

HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY



Welcome back to school!

Hello Highland Park Families,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to, or back to, school for the 2026-27 school year. I'm delighted to be your new principal and can't wait to get acquainted with each of you, and many of you I already know. It is a pleasure to be returning to Pitt Meadows, where I have very happily worked before and have many connections. It is a great community and a unique culture.

As we kick off another year, we hope it will be full of fun, learning, new challenges, and adventures. Over the break there have been improvements to the facility, and there will be more to come. As a staff, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you after the Labour Day weekend, but hope that you will take advantage of the days left in between to enjoy the last of the summer holiday with friends and family. School is important, but the memories children make during the breaks last a lifetime, too.

All the best,
Adam Stanley

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome Aboard:

- **Mr. Stanley**, Principal
- **Ms. Capozzi**, Head Secretary
- **Ms. Panesar**, Gr 6/7 Teacher (Wednesdays)
- **Ms. Amini**, Education Assistant
- **Ms. Anand**, Education Assistant
- **Ms. Kaur**, Education Assistant
- **Ms. Dahlin**, Indigenous Education Support Worker
- **Ms. Hughes**, Indigenous Education Helping Teacher

Welcome Back:

- **Ms. Lowry**, Gr 1/2 Teacher
- **Ms. Quinn**, Gr 4/5 Teacher
- **Ms. Tsia**, Gr 3/4 Teacher
- **Mr. Valenciano**, Music Prep Teacher
- **Ms. Wait**, Education Assistant
- **Ms. Babcock**, Child Care Worker

BELL SCHEDULE

8:25 Warning Bell

8:30 Start Bell

10:20-10:35 Recess

11:55-12:35 Lunch
(play first)

2:25 Dismissal

Please report absences/lates on
the Parent Portal or contact HPE
reception

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WEEK ONE SCHEDULE

Grades 1 – 7:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, from 12:30 – 2:25pm

WEDNESDAY FRIDAY, from 8:30 – 2:25pm

Where do we go? *Students remain with previous year's class for the first week. Please go to the following homerooms until new class placements are communicated.*

- **Returning students:** Go to previous classroom.
- **New students:** Go to **front entrance**, you will have a quick welcome meeting in the library and be taken to your classroom for the week.
- **Grade 1 students from Div 14 (Parkins):** go to **Room 1026** (outside door on side courtyard by new playground).
- **Grade 1 students from Div 15 (Strickland):** go to **Room 1024** (outside door, located by red/blue playground at the back of school)

This Information will be posted at all school entrances.

Students will remain with previous year's class and move into their new classes on Friday or Monday. Stay tuned!

NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS: Information regarding Gradual Entry has been sent directly to kindergarten families.

- September 8 -18th - Gradual Entry Schedule
- September 21st - Full day schedule begins

IMPORTANT DATES September

- **September 8th** , First day of school, 12:30 - 2:25
- **September 21st**, Non-Instructional day, *students do not attend.*
- **September 26th**, Terry Fox Run
- **September 29th**, Orange Shirt Day
- **September 30th**, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, *school not in session.*

Stay tuned for upcoming dates TBD:
HPE Open House, HPE PAC Meeting

For more information go to [SD42 Calendar](#)

BUILDING UPDATES

- HVAC project was completed over the summer, and now all spaces in the main building have air-conditioning!
- Kitchen upgrade is underway, and we will soon have a modern and efficient space for Ms. Sparks to work her culinary magic!

Thank you to all those involved in completing these projects in time for school to start and to our custodial team and teachers for their patience during the process.

- The new playground has been a great addition to our school. We will retain a play schedule to ensure all students have an opportunity to enjoy!

WHAT DO WE BRING TO SCHOOL?

- **Students should bring** snacks, lunch, water bottle, weather appropriate clothes, back-up clothes as appropriate. Remember that we go out to play rain or shine!
- **Students should NOT bring personal play items** as these can easily be lost and cause disruption. This includes items such as technology, Pokemon cards etc.
- **Students DO NOT bring school supplies** - these are purchased by the teachers at Highland Park. Once students have moved into their permanent classes a message will be sent out on the parent portal asking parents to pay \$55 for their child(ren)'s school supplies (per student. This can be paid on the Parent Portal (credit card) or by sending cash (exact change) or cheque (made out to Highland Park Elementary) to the assigned teacher.