

Week at a Glance

September 2-5, 2025

Highland Park Elementary School

Important Dates in September

Sept. 2

First Day of school 12:30-2:20

Sept. 24

PAC meeting

Sept. 25

Photo day

Sept. 26

Terry Fox Run

Sept. 29

Orange Shirt Day
8am-830 Open House/Meet
the Teacher

Sept. 30

National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation. No school.

Oct. 5

World Teacher Day

Oct. 10

Non-Instructional Day (School
growth planning)

Oct. 13

Thanksgiving

Oct. 21

Photo retakes



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! The WAAG will be sent out weekly. Please read it for important school information.

Ms. Walker and Mr. Lendvoy

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Dear Families,

We are so happy to welcome your child back to school for another exciting year of learning and growing together. This first week is all about building connections, settling into routines, and creating a sense of belonging as students return to familiar classrooms and faces.

Each year, we take the first few days to get to know our students as learners and community members before finalizing class placements. This allows us to thoughtfully consider social dynamics, learning needs, and enrollment changes to ensure the best possible groupings for all students.

We are hopeful to have students in their new classrooms by Monday, September 8, but we must wait for the district to give us approval to proceed. The goal of this week is to reconnect and build community to allow for a smoother transition and reduced anxiety while we finalize placements and await approval to move into new learning communities.

Here's what to expect:

- **This week:** Students will remain with last year's class (with a few exceptions – see below) and teacher while we continue to observe and finalize groupings.
- **Monday, September 8:** Students will move into their new class for the school year. They'll spend the full day with their new teacher and classmates, getting to know each other through community-building activities and fun learning experiences.
- **That same day,** you will receive a welcome message from your child's new teacher to help you get to know them and stay informed about the weeks ahead.

We know class placements are important to families, and we approach this process with great care. Our goal is to ensure a smooth and positive transition for every child and to create classes where all students can thrive.

Thank you for your support and trust. If you have any questions or concerns during this transition, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warmly,

Jennifer Walker
Principal, Highland Park Elementary

Staffing Update

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

Ms. Khan – Grade 4/5

Mr. Valenciano – Music

Ms. Dillen – Library

Mr. Sahlane– ELL

Ms. Bird –Clerical

Ms. Babcock – EA (returning from maternity leave)

Ms. Greely – Cafeteria worker

Ms. Brown – EA

Ms. Airemlou - EA



Monday, September 1

Labour Day – no school

Tuesday, September 2

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 # |
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| Ms. Tsia | Ms. Khan | Same room as last year |

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| Ms. Parkins | Ms. Hartwig | Room 1024– directly across courtyard from Ms. Parkins |
| Ms. Strickland | Will be placed with grade ½ teachers for the week | Meet at the flagpole at the front of school on Tuesday and a staff member will show you your class for the week |
| Grade 6s from Upton, 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.

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

Wednesday, September 3

Kindergarten Intake meetings continue

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

Thursday, September 4

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 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

More Important News

School Supplies

Just a reminder that the school has purchased school supplies for ALL students. You can pay \$55 on the parent portal or send the money to school clearly labelled with your child's name. We will start collecting money on September 9th. Please watch for the portal notice.

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

Pick up and Drop Off

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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 604 463-6737, emailing hpe_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 12:00-12:40 (play 12:00-12:25, eat 12:25-12:40)

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

For the first 2 weeks of school, we will have grab-and-go breakfast available in the front hall 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. I will keep you posted when our "official lunch program" begins.

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 26. Students without the consent form will participate in the run on the school property.

Volunteering

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If you anticipate volunteering in the school or driving on field trips, please complete a volunteer application and driver's abstract form in September. ALL abstracts must be completed yearly. 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.

