

Highview Highlights

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Mark Your Calendars!

Highview School Council Presents:

Highview's Fourth Annual Community Spring Fair

Thursday, June 4th

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children who will begin Junior Kindergarten in September 2015 is well underway. Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten are those who were born in 2011.

We are also accepting registrations for students who are not currently enrolled at Highview to attend Senior

Kindergarten here in the fall.

In order to complete the registration process please provide: proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and your tax assessment form.

Only completed registrations will be accepted.

Please pass this message

on to friends and neighbours in our community who have children born in 2011.



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Character Matters!

February's Highlighted Character Trait is:
Initiative



Parking Lot Safety

Thank you for not parking in staff parking spots in the school parking lot. As you are aware, we have very limited parking, at the best of times, and it will continue to be increasingly more limited with the accumulation of snow.

As we anticipate more snowfall we are concerned about the snow banks get higher and visibility becoming increasingly limited. In addition, the lot will continue to become narrower, creating a potentially dangerous situation. Please do not try to pass other vehicles, turn around in the driveway or make U turns.

When you park on the neighbourhood side-streets, please adhere to the parking signs. By-law parking officials will ticket cars which are parked in no parking areas, double parked, and/or blocking driveways.

Please note that our driveway into the school is **One Way**. It is very important that you not enter the parking lot using the west drive or exit using the east drive.

The driveway immediately in front of the school is for emergency vehicles and busses only and should not be used by personal vehicles at any time.



It is very important that everyone respect the task that our parking lot supervisors perform. If you are in the parking lot as the busses are arriving, you are required to wait until the busses have departed before

moving your vehicle. For safety reasons we cannot allow traffic to move through the parking lot as the busses are unloading or loading and students are entering or leaving the school. If you are dropping students off in the morning, please drop them off at the sidewalk and have them walk the rest of the way.

Please help us to keep the parking lot safe!



Dressing for the Weather

As you know, we are experiencing very cold weather this season. It is important that students come to school dressed appropriately. Though we monitor the weather closely on very cold days, we often try to have the students go out for fresh air and activity, even if it is for a shortened period of time. It is very important that students come to school with hats, mittens, boots and scarves on the cold days. For the wet days,

please send a set of dry clothes to school. It is particularly important that each student has an extra pair of dry socks. With intermittent cold weather followed by rain, the playing field can be wet and muddy.

It is also very important that students have a pair of indoor shoes. In the event that a fire alarm sounds, the students will have to exit the building as quickly as possible. Fire regulations are clear: we cannot stop to put on boots and outdoor shoes.

Also, please note that the expectation is that students who are well enough to be at school are well enough to go out for recess. With the exception of healing broken bones and concussions, we do require that all students go outside with their schoolmates.



NATIONAL SWEATER DAY

On February 5th, join Canadian households across the country by turning your thermostats down by 3 degrees. Throw on a fun and quirky sweater to show your support for the planet.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of “fun” sweaters at Highview that day so start digging to the bottom of your drawers and the backs of closets—the uglier the better!



Are You Moving??

We are beginning to look at staffing and enrolment numbers for next school year. If you know that your child(ren) will not be returning to Highview next year, for any reason other than graduation, please let us know as soon as possible.



Compostable Garbage Bags

The Eco Team is working to make money to purchase a Water Station for the school. The water from the station will provide a wonderful way for our students to fill reusable water bottles with pure, refreshing water.

The team is raising money through the sale of **100% Compostable Garbage Bags**, suitable for use in your under-the-sink compost pails.

The bags come in bundles of 20 packages, 8 bags in each package (160 bags). Each bundle is \$ 20.00.

To order your bags, please complete the form (last page of this newsletter) and send it to the school. Cheques should be made payable to Highview P.S.



Eco Friendly Bags
help keep the environment
clear of plastic litter



ECO TEAM REMINDERS

- Remember to keep sending in your used batteries, cell phone batteries and ink and toner cartridges.
- Please send litter-less lunches to school as much as possible and remember, we don't supply disposable cutlery. Please send re-usable utensils from home if necessary.
- The students who eat in the lunchroom continue to be great supporters of the Green Bin program. Classrooms have started the Green Bin program as well.
- We are encouraging the use of reusable water-bottles.
- The Eco Team continues to collect Blue Bins of recyclable materials from the office and classrooms on a regular basis.



Spring Break is March 16th to 20th this year.

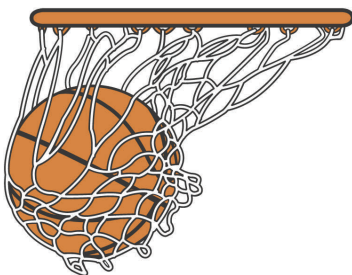
March 13th is a P.A. Day
-students have an extended break-

Report Cards Will Be Sent Home

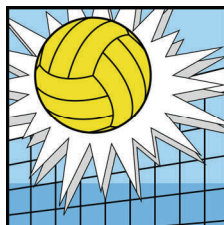
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THE SPORTS REPORT

Both the Intermediate Boys' and Girls' basketball teams have been chosen. The teams are now playing exhibition games and tournaments in preparation for the Area Tournaments which will take place at *Aurora Senior P.S.* on February 23rd and 24th.



The Junior Co-ed volleyball team had a fabulous season! The team played excellent 'three hit' volleyball. We are proud to announce that they won the area tournament on January 28! All players should be proud of the tremendous growth they demonstrated over the course of the season.



Primary Floor hockey will be starting soon. The games will take place Wednesdays at lunch.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETS

Monday, February 9th at 7:15 p.m.,

In the school library .

Please Join Us!

Family Day: Monday, February 16th—There will be no school.

Highview Family Night At Snow Valley

The fun continues! Join community members for a night of skiing/snowboarding/tubing. Every Friday night until March 6th Highview community members enjoy a special low rate. Click on the following link for details:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/highview.ps/NewsEvents/Documents/Snow%20Valley%202015%20%20Reminder.pdf>



FOREST OF READING

Thanks to the continued support of School Council, we will once again be running the *Forest Of Reading* program this year. All students in the Primary Division, and students in the Junior and Intermediate Divisions who join the *Forest Of Reading Book Club*, will have a chance to read highly acclaimed books by Canadian authors. Students will be able to vote, along with thousands of other Ontario students, for their favourite books. All of the books will become part of our school library collection when the program ends in April.



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100% COMPOSTABLE BAGS—ORDER TODAY

Number of bundles (160 bags/bundle) _____ **X \$20.00 =** _____

NAME: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ **TEACHER:** _____

**Please Make Cheques Payable To Highview P.S.
Thank You For Your Support!**



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February 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Trait of the Month i n i t i a t i v e	2 PA DAY	3 Day 5 Milk 	4 Day 1 Scientists in the School (Grs. 1-3) 8:30 -12:00 Milk  Greek Pita 	5 Day 2 Regional Co-ed Volleyball @ Aurora Sr.	6 Day 3 Pizza 	7
8	9 Day 4 Lunch Lady  School Council Meeting - 7:15 Library	10 Day 5 Milk 	11 Day 1 Milk  Pita Pit 	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 Hannaford Street Band Concert Grs. 7&8 (9:00-1:00) Pizza 	14
15	16 FAMILY DAY	17 Day 4 Milk 	18 Day 5 Report cards go home Milk  Greek Pita 	19 Day 1 Jazz Band Workshop at Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. (3:00-5:00) 	20 Day 2 Beach Day  Pizza 	21
22	23 Day 3 Lunch Lady  Int. Girls' Area Basketball @ Aurora Sr.	24 Day 4 Int. Boys' Area Basketball @Aurora Sr. Milk 	25 Day 5 Milk  Pita Pit 	26 Day 1 Int. Basketball Area Playoffs? (Boys & Girls) @Aurora Sr. Jazz Bank Workshop At Dr. G. W. Williams S.S. (3:00-5:00) 	27 Day 2 Pizza 	28