



Highlands Elementary

December - íkuskukusa† ‡xama†i†

We acknowledge that we all live, study, work and play on the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa People.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4	Children's Christmas Choir- 7pm at the Alliance Church
Dec. 6	Grinch Day
Dec. 6	Milk and Cookie Day
Dec. 6	PAC Holiday Market 6-8pm
Dec. 18	Christmas Musical- 6:30pm at the Key City Theatre
Dec. 19	Pajama Day
Dec. 19	Learning Updates go home
Dec. 20	Christmas Dinner
Dec. 23	Start of Christmas Break- No School

With the increase in students and staff this year our parking lot is full. Due to limited space and safety concerns, we ask that parents avoid entering the parking lot for drop offs or pick ups. Our priority is to keep everyone safe! Thank you for helping us keep our students and staff safe.

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders



Reporting



Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please use the School Messenger App or phone the school at (250) 489-4391 and leave a message with your child's first name, last name and the classroom teacher's name. If your child is late please get them to check into the office before heading to class.



Messages From Staff

CHRISTMAS DINNER - DECEMBER 20TH

I am very excited to be able to organize this very special and community building event here at Highlands Elementary. On the last day of school before the winter break all of our staff and students will enjoy a turkey dinner together in the gym. It is a great way for every child to be able to contribute and participate in a celebratory meal together. Our Grade 6 students will help with the meal prep and everyone will enjoy their meals with their house team. Next week your child(ren) will bring home a piece of paper indicating an item that we will need for the dinner. Everyone is asked to bring the item assigned to them by the specific date needed. We appreciate your contribution to make this dinner happen!

I will also need a few parent and staff volunteers to help with the prepping and serving of the meal the day of the event.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with the lunch please email me: natasha.ewaskow@sd5.bc.ca

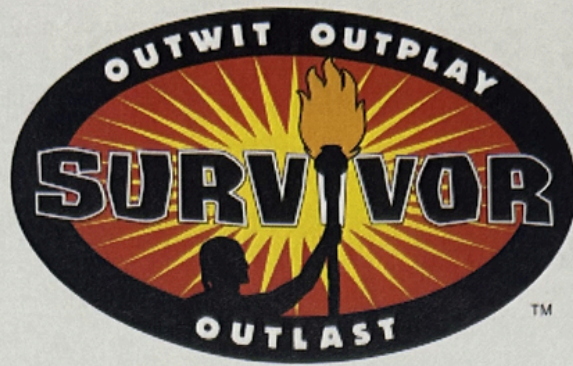
Thanks everyone!

Natasha Ewaskow
Youth Care Worker
Highlands Elementary

Establishing Safe, Caring, and Respectful Digital Communities

Is your child 10 or older? Take advantage of this free opportunity for families to learn remotely with their children about digital safety! Safer Schools Together is offering several free sessions covering topics such as cyberbullying, intimate image sharing, the permanence of your online presence, reporting tools, and more! <https://pages.saferchoolstogether.com/erase-family-session> to find a session that fits with your schedule!

If you have any questions regarding the above information, or if you would like to contact the school counsellor, feel free to email kathleen.boyle@sd5.bc.ca



SURVIVOR AT THE NORTH POLE

November 21, 2024

Hello Parents/Guardians,

The students at Highlands are working very hard to prepare this year's Christmas Musical, "Survivor at the North Pole". The musical will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at the Key City Theatre at 6:30pm, with a dress rehearsal in the afternoon. On the reverse side of this letter, you will find specifics regarding what each class is being asked to wear for the musical. Students are asked to wear their costumes for the dress rehearsal in the afternoon. They will have the opportunity to change into costume before loading the bus if you prefer that your child not wear the costume for the morning.

Grade 6 students who have acting roles will be given specific instructions as to what they will need to wear.

Concert tickets will be going home on December 11th. Families will be given 2 tickets and if you require additional tickets, you can request those at that time. We will do our very best to honour extra ticket requests, but please keep in mind with our growing student population we may be unable to meet all requests due to capacity size of the Key City Theatre. Children ages 2 and under do not require a ticket if they are sitting on an adult's lap. If you know that your family is unable to attend the concert, please let me know beforehand or return your tickets so that we are able to redistribute them to another family.

More information regarding drop-off locations will come out closer to the date as to which room location your child will be in so, please stay tuned.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Lyndsey Bain
Music Teacher

Lyndsey.Bain@sd5.bc.ca

JOHNS, O'GRADY, NIELSEN: REINDEER

Students are asked to wear all brown and will be given reindeer antlers. Students will also have their noses done in face paint.

STEWART & VAN HESTEREN: CANDY CANES

Students are asked to wear a white, red or green top and dark pants. Candy canes will be made for the students to wear.

MCGOVERN, SHIELDS & BOHAN: CHRISTMAS MORNING PAJAMAS

Students are asked to wear pajamas that they would wear on Christmas morning. Christmas pajamas are highly encouraged along with slippers. Santa hats will be provided.

MARTIN & MRS. BUCH: ROCK STARS

Students are asked to wear black tops with jeans or black pants. Feel free to include: sunglasses, hat on backwards, chain necklaces, leather jackets, rips in jeans, mohawks, etc.

BARTRAW, MR. BUCH & BERGEN: SNOWBOARDERS

Students are asked to wear snowsuits (snowpants and jackets). They are also encouraged to wear skiing/snowboarding helmets, snowboard boots, goggles. Students who do not have helmets are encouraged to wear Santa hats. Please no gloves. Reminder to wear light weight clothing underneath as it can get hot on stage in this gear!

THOMPSON: ACTORS

Specific information to come for this class.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students Supplies are \$45 per student. Supplies can be checked off on the Highlands Hot Lunch website and then paid via e-transfer, cheque, or cash to Highlands PAC. If you are unsure if this affects you please contact the school office. These fees do not apply to Amy Woodland Students who brought their own supplies.



Have you joined the Highlands Facebook page yet?? If not please scan the QR code and join the Highlands Elementary PAC Cranbrook BC page to keep updated on all the PAC news.



Hot Lunch Dates

Dec. 5 Dominos
Dec. 12 Hot Dog Day

Deadline to order for hot lunch is midnight on the Sunday night prior to the hot lunch day

All orders can be placed at highlands.hotlunches.net
Our school code is "HIGH"

Next PAC meeting is Jan. 9 at 7pm in the Library.



HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PAC

USED BOOKS FAIR

Two Events

Mini Fair @ PAC Christmas Market

December 6, 2024

Main Event

coming February 2025

We are accepting
donations of previously
loved books now!



Place donations in decorated boxes outside the main office or the library.
FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT CONNIE AT connie.swarbrick@gmail.com



Please ask your student to have a look through the lost and found. With the colder mornings and warmer afternoons last month we have a large collection of hoodies, coats, and mittens.

Did you know that 5% of your Save-On-Foods bill could be donated straight to our School? All you have to do is:

- Shop at Cranbrook Save-On-Foods
- Tell the cashier you support Highlands School
- 5% of your bill is donated to the school by the store with no extra cost to you.





You are invited to:

Cranbrook Elementary

*Children's
Christmas
Choir*

December

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Start 7 PM

Cranbrook Alliance Church



HOLIDAY MARKET

December 6th 6-8pm

AT

Come join us at
HIGHLANDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEEKING VENDORS

Tables are \$25/each. Contact
highlandspacmarket@gmail.com for more
information.

To book a table,
please email
highlandspacmarket@gmail.com with the
following information:

- Your full name and contact information
- Business name (if applicable)
- Type of goods
- Special requests (power, multiple tables)

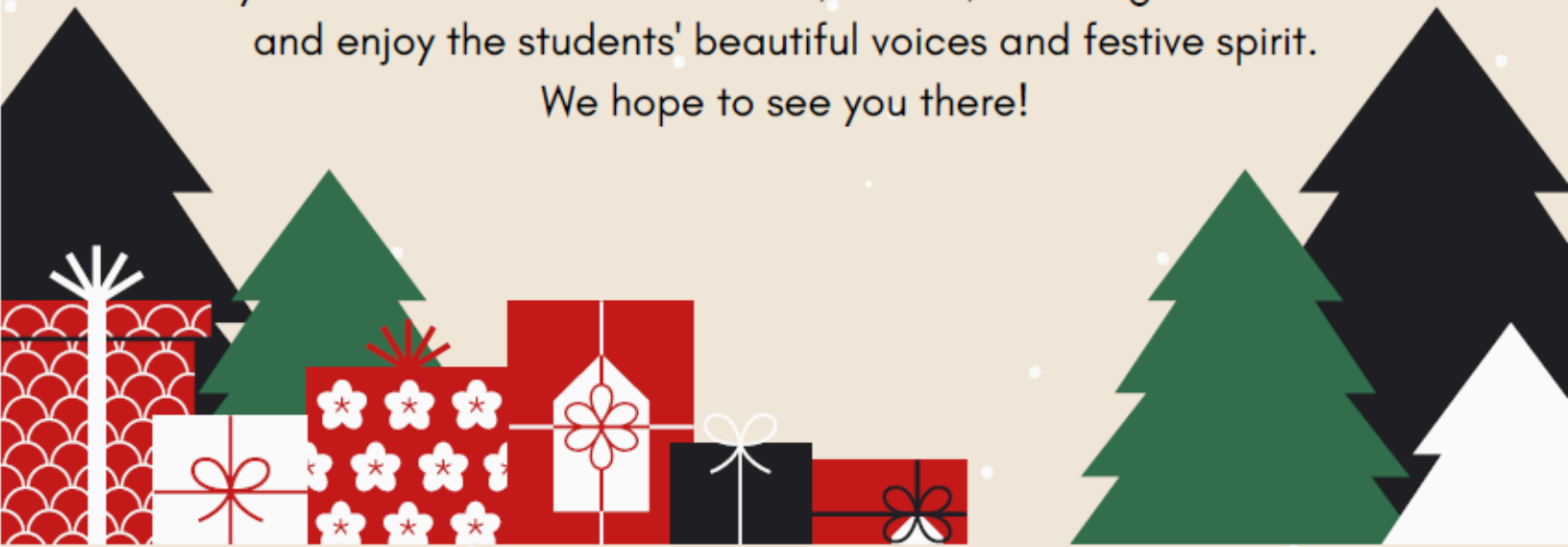
Community Events

YOU ARE INVITED TO The Jingle Bell Float

Join us on **Wednesday, December 11th**, as intermediate students from KO, spread holiday cheer through song. The students will be carolling at **Amy Woodland School from 6:30 to 7:00 PM.**

This year, the music teacher at Kootenay Orchards, Mr. Lutz, has expanded the tradition of carolling in the KO neighborhoods to include the Amy Woodland community as well. We'd love for families, friends, and neighbours to come out and enjoy the students' beautiful voices and festive spirit.

We hope to see you there!



Christmas For Cetter's

December 14th 2024
1-4pm

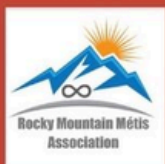
3339 highway 3/95
BCSPCA

Join us for an afternoon by
a cozy fire, Fun games,
interesting crafts, and even
write a letter to santa
paws for toys and goodies
for our shelter friends!

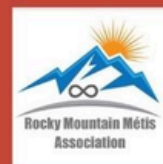




Rocky Mountain Métis CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas Goodies and drinks will be provided



DEC 14, 2024 AT THE MANUAL
TRAINING ROOM AT CRANBROOK
LIBRARY

1212 - 2 ST N

TIME 1:00 - 3:30 PM



SANTA WILL BE ARRIVING: KIDS AGE 12 & UNDER
RECEIVE GIFTS (MUST BE A MNBC MEMBER)
PLEASE RSVP TO 250-489-8960 OR EMAIL
RMMANAVIGATOR@GMAIL..COM &
LET US KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING AND
YOUR KIDS AGES PLEASE!





NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30,
DECEMBER 5, 6, 7, 2024



#kamnin'tik
Children's Truth and Reconciliation Society

Nov.30th Special Guest Performer Bonnie Harvey – Chosen Charity



Ktunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Service Society



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GATHERING

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Location: Dan Joe Memorial Gym

7500 Mission Road, ʔaąam BC

Friday, December 13, 2024

4:30pm to 7:30pm

*Come out and enjoy a feast with family and community.
There will be many fun activities, cultural programming,
amazing door prizes and Santa will be coming to visit!*



Information & Contact

Please contact kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org
for any further questions (250) 489-4563

*Feel free to dress as your favourite
Christmas character!*



If you need a ride to the gathering, please call (250) 489
4563 or email kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org and write
"Christmas Transportation" in the subject line.
Pickup will be at CJC @ 4:30pm. We will be leaving
ʔaąam at 7:30pm returning to CJC.

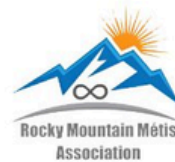




Ktunaxa Kinbasket
Child & Family
Service Society



Indigenous Family Enhancement Program
THRIVING INDIGENOUS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



Rocky Mountain Métis
Association

FAMILY SKATING

RING IN THE HOLIDAYS AT THE RINK

Location: Kinsmen Arena

Address: 1432 2nd St. S, Cranbrook

Date: December 5, 12, 19

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm



Information & Contact

Any questions can be directed to
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(250) 489-4563



Skates can be provided if needed, please bring a helmet
Helmets are required for all skaters under 19 years old | NO EXCEPTIONS

