

*Highlands*

# Highlights



## Highlands Olympic Games

### NEWSLETTER #38

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A thank you goes out to all our Grade 9 Leadership students for a fantastic HOG Day event. The day ran smoothly and everyone enjoyed the competition. Congratulations to Mrs. Smale's homeroom for winning the Mukluck Cup. Her room showed great support for cancer research by having the most students wearing bright coloured clothing.



HOG Days



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HOG Days Tug-a-war!

*Bright futures  
begin here*

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# Principal's Message

Hello to all our Highlands Parents, Guardians and Community Members!

Wow – two months of school have certainly slipped by quickly. Just as we recover from the Halloween candy overload, we see that Christmas is just a few weeks away. Despite that, we have quite a few things that are important to our students that will be done between now and Christmas Break.

Mr. Kapicki and his Leadership class are organizing an important assembly for our students - Remembrance Day ceremonies will be on Wednesday, November 10. We will start assembling at 10:30 am, all of our students will have the opportunity to observe this important time.

There will be **no classes on Remembrance Day – Thursday, November 11 –** and **no classes on Friday, November 12 –** Teachers' Professional Development Day. This will enable families to get a four day weekend, but the teachers will still be working as they refine their skills on Learning.

The interim reports for the four core subjects were posted last week on SchoolZone – Please feel free to contact the teacher if there is anything that is unclear. We still have about a month before our first term report cards – there is time to turn around some bad habits and get the best possible mark for the first term! The first Progress Report will be available on Monday, November 29, followed up by the Student / Parent / Teacher interviews on Thursday, December 2.

Plans are now well underway for special activities for our students in the week before Christmas Break. As we confirm the activities, we will be sharing this information with students and families, but we do know that we will be having our Annual Christmas Bureau Dinner and Dance on Thursday, December 16.

Students and Staff will then take a well-deserved Christmas Break – there will be no classes Dec. 20 – 31, and students will return on January 3, 2011.

As always, we look forward to meeting you at the school. If you have any concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Principal Ken LeLacheur or Assistant Principal Glen Wilcox.

Ken LeLacheur

## *Highlands Parent Council Meeting*

*Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm. in the Library*

*This is a great opportunity to be involved in your son or daughter's school, to meet other parents, and provide insight to help Highlands to continue to move forward and provide an excellent education for our kids.*

No School  
Wednesday, November 11  
Remembrance Day  
&  
Friday, November 12  
PD Day



Highlands  
Remembrance Day Ceremony  
Wednesday,  
November 10 @ 10:30 A.M.  
In the Big Gym

### Highlands Sports Teams Up and Running!

#### Soccer

Congratulations to the Highlands Soccer team for all your hard work and good effort! Despite a tough season, we learned the importance of sportsmanship, perseverance and most importantly – having fun! See you next year! *T. Janisch*



#### Volleyball Girls

Congratulations to the following girls who made the Volleyball Team: Aisha, Marie, Cassie, Sarah, Paige, Reshma, Rebecca, Tiannia, Gizman, Ashley, Emmy. The season is in full swing and the girls are doing well - improving everyday. Way to go girls! !



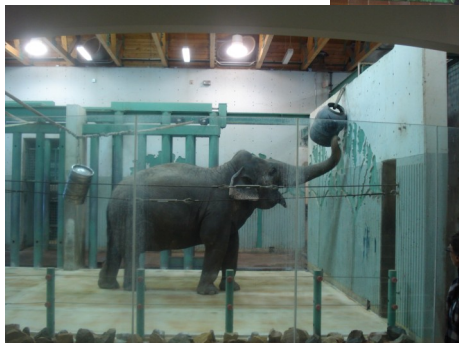
#### Volleyball Boys

Congratulations to the following boys who made the Highland's team; Dakota, Cory, Essa, Omar, Bassit, Chris, Justin and Tristan. All have been playing and practicing hard and have enjoyed some success on the court. Keep up the great work team!



## Grade 9 Zoo Field Trip

The Grade 9 classes have been studying Biological Diversity for the past two months. As a wrap up to this unit, the Grade 9 A&B classes attended the Edmonton Valley Zoo's "Endangered Species" exhibit. Through the course of the day, students saw, interacted and learned about various endangered species all around the world. Students gained an appreciation for the complexities of global conservation efforts and how they impacted their daily lives. Students also had an opportunity to tour the entire zoo while working on a project reviewing all major concepts learned throughout the year thus far. This involved taking pictures, gathering information, and critically thinking about how the animals at the zoo came to be, and why it is important to learn about global biological diversity.



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**PLEASE POST ON YOUR FRIDGE FOR AN EASY REFERENCE**

<b>Nov</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day (No School)</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Professional Day (No School)</b>
Nov	29	Progress Report #1 available on SchoolZone
Dec	2	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Dec	13-17	Health Week
Dec	16	Christmas Bureau Dinner and Dance
<b>Dec</b>	<b>20-31</b>	<b>Christmas Break (No School)</b>
Jan	3	Students Return
Jan	20-21	Mid-Year Exams
Jan	27	Student Interim Reports
<b>Jan</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Professional Development Day (No School)</b>
Jan	31	Semester 2 Options Begin
Feb	TBA	Young Readers Conference
<b>Feb</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Family Day (No School)</b>
<b>Mar</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>Teacher's Convention (No School)</b>
Mar	7	Progress Report #2 available on SchoolZone
Mar	10	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar	24	Open House
<b>Mar 28 - April 1</b>		<b>Spring Break (No School)</b>
Apr	4	Classes Resume
<b>Apr</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Professional Day (No School)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Good Friday (No School)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Easter Monday (No School)</b>
April	26-27	HLAT Writing Exam
Apr	29	Student Interim Report
May	2-6	Spirit Week
May	3-4	HLAT Reading Exam
May	19	Grade 9 LA Provincial Achievement Test Part A, 9 K & E LA Part A
<b>May</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Day in Lieu (No School)</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Victoria Day (No School)</b>
June	21	<b>Aboriginal Day (school in session)</b>
June	22	Grade 9 Language Arts Part B Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E LA Part B
June	23	Grade 9 Science Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E Science
June	24	Grade 9 Mathematics Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E Math
June	27	Grade 9 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E Social
June	29	Awards Ceremony @ 1:00 p.m. Final day for students and Grade 9 Celebration, 6:00 p.m.
June	29	Final Progress Report handed out: 9 – 10 a.m.

## Yoga/Extra P E Option Class

Mr. Meers and 21 grade 7 & 8 students from the Yoga/Extra PE option class participated on a Rock Climbing field trip to Vertically Inclined on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Rock Climbing is a great way to experience an alternative environment and challenges participants both physically and mentally. The students were incredibly well behaved and truly enjoyed the opportunity. Mr. Meers, an avid climber and mountaineer, was impressed at the courage demonstrated by many of the students who were afraid of heights, and a bit jealous of the talents demonstrated by several of the first time climbers who made routes that took months for him to master, look easy as they conquered it on their first attempt! WELL DONE! Overall, it was a positive experience for the students, and left many with a keen interest in learning more about climbing. Students were given discount cards for Vertically Inclined at the end of the session, which will hopefully allow those interested students to have another go on the wall with their friends or family soon!



## School Fees

The deadline for paying school fees was Monday, October 4.

Please see Ms Yankee in the school office to arrange payment or a payment schedule.

## Quebec Trip

### Parent and Student Meeting

November 2, 2010 6-7 pm

Those students who have shown interest in the Quebec trip and have a blue form from Ms Fiidelak need to attend an important information meeting with their parents.



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**Seniors Caring About Seniors** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to be an effective service facilitator for seniors to help them retain their lifestyle, sense of independence and well-being.

We are in need of Snow Removal Service Providers, Housekeepers and Maintenance (plumber, repairs, carpenters etc) (earn extra cash) and Volunteer Drivers (honorarium) and office Volunteers.



If you are able to help out in these areas please contact Val Dash, Co-ordinator of Volunteers at 780-465-0311.



### Christmas Bureau

The Christmas Bureau provides food certificates/food hampers to those in need during the holidays. Toys are available through Santa's Anonymous.

**Donations:** Santa's Anonymous Toys can be dropped off at your local mall during the holiday season. Please make sure all gifts are still in the package or still have the tags attached but are not wrapped in wrapping paper.

***In need of support this year? To apply:***

- Call 780-414-7695 November 16th to December 21st. The earlier the better!
- Families receiving Income Support or Alberta Child Health Benefit will be receiving an application in the mail Oct 30.
- For information call 780-421-9627

Do you want to **read** and **write** better?

Do you want to improve your **math** skills?



**How:** Come to **FREE** classes for **adults** or work one on one with a tutor

**Where:** #223, Abbotsfield Mall 3210 – 118 Ave

**When:** Daytime and evening classes

**Call:** Susan at The Learning Centre at **471-2598**



**Volunteer tutors also needed!**

Make a difference in someone's life! (Childcare may be available).

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