

YEAR END NEWSLETTER



Highlands Elementary

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



- June 23 - Fairmont - buses leave at 8:45 and arrive back to school at 2:45
- June 24 - Grade 6 Band Concert 7pm Key City Theatre
- June 26 - Learning updates sent home
- June 26 - Last day of school 9-11am



Student classroom placements for September will be emailed out in late August. The email will include a link to the School Start website where you can purchase your child's school supplies that will be delivered to the school. Alternatively, you may purchase the items at a retailer of your choice as long as the items that you purchase are identical. The email will include any information pertinent to school start-up.



Dear Highlands Students and Families,

I've truly enjoyed learning alongside all of you over the past three years. It has been an honour to have been your vice principal. Thank you for welcoming me into the Highlands community so warmly. I will miss sharing jokes with you, celebrating your successes, being a part of the Orange house team, and cheering you on at the track and in the gym. Each of you has made a special imprint on my heart. Thank you for the wonderful memories, and I look forward to seeing you around the city.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!
Go HUSKIES!!

Love, Ms. Thompson

Band Concert/Grade 6 Send Off:

Tuesday, June 24th at 7:00 PM at the Key City Theatre. Rehearsal will run 3:15-4:45 PM. Students are asked to be dropped off and picked up for rehearsal. There will be a special choir performance by the following classes as part of this concert: Mr. Bartraw, Mr. Buch and Mrs. Bergen. These classes will also be asked to join for a portion of the rehearsal from 3:15-3:30 PM. Black attire for all students performing in the concert.

**Lyndsey Bain
Music Teacher**

ARE YOU MOVING?

We are already looking at next years class lists. If you are moving or planning on not attending Highlands next school year can you please let the office know. You can e-mail hes.mailing@sd5.bc.ca or call 250-489-4391



Our Lost and Found tables are overflowing. There is still mittens, gloves, snow pants, hats and a million hoodies sitting on the tables in the front hallway. Please take a moment next week to see if anything belongs to your child(ren). All unclaimed items will be donated after June 26.

Farewell for the Summer – See You in the Fall!

As we come to the end of another remarkable school year, I want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of our families for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. It has truly been a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter, growth, and memorable moments. From the first day of school in September to the final celebrations in June, our students have shown incredible resilience, curiosity, and a willingness to try new things. None of this would be possible without the support of our families, and for that, we thank you.

Throughout the year, we've shared in so many special experiences together—field trips, assemblies, theme days, concerts, classroom projects, and more. These moments are more than just fun, they reflect the strong sense of community that makes our school such a special place. We are so proud of everything our students have accomplished and are continually inspired by their enthusiasm and kindness. Whether your child is finishing their first year of Kindergarten or their final year of elementary school, we celebrate their achievements and the growth they've shown academically, socially, and emotionally.

Summer break is a time to relax, reflect, and enjoy some well-earned rest. It's also an opportunity for families to reconnect and spend quality time together. We encourage you to enjoy the outdoors, explore new places, read together, and make lasting memories. The summer months offer a great chance for children to continue learning in fun and informal ways—through play, nature, creativity, and curiosity. Most of all, we hope this time brings joy and rejuvenation for everyone in your household.

While we are sad to say goodbye for now, we are also filled with excitement for the year ahead. Plans are already underway for the fall, and we are looking forward to welcoming both new and returning students back into our classrooms. With each new school year comes new opportunities for learning, connection, and growth, and we can't wait to begin that journey again in September. For those families who are moving on to new adventures, we wish you all the best and hope you take with you warm memories of your time here.

On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Your involvement and support make all the difference, and we feel fortunate to work with such caring, dedicated families. We hope your summer is filled with laughter, sunshine, and special moments, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall, refreshed and ready for another great year of learning together.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Ms. Lochrie
Principal

As my first year at Highlands comes to a close I have been thinking about what I am thankful for during these past 10 months. Here are some of my highlights!

- Getting to know a new and amazing staff
- Getting to know 130 new kiddos!
- Cooking the Christmas Dinner and Staff Appreciation Lunch with our Grade 6 students
- Field trips to places I hadn't been before like Fisherville and the Creston Wildlife Centre
- Track and Field Days (loved seeing kids encourage each other no matter what school they were from)
- Spending time in classrooms doing Social Emotional Learning
- Parenting Information Nights
- Baking bread with kids (and not just because it smells so good)

At dinner tonight I encourage you to share your highlights of the last year and ask your kids too! Not only does it help us to be grateful, but it can also reveal things we might not know about our kids.

Have a wonderful summer everyone, see you in September!

Natasha Ewaskow

Youth Care Worker
Highlands Elementary School



Homeschooling Requirements and Better Practices

To plan for the coming school year, schools and districts are reminded that under the School Act, home educators (families) are required to register homeschoolers with a school by September 30 each year and that public schools are required to enable homeschooler registrations. Schools may wish to remind homeschooling families of the requirement to register in end-of-year communications. Please review the [Homeschooling Procedures and Guidelines Manual](#) for a summary of requirements and better practices for all homeschooling stakeholders, including home educators, registering schools, boards of education and superintendents.



School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) 2025-2026 Annual School Calendar

July 2025

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March 2026

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SEPTEMBER 2
FROM 9:00-11:00

PAC News



Have you joined the Highlands PAC Facebook page? Scan the QR Code or search Highlands Elementary PAC Cranbrook BC to stay updated on all PAC upcoming events and business.



Please remember to clear up any outstanding balances on highlands.hotlunches.net Thank you!

Highlands PAC 2024-2025

18 FUNDRAISERS
We raised **\$19,736**
Kids' art fundraiser | Candles | Community Night | Musical Bingo | Family Dance | Fresh To You | Hot lunch | Mother's Day and Christmas plants | Winter Market | Used Book Fair ... and more

36 FUNDING REQUESTS
We funded **\$20,334**
CLASSROOM SUPPLIES: Art | Button machine | Musical instruments | Rainbow table | Red Cedar readers
EVENTS: Fairmont trip | Family Dance DJ | Fun Day | Mini golf | Community Night | Pancake breakfast | Book Fair | Summer in January | Swimming lessons
STAFF APPRECIATION: Welcome and retirement gifts | Birthday cakes | Christmas and year-end lunches
SPORTS EQUIPMENT: Gaga ball pit | Pickleball nets | Soccer nets

If your kid is a Highlands student, you're automatically a PAC member. Come to a monthly meeting to learn about what's happening at the school and help us support Highlands.

We appreciate all of the parents and staff who work together for our kids. A special thank you to these businesses who donated this year.

FAB RITE **BRIDGE INTERIORS** **ARCTIC ARROW POWERLINE GROUP**
SECURE **CITY GLASS & WINDSHIELD SHOP LTD**

Illustrations of two children on the left and one child with a soccer ball on the right.

Please join us for our next PAC meeting in September. Date will be announced on our Facebook page.



SUMMER

PROGRAMMING

TUESDAYS

GRADES 5-7

THURSDAYS

GRADES 7-9

10AM-2PM

Laurie Middle School

Join us for fun event days over the summer holidays!
We will be having guest speakers, cooking food, playing games, open gym time, crafting away, and much more!

FOOD . CRAFTING . MOVEMENT . LIFE SKILLS

FREE DROP-IN STYLE SUMMER PROGRAMMING

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