

Week at a Glance

September 2-6, 2024

Highland
Park
Elementary
School



WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you had a great summer!

Welcome back to our returning Highland Park Eagles and a warm welcome to our new Eagles joining our school community. We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growing with our students!

Ms. Walker and Mr. Lendvoy

Important Dates in September

Sept. 27

Terry Fox Run

Sept. 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. No school.

Oct. 1

School Growth Planning Day - Non-Instructional Day

Staffing Update

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to our community:

Mr. Lendvoy – Vice-Principal

Mrs. Ulriksen – Secretary and Lunch Hour Supervisor

Ms. Quinn – Grade 2/3

Ms. Faber – ELL 0.6

Ms. Babcock – EA (returning from maternity leave)

Ms. Lasko (K transition EA)

We are working on filling our remaining vacancies. I will share information as it is available.



Monday, September 2

Labour Day – no school

Tuesday, September 3

First Day of school!! **Students attend 12:30-2:20.** All elementary schools will be welcoming students for a 12:30 pm start on the first day of school. This is a similar schedule that we used last year, and it allows schools to have important staff meetings in the morning before welcoming our students in the afternoon.

For the first week of school, students will be with their last year's teacher (with the following exceptions):

Last year's teacher	Teacher until Class Placements complete	Room #
Ms. Riel	Ms. Quinn	Same room as last year – meet at front doors
Ms. Moss	Vacancy	1025 (Ms. Marcoux's room – directly across hall from Ms. Moss' room last year)
Ms. Strickland	Ms. Hartwig	Yellow Portable
Ms. Parkins	Ms. Naar	1024 (Ms. Moss' room – courtyard across from Ms. Parkin's door)
Grade 6s from Marcoux, Jessen, Hartwig	Ms. Jessen	White portable

NEW STUDENTS – Please meet at the front door and we will help you get to your classroom for the week.

New Kindergarten students will participate in the gradual entry that was sent home via email in August.

We are hopeful to have students in their new classrooms by Monday, September 9, but we must wait for the district to give us approval to proceed. In the meantime, teachers will be using this time to reconnect/connect with students, review expectations and the code of conduct, and build community and a sense of belonging.

Please see the schedule that was sent on the portal for kindergarten intake times.

Wednesday, September 4

Kindergarten Intake meetings continue

Grade 1-7 students attend the same class as Tues. 8:30-2:20

Thursday, September 5

Kindergarten - 8:30-11:05 Group A, 11:45-2:20 Group B

Grade 1-7 students attend the same class as Tues. 8:30-2:20

Friday, September 6

Kindergarten - 8:30-11:05 Group A, 11:45-2:20 Group B

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More Important News

School Supplies

Just a reminder that the school has purchased school supplies for ALL students. You can pay \$50 on the parent portal or send the money to school clearly labelled with your child's name.

students do not need to bring any school supplies for the first week of school

Pick up and Drop Off

As with every school, drop-off and pick-up times can be challenging. Our priority is your children's safety during this time so we ask that you ensure you are doing what you can to help keep all students safe during drop-off and pick-up.

If possible, please walk to and from school to cut down on vehicle traffic or park in the neighbourhood (not blocking driveways or where the curb is painted yellow) and walk to school.

Avoid parking in yellow-painted zones in the neighbourhood.

The drop off area at the front of the school is a "kiss and go". **There is no leaving your vehicle or parking for periods of time.** Students should exit the vehicle immediately and parents should then safely pull away.

The parking lot is for staff parking only.

We will be monitoring the parking lot and will adjust as needed to ensure student safety.

Arriving Late

If students are late, please have them enter through the front door and come to the office to sign in. Please, contact the office by calling 604 463-0866, emailing hhe_reception@sd42.ca, or logging your absence on the parent portal to let us know if your child will be late or absent.

West Coast Recess

Recess 10:20-10:35

Lunch 11:50-12:30 (play 11:50-12:15, eat 12:15-12:30)

Students will be going outside for recess and lunch rain or shine! Please ensure students are dressed for the weather and always have a change of clothes in their backpacks

Breakfast Club first week and Lunches

Breakfast club will officially begin on September 16. More information about breakfast club will be in the upcoming WAAGS. For the first 2 weeks of school, we will have grab-and-go breakfast available at 8:30 am for those who need it.

We will also have lunches available for those who need them during the first two weeks of school. The Salvation Army, Humble Roots, and Fuel Up lunch programs will begin September 16.

Online consent forms

Please approve all online consent forms as soon as possible. The forms are on the parent portal. All students will need the walking field trip permission to be able to participate in our Terry Fox Run on September 27. Students without the consent form will participate in the run on the school property.

Volunteering

If you anticipate volunteering in the school or driving on field trips, please complete a volunteer application and driver's abstract form in September. Please do not wait until the date of the field trips to complete these forms. These are available in the office.

Medications

If your child requires medications (prescription or over-the-counter) at school, please contact the office and we will send home the appropriate paperwork.

See you September 3rd at 12:30 or for your intake meetings!





2024-2025 Highland Park School Calendar



Schools opening day for students (LATE START 12:30 PM – 2:20 PM)	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, September 30, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 1, 2024</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 25, 2024</i>
<i>Remembrance Day</i>	<i>Monday, November 11, 2024</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, November 12, 2024</i>
Student Led Conference – Early Dismissal 11:30	Thursday, December 5, 2024
Student Led Conference – No School for Students	Friday, December 6, 2024
Last day before winter break	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter break	Monday, December 23, 2024 to Friday, January 3, 2025
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 6, 2025
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, January 28, 2025</i>
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Friday, February 14, 2025</i>
<i>Family Day</i>	<i>Monday, February 17, 2025</i>
Student Led Conference - Early Dismissal 11:30	Thursday, March 6, 2025
Student Led Conference – No School for Students	Friday, March 7, 2025
Last day before spring break	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring break	<i>Monday, March 17, 2025 to Friday, March 21, 2025</i>
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 24, 2025 to Friday, March 28, 2025</i>
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 31, 2025
Good Friday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Monday, April 21, 2025
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 14, 2025</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 19, 2025
Last day for students (Students dismissed at noon)	Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Year-end administrative day	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Schools close for summer break	Thursday, June 26, 2025



School Hours	
Monday – Friday 8:30 – 2:20	
8:25	Warning Bell
8:30	Classes Begin
10:20 – 10:35	Recess
10:35 – 12:00	Classes in session
12:00 – 12:25	LUNCH – Play First
12:25 – 12:40	LUNCH – Eating Time
12:40 – 2:20	Classes in session
2:20	Dismissal





École Pitt Meadows Elementary

SHOTOKAN KARATE AT PME (GR. 1-7)

Pitt Meadows Shotokan Karate offers classes at École Pitt Meadows Elementary. Shotokan is designed to teach self-defense, build self-confidence, stimulate a sense of well-being and provide a greater sense of self-awareness when faced with difficult situations. The program's primary goal is to teach respect for one's self and others, as well as basic self-defense techniques. This program is taught in French, English and Japanese, giving students the opportunity to develop basic language skills.

Session 1

Mondays and Wednesdays
Sept. 9, 2024 — Dec. 11, 2024
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Session 2

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Sept. 10, 2024 — Dec. 12, 2024
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Pitt Meadows Elementary gym
Registration Fee: \$220

**To register, contact Amy Shaw at 604.314.5852 or
theninjalady@gmail.com**

*If you have any questions, contact Hannah Macdonald at
604.837.2384 or hannah_macdonald@sd42.ca*



**Please note, families will have to get their child to PME for this program.