

# Highland Happenings



## Week 18: January 22nd-26th, 2024

### Message from the Principal

Hello everyone!

Wow...what a cold week! Luckily the sun was shining and the kids enjoyed climbing over the snow hills and being outside. **But this is just a reminder that students do need to come to school with hats, jackets, mittens and snow pants.** I do know there is a certain age when snow pants aren't 'cool', but we do spend at least 40 minutes outside everyday and without proper clothing, it can be miserable for students.

This is also a quick reminder that Friday, Feb. 2nd is a PA Day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kerry

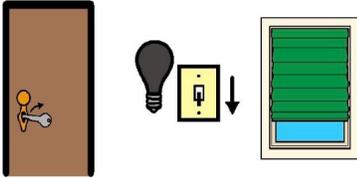
### Breakdancing with Jimmy Chapman

We are still collecting money for our visit with Jimmy Chapman this Friday. The cost for this is \$3.00 / student, you can pay using school cash online or sending in money with your child.

At this point, we have only collected money from about 20 students. If you would like to sponsor a child who might not be able to afford it, please feel free to send in extra money to your child's teacher, or adjust the quantity of orders before check out when using School Cash Online.



## Lockdown Drill



Each year, we are required to practice a few different drills to be prepared in an emergency. We have already completed three fire drills, and this week we will be completing a lockdown drill. We do try to ensure that students know we are just practicing and that they are safe, however it can be a little scary for some of them. For our youngest students, we have a few picture books that we will

share with them. This lockdown will happen on Thursday morning and we will have the support of our Community Police Officer - Constable Morris.

## Immunization Expectations

I received notification this week that several families have received notification from the Peterborough Public Health Unit about vaccinations that are not up-to-date. If you do not get those vaccinations and notify Public Health, your child will be suspended from school. For further information, please call the immunization program at 705-743-1000 ext. 242



## Dental Screening

Each year, the Peterborough Health Unit travels to the different schools and does dental screening for students in grades JK/SK, 2,4 and 7. This is happening on Feb. 13th. for students in those grades.

## Fluency

Our **Fluency Passage** this week is a continuation of **Alligator Pie**.

Alligator stew, alligator stew,  
If I don't get some I don't know what I'll do.  
Give away my furry hat, give away my shoe,  
But don't give away my alligator stew.

## Family Literacy Day- Jan. 27th

Family Literacy Day is next Saturday. You can check out the facebook group [here](#) and see the picture below for more information.



**Saturday, January 27th, 2024**

# FAMILY LITERACY DAY

**“Let’s have a family party!”**

**Peterborough Square (lower level) • 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**FREE Community Literacy Event for Families Featuring:**

- A Readers Theatre with local dignitaries
- New Canadians Centre Reading of “Building a Home”
- Glen and Phil present N is for Nature
- Drag Queen Story Time with Betty Baker
- Takeout Poetry featuring Peterborough’s Poet Laureate
- Interactive literacy activities and displays
- Free books and snacks



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## Week-At-A-Glance

Monday Jan.22nd Day 2	Tuesday Jan. 23rd Day 3	Wednesday Jan.24th Day 4	Thursday Jan. 25th Day 5	Friday Jan. 26th Day 1
			Lockdown Drill	Jimmy Chapman Hipgrave's class at Peterborough Museum
<b>Upcoming Dates:</b> Jan. 26th - Grade 5 Ptbo Museum Jan. 26th- Breakdancing with Jimmy Chapman Jan. 27th- Family Literacy Day (look for events in the community) Feb. 2nd - PA Day Feb. 5th- School Council Feb. 13th - Dental Screening - JK/ SK Grades: 2, 4, 7 Feb. 16th - Carnival Feb. 19th - Family Day Feb. 20th - Report Cards Home March 25th- Grad Photos				

## Gratitude

Thank you for those of you who have filled out the gratitude survey. I've been copying them and sharing them with the staff on a bulletin board. Please continue to share those with me so that I can help the staff understand just how much they are appreciated! You can use this [google form](#) to share it with me.



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