



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2015



IMPORTANT DATES

May 11 PAC meeting – 7:00 pm

May 12 HES Tract Meet

COTR – 8:30 am

May 15 Alternate Calendar Day

School not in session

May 18 Victoria Day

School not in session

May 19, 20 Celebration of the Arts

School Gym

May 19, 20 Scholastic Book Fair

May 22 Spirit Day (Backwards Day)

May 25, 26, 27 Grade 5/6

Blue Lake Trip

June 2 Elementary Track Meet

June 5 Pro D

Teachers only in session

June 6 *Relay for Life*
Rotary Park 4:30 to 10:30 pm

June 11 Kindergarten Orientation

10:30 – 11:30 am

June 12 Grade 6 Visitation

Laurie & Parkland

June 15 Kindergarten's

Overnight at Fort Steele

June 17 & 18

Mrs. Matthew & Mrs. Merkel's class

Drumheller & Frank Slide

June 19 Fun Day @ Highlands

June 22 Music Assembly

June 25 Last Day for Students

June 26 Admin Day – Staff only

Principal's Message

We have had our fair share of things happening around the school lately. I am happy to say that our Live Announcement system seems to be working great. After four hours on the phone with tech support in Montreal, numerous hours of tech support from SD 5, and a new live streaming program and set up, we experienced good success this past week.

Our school fence has been relocated into the proper placement and a new sidewalk will be constructed next to the primary playground. Hopefully the new asphalt will go in next week for the sidewalk. I am happy that this is happening as this will improve student safety when students enter and leave the school grounds. The gate at the West end of the school yard next to the Intermediate playground was widened last week and is now wide enough to allow access for wheel chairs and strollers.

You have made me feel very proud to be part of our school community. After the tragic house fire where one of our families lost all of their possessions, our school community rallied together to help out the family. The support that was shown was awesome. The family is extremely thankful for all of the support that they received. As you can imagine it has been a tough go for the family and you have helped out a lot.

Our Highlands Track Meet is scheduled to be held May 12th at the College of the Rockies, weather pending. The track meet is intended for all students in grades 4, 5, and 6. We encourage all students to attend, participate in all events, and have some fun. Four pieces of information will be going home this week with all our students in these grades. One note is asking parents to volunteer to help run the track event, the second is the track meet hot lunch form, the third note is information on the Track Meet, and lastly, the permission form. Please read all of the information carefully so you know that students need to be dropped off at the College of the Rockies, what students should bring, and the times of the events.

Our District Track Meet will be happening on June 2nd at the College of the Rockies. This will be for the selected Grade 4, 5, and 6 students. I have already indicated how many events grade 4, 5, and 6 students can compete in, in the note that I sent home. The intermediate grade teachers will be making this selection next week based on the results of our school track meet.

Our class size and composition for all students is still in the working stages and will not be formalized until September. At this time we have 32 Kindergarten children registered so far and the classes are closely balanced with only a few more boys than girls. We will have two kindergarten classes next year. We are now at 259 students registered for the 2015/2016 school year which is close to what we have right now. The number of classes and the grade make up of classes still needs to be determined as well as staffing. We are hoping that we have a few more students register so we can open up another classroom.

If you would like to make a request for placement for your child(ren) please email or write out your request and address it to me. We will do our best to see you that your request is honoured. Our school staff spend a lot of time placing students and each child is looked at individually.

Mr. Steve Rogers
Principal

Highlands Track Meet

The Highlands Tract Meet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12^h at the College of the Rockies track field. There are eight events: 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, long jump, triple jump, high jump and ball throw. A Hot Lunch is available by the PAC for the track meet participants by pre-order. Please return the order form to the office as soon as possible.

Highlands/Gordon Terrace Grade 5/6 Band Concert

The Highlands/Gordon Terrace schools band concert was held on May 4th, Music Monday. The concert started at 7 pm and was hosted by our school. We had a warm up piece played by the two bands followed by the two schools playing different pieces. The audience also got to hear the Jazz Band and a number of solos. It was an awesome performance and it was great to hear how much our students have learned since they first received their instruments. We have some great musicians in the making. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Dureski for all of his hard work, and to the students and School District staff who moved all of the equipment and set up the gym.

Highlands Celebration of the Arts

As many of you already know we have had Mr. Brian Mackie here at our school teaching our students about famous artists and how to design art like that particular artist. Each class has worked on pieces from one or two different famous artists. The students have really enjoyed learning lots of special facts about the different artists and the work that they did. PAC has provided the funding to put on this special activity for our students.

On May 19th and 20th we will be having our art show to show case all of the art produced by the students. On both days we will be having the art show at lunch time (12 pm to 12:40 pm) and after school till 4 pm. There will be special evening showing between 6 pm and 7 pm on May 19th only. I hope everyone comes out to look at their child's art work and the art work of others.



Kindergarten Registration

School District #5 Southeast Kootenay welcomes all children born between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010. All new students to School District #5 must register at the school within your neighbourhood school's catchment area. A **birth certificate** or other legally acceptable documents, along with proof of BC residency, i.e. **care card** must be provided at the time of registration. We look forward to your child joining us at Highlands Elementary School.

Scholastic Book Fair

Highlands School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Scholastic will send us many books at all different interest and age levels from Pre-School to adult. Get set for summer reading! The times for the Book Fair will be:

- ❖ Tuesday, May 19 – 12:00 to 12:40 pm, after school until 4:00 pm & 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ❖ Wednesday, May 20 – 12:00 to 12:40 pm and after school until 4:00 pm.



Talent Show

Our annual Highlands Talent Show was another big success. Wow! We have some very talented students who attend our school and this really came out at our Talent Show. We had over 20 student acts this year and lots of parents who came to watch as well. A big thank you goes out to our grade six Leadership team for running the show. They did an awesome job! Thank you to Mrs. Vording, Mrs. Ackert, Mrs. Merkel, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Kessler and Mr. Rogers who helped coach the students through the audition process, putting in many hours watching the students, making suggestions, etc., ensuring our students were ready to show off their talent, and to all of the school staff who helped support the event by decoration the event, encouraging students, etc. This was an incredible event and it was enjoyed by all.



TriKids Triathlon

Come join your friends at Wasa Lake on Saturday, June 13 at the 12th annual TriKids Triathlon. Racers, new & experienced, are grouped with an accomplished adult leader for warm-up, course review & guidance in one of 6 races for athletes 4 to 15 years old. Racers are treated to a post-race lunch, finisher's medal & souvenir shirt. Athletes 16 to 19 years old can take on the Sprint distances individually or as a relay team on Sunday, June 14. For more detail & to register, visit www.rmevents.com.

