

Highland Happenings



Week 17: January 15th-19th, 2024

Message from the Principal

Hello everyone!

It was so great to see everyone this week back to school! The kids had lots of fun playing in the snow and being with their friends.

We had to make a small adjustment to our Kindergarten area since it became very wet and then very icy. But...our youngest students did a great job playing in a new area and staying where they were supposed to. With the big snowfall coming this weekend, we should be able to have our kids back in their area with hopefully some snow piles to play on.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kerry

Breakdancing with Jimmy Chapman

Jimmy Chapman is a local dancer who comes into schools to teach students to breakdance. It is a great deal of fun as Jimmy is engaging and inclusive. The kids always love it! He had a cancellation and is coming to Highland Heights on January 26th for the day!

The cost for this is \$3.00 / student. School Cash Online will open up for payment on Sunday (tomorrow).

There are two options for paying for Jimmy Chapman:



1. Use
2. Sen

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.

As a special note to Mrs. Hipgrave's class, who are on a field trip that day, the class will be back to participate at the end of the trip!

Peterborough Family Health Team – Programs and Workshops



Did you know that the Peterborough Family Health Team offers programs and workshops? You can check out what they offer here: <https://www.peterboroughfht.com/programs-and-workshops> You can register by calling the office at 705-740-8020

Fluency

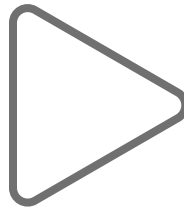
After our winter break, we have switched our focus from vocabulary and the 'mystery word of the week' to practicing our fluency. Fluent readers read aloud effortlessly and with expression. Their reading sounds natural, as if they are speaking. For more information on fluency, you can check out this [article here](#).

Each week, our whole school is going to practice reading a short passage over the announcements. I will share the passage with you each week. For our first three weeks, we are using the poem Alligator Pie by Dennis Lee, he is a favourite of mine. You can watch Dennis Lee read the poem in the video below. We focused on the first section of the poem this week.

Fluency Passage

Alligator Pie by Dennis Lee

Alligator pie, alligator pie,
If I don't get some I think I'm gonna die.
Give away the green grass, give away the sky,
But don't give away my alligator pie.



Week-At-A-Glance

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Monday Jan. 15th Day 2	Tuesday Jan. 16th Day 3	Wednesday Jan. 17th Day 4	Thursday Jan. 18th Day 5	Friday Jan. 19th Day 1

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 19th - Grade 5/6 TRACKS Coding Workshop

Jan. 26th - Grade 5/6 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. 16th - Carnival

Feb. 19th - Family Day

Feb. 20th - Report Cards Home

March 25th- Grad Photos

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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