

Highland Park Junior High
Mid-Year Community Update

February 2023



Celebrate African Heritage Month 2023



The 2023 African Heritage Month theme, **Seas of Struggle – African Peoples from Shore to Shore**, recognizes the resiliency, strength, and determination of people of African descent from the shores of Africa to the shores of Nova Scotia -- with the Atlantic Ocean being the everlasting connection.

For more information:

<http://www.ahm.bccnsweb.com/wp/home>.

At Highland Park we have a multitude of events and activities celebrating African Heritage Month.

A big big thank you!

Thank you to our coaches this year; without you our sports teams would not be possible! Sports are an important part of the school community.

Our student council has planned and run a few events to enhance our school community this year. Recently we held school assemblies to celebrate student success and honor the positive contributions of many of our students in grades 7, 8 and 9!

Did you know we have an active and nutritious breakfast and lunch program at Highland Park? Thank you to our staff volunteers who make this happen every day.

Field trips, in-person assemblies and a variety of presentations are happening again! We are excited to provide additions to classroom learning both in and out of school. We have had quite a few opportunities over the first term and have many more planned! Thank you to all the staff, guests and volunteers that make this happen.

We have a variety of school clubs and extracurricular activities enhancing our students' school experience. Thank you to all participants and volunteers!



Upcoming events in February

- Both our girls and boys basketball teams are in the final playoff games for the Citadel Zone junior high championships! Congratulations on a great season.
- Join us for our first Coffee House this year on Thursday February 16th at 6 pm in our school gymnasium.
A variety of Highland Park talent will be showcased through music and performance. This will include our many musicians in the Band and Strings programs as well as our very own Mr. Dobson's grade 9 "Jam Band" with a special sneak peek mini performance from our upcoming Annie Junior musical performed by various cast members.
{Did you know that Highland Park is performing a Musical this spring? See the end of this list for a poster of the event. This is the first musical at Highland Park other than a play performed almost 20 years ago! Thank you to Helen Earley for bringing this to our school!}
- Our Grade 8 classes are taking tours of the firestation next door with their technology classes.
- The Maritime Centre for African Dance will be doing 3 different workshops with our grade 7 and 8 classes.
- We have a ski trip organized for February 23rd (**corrected date**).
This was made available to any Highland Student who wanted to sign up.
- We are hosting a Neptune School Tour with the following performances: "Colonial Park" and "Mischief" for our grade 8 and 9 students. Teachers will be making curricular connections in English and Social Studies classes before the performance on February 27th.
- We have ongoing author visits occurring in our English classes and our fine arts specialist is invited to many classes to make curricular connections in math and technology to name a couple.
- Our grade 9 students are starting their course selections for Citadel High School. Counselors and special programs like IB and O2 are visiting our students this month and into March. Citadel is hosting the following sessions:

A reminder of the Grade Nine parent meeting for students coming to Citadel is this Thursday in Citadel's Spatz Theatre, **February 9th at 6:30pm**. This is a meeting for parents only. Students will be invited to Citadel for an orientation later this year.

IB Student/Family information session - any students and families interested in learning more about the IB program at Citadel are welcome to come to our information session on Thursday, **February**

16th at 6:30pm. This session will talk about the IB pathways at Citadel including the full IB Diploma and individual certificate classes. All are welcome to attend.

One final note to all our students and families; Term 2 ends just before March Break!
Get those assignments and assessments finished so you finish up Term 2 with great results.

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Check out our Twitter feed to see some highlights from this school year.

Check out our Webpage: <http://hpj.hrsb.ca>

Email us at: hpjh@hrce.ca

Highland Park Junior High School presents

Annie jr.

Three Shows:
Wednesday, May 10th, 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 11th, 7:00 PM
Friday, May 12th, 7:00 PM

Suggested donation: \$10 per adult

HALIFAX REGIONAL Arts

Director: GaRRy Williams

Book by Thomas Meehan Music by Charles Strause Lyrics by Martin Charnin

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charnin
Based on "Little Orphan Annie"® By Permission of Tribune Content Agency, LLC
Annie JR. is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

Community Supports



PARENT TUTORING PROGRAM

THE HALIFAX HELPERS & SCHOOLSPLUS

APPLICATION DETAILS:

The Halifax Helpers, SchoolsPlus and HRCE have put together a series of workshops to help caregivers of K-5 students learn the "new way of math" in order to support their children.

CAREGIVER MATH TUTORING

STEPS:

- ✓ Check out our availability and book your sessions via the QR code;
- ✓ Contact yu.zheng@thehalifaxhelpers.com if you have any questions.

GUY SPACE MARCH BREAK CAMP

GuySpace is proud to announce that 2023 March Break will be a collaborative effort between GuySpace and White Ribbon. Our camp is provided completely free of charge during the March break holiday March 13th-17th. Camp will feature educational programming for male identifying youth directed at the 11-14 age range, as well as a variety of games, sports, and activities. Registration is limited and participants will be chosen on a first come first served basis.

To register visit:
<https://forms.office.com/r/xPFF3s2dRT>

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