



# Highlands Elementary

## December - 'kusmukusa† xama†i†

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

### Upcoming Events

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
Jan. 6	First day back to school
Jan. 9	PAC Meeting 7pm in the Library
Jan. 10	Welcome back pancake breakfast

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

We are 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. **JUST A REMINDER THAT** your child(ren) brought home a piece of paper indicating an item that we will need for the dinner and to bring it back by a certain day next week. We appreciate your contribution to make this dinner happen!

We could still use a few more parent and staff volunteers to help with the serving and clean up of the meal the day of the event. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with the lunch please email [natasha.ewaskow@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:natasha.ewaskow@sd5.bc.ca)

Thanks everyone!

Natasha Ewaskow, Youth Care Worker



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.

Please ask your student to have a look through the lost and found. We have a large collection of hoodies, coats, and mittens.

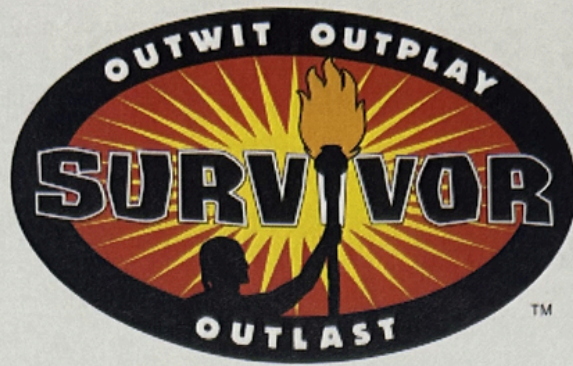


HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL PAC

# USED BOOKS FAIR

PAC is still collecting used books. Please place your book donation in the decorated boxes outside the main office or the library. For any questions please contact Connie at [connie.swarbrick@gmail.com](mailto:connie.swarbrick@gmail.com)





# 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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

Please see next newsletter for upcoming dates.

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](http://highlands.hotlunches.net)  
Our school code is "HIGH"

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



# *Community Events*

## *Christmas For Cetter's*

*December 14th 2024  
1-4pm*

*3339 highway 3/95  
BCSPCA*

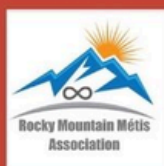
*Join us for an afternoon by  
a cozy fire, Fun games,  
interesting crafts, and even  
write a letter to santa  
paws for toys and goodies  
for our shelter friends!*



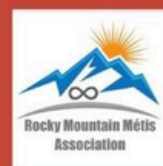




# Rocky Mountain Métis CHRISTMAS PARTY



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!







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  
[kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org](mailto:kkcfssprevention@ktunaxa.org)  
(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





# December

## Foundry Calendar

### SERVICES

# 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
PC: 1-4:30 YPS: 10-5 FPS: 10:30-12	PC: 9-4:30 YPS: 9-5 FPS: 9:30-11/3:30-4:30 MH: Intake AM/ Bookable PM	PC: 10-5:30 YPS: 10-6 FPS: Drop-in WIC: 2-6 CYMH Int: 9:30-12:30	PC: 10-5:30 YPS: 10-6 FPS: 12-1:30 WIC: 2-6 PHN: 11-1/3-4:30 EKASS 10-6 SW:10-12	PC: 10-5:30 YPS: 10-6 FPS: 2-3:30 WIC: 9:30-12:30 CMHA YO: 9-5
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EAST KOOTENAY

# December

# RMMA Calendar 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1	2 Beading Group 10 am to 12 noon	3	4	5	6 Beading Group 10 am to 12 noon	7
8	9 Beading Group 10 am to 12 noon	10	11	12	13 Beading Group 10 am to 12 noon	14  RMMA Christmas Party 1pm - 3:30pm
15	16 Beading Group 10 am to 12 noon	17 Christmas Hampers ready for pick up	18	19	20 Beading Group 10 am to 12 noon	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Closed for the Holidays Dec 23 - Jan 6th/2025 Closed for the Holidays			

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

Every **THURSDAY** we pick up new food for the Pantry, so we are closed 10:15-11am while we do that.

**Monday & Friday** Meet here at the Community space for beading!

**Dec 14th** RMMA Christmas Party  
1212 - 2nd Street N (Manual training room at Cranbrook Library)  
1pm- 3:30pm

We will be closed December 23 - Jan 6, 2025!

**Happy Holidays to all!**

#### IMPORTANT INFO:











Office hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm Mon-Fri

Closed during events not located here.

Address: 110, 108 Van Horne St. S

Aen Pantry is open when the office is open!

NOTE: The Community Space will be open on Jan 4th for the Ribbon Skirt Workshop ONLY!

Organization	Phone	Address	Target Population	Hours of Operation	Services
ANKORS	250 426-3383	1324 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. N Cranbrook	No age or gender restrictions	M-Tue-Th 9:00-4:00 Wed 9:00-1:00 F- 9:00-1:00-Breakfast  8:00am-7:00pm Extended hours when overnight shelter is open.	Warm space, snacks & beverages, harm reduction, drug checking, toilet, connection to other services. <b>Pet Friendly</b>  <b>***If you have a pet, please contact ANKORS and they will help you house your pet while you access an over-night shelter***</b>
Alliance Church	250 421-0363	1200 Kootenay St. N	Adults	<b>***Sat and Sun 8:30-7:00. As able when weather is -15 or below***</b>	 NO PETS
Christ Church Anglican Shelter	Polly-250 421-4949  James-250 919-9179	46 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S Cranbrook	Adults No gender restrictions	-15 degree Celsius. 7:00pm-8:30am	Over-night space. Toilets, food, coffee, support.  NO PETS
The Dwelling Place	250 489 5411	2324-2 <sup>nd</sup> St. S.	Adults/No gender restrictions.	<b>Mon-Sat 8:30 am-9:00pm Sun 1:00 9:00 pm</b>	Open for drop in during extreme weather.  NO PETS
Cranbrook Food Bank	250 426-7664	1624 Industrial Road 2.	No age or gender restrictions	M-W-F 9:30-2:30 Bread room-Open 24/7 Community Fridge-Open 24/7.	Food, hygiene items, health items, beverages. Fresh water tap on site. 
Cranbrook Public Library	250 426-4063	1212 2 <sup>nd</sup> St N.	No age or gender restrictions	M-Th 10:00am-8:00pm Fri-Sun 10:00-5:00	Designated warming/cooling space 
Kootenay Haven Transition House	250 426-4887 1-800-200-3003		Women and Children	24/7	Shelter for those leaving domestic violent living situations. 
Salvation Army  <b>**Note-no laundry or shower services available**</b>	250 426-3612	533 Slater Rd NW. Cranbrook	No age or gender restrictions	M-F 8:30-3:30	Warm space, food, snacks, coffee. Access to winter clothing etc. with voucher Hot Lunch Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 12:00-1:00 Evening Meal Wed & Sun 5:30-7:00 Food Recovery Tues & Thurs 12:30-1:30 <b>Free winter clothes, blankets, sleeping bags with voucher or referral.</b> 
Street Angels	250 420-2756	#46-17 <sup>th</sup> Ave S Cranbrook	Youth and Adult Services. No gender restrictions.	M-F 9:00am-6:00pm	Warm space, laundry, showers, snacks, coffee, resources Meals: Tues, Thur, and Fri 4:00pm 
Travelodge Shelter Manager cell: 778-687-1979	Staff cell: 778 687-1707	1417 Cranbrook Street N.	Adults No gender restrictions	M-Sun 6:00 am-9:00 pm	Temporary Shelter. Rooms available at 4:00. First come first serve. Site Curfew. 
Western Financial Place	250 489-0267	1777 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. N Cranbrook	No age or gender restrictions	M-Sun 6:00am-8:00pm	Designated warming/cooling space. 