



## HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 2015



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Jan 16 Spirit Day –  
Class Colours
- Jan 30 Alternate Day -  
No School
- Feb 6 – Alternate Day  
No School
- Feb 9 Family Day - No  
school
- Feb 13 Red & Pink  
Day
- Feb. National Pink  
Shirt Day - TBA**
- Feb 27 Pro D –  
Teachers only at  
school
- Mar 13 Alternate Day –  
No School
- March 16 – 27 Spring  
Break
- March 30 Classes  
Resume
- Apr 3 Good Friday –  
No School
- Apr 6 Easter Monday  
– No School
- Apr 13 Pro D –  
Teachers only



### **Principal's Message**

I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and I hope you had an enjoyable time with your children and families over the Winter Break.

Almost all of the children I have talked to were very excited to be back and had a good holiday. The school was in great shape after all of the custodial and maintenance work that was done over the last two weeks, a big thanks goes out to them. The two weeks off does adversely affect some students and we are working on getting them back on track. We had some tired students and staff the last few days as they get back on schedule. By the end of the week all of us should be back in the routine.

With the winter weather now here in full force, driving on Cranbrook streets has become more hazardous, especially around the schools at drop off and pick up times. Please try to drive south on 7<sup>th</sup> Street when you drop off your child. This gives them the opportunity to walk safely on the sidewalk to school and thus not having to cross the street. If your child(ren) does cross the street please get them to cross at the cross walk. We have had a few reports of students walking behind cars as they are backing up and walking in front of cars while they are moving, which is not good. It is always a good idea to frequently review traffic safety with your child(ren).

We have had a number of staffing changes here at the school in the last little while. I would like to give a warm welcome to Highlands School to; Miss. A. Green who is sharing the grade 2 class room with Mrs. Halwas, to Mrs. A. Gotaas who is our new counsellor, to Ms. J. Oliver, a welcome addition to our Students Services team, and to our new Noon Hour Supervisor Miss. Y. Langfield.

Basketball season is starting this month and the games will begin the third week of January, running each Tuesday after school for 5 weeks. Again, I am struggling to find a coach or coaches for either the boys' or girls' team. If you are interested, please contact me.

Our Foundation Skills Assessments with the grade 4's and our Satisfaction Surveys for the grade 4, 5, and 6 students, will be taking place during the next two months. Letters will be going out to parents with more information. The second set of Student Report Cards will be coming out just before Spring Break. Good news! We are in the final stages of getting our live announcements up and running. We have all of the hardware in place and we are just working on the software and set up in the announcement room and in the classrooms. I am hoping to have a trial run sometime this week and a training session next week for the students who will be doing the tech work and the students who will be doing the announcements.

Mr. Steve Rogers

## **School Drop Off Zone**

Due to regulation changes with the City of Cranbrook there is no longer angle parking allowed in front of the school. The reason was the angle parking cuts the traffic on 7th Street down to one lane especially when big trucks are parked in this manner. This area is now a parallel parking area for parents to pick up and drop off their child(ren). I have been informed that ticketing will soon be taking place. Please help to make Highlands School a safer place abiding by these new changes.

## **Kindergarten Registration and Immunization**

Highlands Elementary School will be accepting Kindergarten registration beginning February 1, 2015. Kindergarten registration is open to any child who will be turning 5 before December 31, 2015. When you register, bring with you the child's birth certificate, care card and proof of residency ( ie utility bill).

If you have a child who will be attending kindergarten in September 2015, please call the health unit at 250-420-2207 for more information and to book an appointment. Your child can receive their kindergarten booster any time after their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, ideally before school entry.

## **Spirit Day- Class Colours Friday, January 16, 2015 ( by Nicola & Alaura - Leadership Team)**

Colour Day is on Friday, January 16. Each class will dress up in their class colour. The class with the greatest participation will receive a prize. We hope everyone participates!!!. Class colours are:

Mrs. C. Johns - Rainbow	Mrs. Halwas - Purple	Mrs. Matthews - Orange
Ms. J. Johns - White	Ms. Pelton - Grey	Mr. Catherall - Blue
Mrs. Calder - Red	Mrs. Kish - White	Mrs. Buch - Black
Mrs. Ackert - Pink	Mrs. Vording - Green	Mr. Rogers - Camo

## **VOLLEYBALL – GRADE 6**

The last week of December the students and coaches celebrated in the library with lots of good food and then headed off to the gym for a little fun. Thank you to our girl coaches Mrs. Ackert and Ms. Wright and thank you to the boy's coach Mr. Rogers.

## **Message from the Office : Lost or missing clothing (boots, etc.) & Absentism**

Once again it is time for parents to check our **Lost and Found Area** to see if their child has left their clothing, boots, etc., behind. We do lay all of the clothing out on the floor and teachers ask the students to check if any of the clothing is theirs as they go by the clothing on their way to the gym classes before we get rid of all of the lost and found items. A lot of students do not recognize their own clothing. Please come by and check the lost and found area. The lost clothing that is not picked up will be going to the Salvation Army **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Just a friendly reminder to please call the school at 250-489-4391 or email [lorraine.pearson@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:lorraine.pearson@sd5.bc.ca) to report that your child(ren) will not be attending school. Office hours are 7:30 am to 3:20 pm.



### **Fire Chief for the Day**

The students from Mrs. Pelton's, Mrs. Kish's, and Mrs. Vording's class went on a field trip to the Cranbrook Fire hall in November to learn about fire safety. The students from the Cranbrook schools put their names into a draw to be Fire Chief for the day. The two winning students also got to out for lunch at McDonalds with two of the firemen. The winners this year were two students from Highlands School. The students had a blast, had some good conversation, and got to ride in a big fire truck. Congratulations to Colton from Mrs. Kish's class and Jaylem from Mrs. Vording's class.



### **East Kootenay Regional Science Fair – April 10 & 11, 2015**

When is it? ... Friday, April 10 - Competitive Fair (Gr 6 to Gr 12)

Saturday, April 11 - Non-competitive Fair (Kinder to Gr 5)

Where is it?..... **College of the Rockies Gymnasium, Cranbrook Campus**

Registration fee is \$15 per student, with a maximum of 2 students per project.

Registration system opens 2015-01-01 (January 1<sup>st</sup>) at 09:00:00

**Registration system closes 2015-03-30 (March 30<sup>th</sup>) at 23:58:00**



For more information or assistance, please check the main webpage <http://www.ekrsf.ca> or email [info@ekrsf.ca](mailto:info@ekrsf.ca)

## Food Bank Donations and KO Challenge

Thank you to all who supported the annual food bank drive. A special thanks goes out to the Grade 6 Leadership Team that helped organize this event. We collected 1508 lbs. of food items including \$312 while Kootenay Orchards collected 1073 lbs. of food. The Cranbrook Food Bank sent us a thank you note for all of our effort. This year Mr. Aston, being a good sport will wear a Highlands T-Shirt for a day. Way to go Highlands School community!

