

Week at a Glance

Highland Park Elementary School

September 8-12, 2025



Monday, September 8

Move to new classes

Students will be dismissed from the classroom they were in last week.

8am Breakfast Club begins – in room 1024 (Ms. Upton's old room). Students will enter and exit from the outside door in the courtyard. Please come to that door if you would like breakfast. ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday, September 9

First day for Simply Foods

Wednesday, September 10

Thursday, September 11

Friday, September 12

Important Dates in September

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

More Important News

Dear Families,

On Monday your child will move to their new classroom learning community. Please drop off your child at the same door you have been using this past week.

Moving into a new classroom learning community is an exciting time, but can be challenging for some students. This transition can cause some big emotions in our children, especially if your child's placement was not what they were hoping for.

Here are some tips to help children adjust to their new teachers and classroom.

Help your child build resiliency – Some children are more sensitive to change and September can be a challenging time for them. These children can be highly impacted by the emotions of their parents and guardians. You can help your child adapt to new situations by remaining calm and reassuring them that it is normal to be nervous or uncertain, but that you believe in their ability to work through their emotions. Telling your child "I know you can handle this and your teacher is here to support you" will help to build your child's resiliency and ensure that they can adapt to the changes that are a natural part of life.

Give it some time – Giving your child a week or two to settle in can make a huge difference. Very often, once they have had enough time to bond with their teacher and classmates, concerns almost always resolve themselves on their own.

Talk to your child's teacher – Your child's teacher can give you an accurate picture of how your child is coping daily in the classroom. Working together with your child's teacher will help to optimize your child's learning experience and build trust.

Please know that our staff have worked diligently to place students carefully and have made efforts to consider academic, social, and emotional needs. While we try our best to meet requests, not all can be met. Like all new things we often feel nervous and unsure. Although your child may be experiencing these feelings it is important as adults we model respect, patience, and resilience. I encourage you to give your child time to settle into their new learning environment. If after a week or two, your child is still having concerns you may call the office to book a time to speak with me.

On Monday, students will come home with a letter indicating which class they are in. Students will be dismissed on Monday from the same spot they have been lining up for the past week. On Tuesday morning, teacher names will be posted around the school. Please find your teacher's name. This is your new line-up and dismissal spot. Staff will also be around with lists to help you find your child's classroom if needed.

Please remember that school supply fees are due. They can be paid on the portal (starting Sept. 9) or in cash to your new classroom teacher.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. The Highland Park staff is looking forward to working with you and your children this year!

Ms. Jennifer Walker
Principal

Mr. Jeremy Lendvoy
Vice-Principal

Water bottles

Please send a water bottle to school with your child every day. We do not have a regular fountain for drinking water, just a water bottle filler.

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. Please see the portal notice on Sept. 9.

Breakfast Club first week and Lunches

We will begin our breakfast program on Monday

We will also have lunches available for those who need them.

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

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.

Simply foods

If you would like subsidized lunches, please fill out the Simply foods form that was sent home (paper copy) and sent on the portal.

Code of Conduct and Parent Handbook

This has been sent out to all families. Please read and refer to it if you have any questions.

Terry Fox Run

Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in volunteering for the Terry Fox Run on September 26 (weather permitting) at 12:45 pm.

From the PAC

Share Your Ideas with the PAC – And Enter to Win a Gift Card!

The 2025/2026 PAC is excited to start planning for an amazing school year ahead—and we want to hear from you!

Do you have a great idea for a fundraiser, school event, or fun community initiative? What causes or projects would you like the PAC to fundraise for this year?

We'd love to hear your suggestions as we work to make the upcoming year full of memorable experiences for our students and families.

You can submit your ideas in the following ways:

- **In Person:** We'll be stationed outside the school next week—stop by and chat with us!
- **Ballot Box:** A submission box will be available inside the school shortly.
- **Online:** <https://bit.ly/hpepacsuggestions2025>

Bonus: Submit your ideas for a chance to win a gift card from a local business!

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful Highland Park community. We can't wait to hear from you!

Highland Park PAC 2025/2026