microsoft Survey coming to your email this week to provide an opportunity for your feedback. We look forward to this collaboration to best plan for our student's success. A copy of our SPSS will be posted to our school website on September 29th, 2021.

Last year, parents and guardians were not allowed in our schools and the doors were locked due to COVID-19. This year, our doors will be unlocked. However, in attempts to keep our staff and students safe, we will require ALL parents/guardians to enter through the Main Entrance wear a mask, (having already completed the daily health check) and proceed to the office where you will need to sign in and sanitize. We ask that you continue to make appointments to see teachers/staff as required. Please do not enter the school and walk freely throughout our building. Students in grades 4-7 are required to wear a mask while at school. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

We are grateful for your continued support and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead! As always, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mussi/Thank you,

Missy Glover
Principal

Hart Highlands Bell Schedule: 2022/2023

8:20 am	Outside supervision begins
8:35 am	Warning bell
8:40 am	Classes begin
10:00 am	Recess
12:15 pm	Lunch begins
12:55 pm	Bell: Classes resume
2:32 pm	Dismissal
2:47 pm	Outside supervision ends

SD57 Policies

Please review the following School District 57 Policies. The links have been provided below.

- o Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct
- o Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks
- o Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather
- o Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools
- o Policy 5101 Financial Hardship

www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/5131%20District%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/6179.pdf>

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35%20Winter%20Weather.pdf>

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542.3%20Healthy%20Food%20Choices%20in%20Schools.pdf>

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/5101%20Financial%20Hardship.pdf>

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.

Please do not:

- Park between the Fire Lanes or in front of recycling or garbage bins
- Use Handicap parking without proper designation
- Park in designated no parking zones on the street, in front of fire hydrants, block neighborhood driveways.
- Park on only one side of the street on Sussex Lane and Sussex Place
- Get out of your vehicle and leave it running to drop off/pick up your student
- Block other vehicles at any time of the day
- Use the bus lane

Please do:

- Use the drop off zone through the school parking lot to the crosswalk
- We encourage you to consider dropping your student off on Wildwood or McKenney and having them walk through the paths to the school. We understand the winter weather makes this more difficult but it would ease.

Morning Supervision

A reminder that outside morning supervision doesn't begin until 8:20am. For personal safety, students are not to arrive earlier than 8:20 am when supervision begins.

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 14 at 6:00 pm.

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 23.**

From September 20th to September 23rd 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.

School and School District Practices and Policies Electronic and Hand-Held Devices

Students are encouraged to leave any cell phones, tablets, electronics at home. **If student cell phones do come to school, they are to be powered off during the school day unless a staff member is directly supervising the student using the device.** For protection of privacy, **photos cannot be taken on personal devices** during the school day unless it is a public event as advertised in our school newsletter or as noted in event specific Freedom and Information and Protection of Privacy forms. For student safety and security, **we ask that communication with students during the school day takes place through the school office. If these expectations are not followed, devices may be confiscated until the end of the day or until a parent can pick up from the principal or designate.** Thank you for your support.

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.

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 if you didn't receive the newsletter by email last year, your email has changed.

