

HIGHLAND PARK HEADLINES

"Hand in hand, building foundations of successful learning for all."

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APR. 2-5th	Easter Break—NO SCHOOL
APR. 5-9th	National Library Week
APR. 6th	PTO Meeting-Girl Scout House - 6 pm
APR. 7th	Paraprofessional's Day
APR. 9th	SCHOOL IN SESSION
APR. 13th	Board of Trustees Mtg./ HMS 6:30
APR. 19-23rd	Administrative Assistant Week
APR. 29th	POEM in my Pocket Day
APR. 30th	Arbor Day
MAY 3-7th	Teacher's Appreciation Week
MAY 12th	School Nurse Day
MAY 30th	HHS Graduation
MAY 31st	Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
JUNE 2nd	Last Day of School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope everyone has a Happy Easter Break! Spring is here and we certainly appreciate the warm weather. That being said please make sure your student has a light jacket or sweatshirt with them just in case.

Mrs. Holt, the Librarian, and the teachers are very proud of all their young readers for reading books and earning those "Bikes For Books" tickets. We will have several other items for students to win as well. We are celebrating reading for the rest of the year!

As we get closer to the end of the year, please double check the calendar to the left for important dates and information. Our staff and students have worked very hard this year and it is amazing how much academic progress has been made. That being said, we still have more work to do before summer. Thanks for making sure your student is at school every day! In addition; be on the lookout for information for summer programs that will be offered to our students to continue to help them bridge learning gaps that have resulted from the pandemic. We will continue to do all we can to help our students.

Mark Irvin ~ Highland Park Principal

Follow us on Twitter @HPSchoolhavre for all sorts of pictures, updates and announcements.

ATTENDANCE IS KEY—KIDS HERE EVERYDAY!!!



HIGHLAND PARK BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Be prepared

**Respect
yourself and others**

**Interact
appropriately**

**Move
In a safe manner**

PARAPROFESSIONAL DAY— APRIL 7th

The staff at Highland Park School, are VERY thankful for the paraprofessionals that work in our building. Without their hard work and dedication to our students we could not provide the quality of services available to all. Thank you so much for all you do.... The paraprofessionals that work with us are: Tammie Almas, Melissa Beckstead, Carrie Cline, Vicky Dritsoulas, Melissa Frickel, Cassie Keller, Alicia Jeffrey, Debora McLean, Sally Norman, Cindy Roe, Tobey Schlotfeldt, Kelly Schwartzkopf, Madison Tommerup, Pearl Wagner and Linda Wallace. Join us in celebrating our paraprofessionals that help to make your children successful!

Bicycles, Kindles and mystery prizes need a good home! 1000's of books need to be read!

The Montana Masonic Foundation is again sponsoring the **Bikes/Kindles for Books** contest. Students can earn one chance to win a bicycle for each book they read during this program. The Masons hope to promote education through reading encouragement. Because of their goal, the Havre Elementary PTO has agreed to be a co-sponsor for this event.

Each K-1 teacher will have "Bikes/Kindles for Books" coupons to distribute in their classroom. The coupon must be signed by an adult who listens to the reading either at school or at home. The contest has been going since the beginning of March and will end the first week in May. At that time the Masons and the PTO will be giving away bicycles, Kindles, and mystery prizes. For more information please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Holt, the school librarian, at 395-8555.



Have fun and happy reading!



Put the World in Your Pocket

by Bobbi Katz

Pockets are nifty
for holding a quarter,
for holding a key,
or for holding a shell.

But the world is full of many
more things
that don't fit in pockets so very
well:

You can't put spring in a pocket,
not summer,
not winter,
not fall.

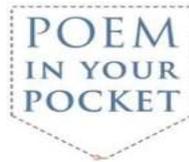
How could you pocket a giggle?
An elephant won't fit at all!
Yet you can carry a sunset,
people, the sea, or a home
neatly tucked inside a pocket
when they're tucked inside a
poem.

What: National Keep a Poem in your Pocket Day

When: Thursday, April 29th

Where: Highland Park

We would love for everyone in our building to participate. All you need to do is wear pants or a shirt with a pocket. The classrooms will supply the poems for the pockets.



**NO SCHOOL
EASTER
BREAK -
APRIL 2-5**

**SCHOOL IN
SESSION ON
FRIDAY,
APRIL 9th**

PTO Corner.....PTO Corner.....PTO Corner.....PTO Corner.....PTO Corner

- We would like to say thank you to everyone for all of your support of the P.T.O. We could not do the things we do without the support of the parents, students, teachers and administration. Thank you to all of our volunteers!!

- Spring is officially upon us and staff appreciation week is coming up May 3-7. Please thank all of the teachers and staff in our school district who keep things running smoothly and give our kids an excellent education that opens the doors to many opportunities for them. THANK YOU!! You are all wonderful assets to our kids and our school district!!

- Remember to keep collecting Box Tops for Education!

- If you would like more information about P.T.O. or have any questions, please call one of our officers: President - Christina Marsh (845-2749), Vice President Cassie Albertson (390-3916), Treasurer - Tammy Derbyshire (845-2749), and Holly Bitz (395-8554).

- Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Girl Scout House. Child care is provided at each meeting.



Does Your Child Know How To PROPERLY Wash Their Hands?



- Don't forget to turn the faucet off with a paper towel or your elbow.
- **- Why? So you don't re-contaminate your hands! Your hands and everybody else's dirty hands have touched that faucet!**
- Don't forget to open the bathroom door with a paper towel or push open with your foot.

National Library Week
 National Library Week will be celebrated next week, April 5 - 9th. Thank you to our librarian, Mrs. Kathryn Holt for her hard work and dedication to our staff, students, and library. She always goes the extra mile to help students pick out books and learn to read. We appreciate all of her hard work.



School Nurses...
Ms. Zorn
Mrs. Thompson
 School Nurse Week will be celebrated the week of May 3 - 7th. Thank you to our school nurses, Jeri Zorn and Robin Thompson. We appreciate their hard work, support and dedication to ALL of Havre Public School students and employees. We sincerely appreciate all that they do!



OUR TEACHERS ARE THE BEST!!
 Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated the week of May 3—7th. This is a time to extend our appreciation to our teachers for their efforts on behalf of our children. The teamwork and cooperation amongst the staff at Highland park is exceptional. We thank the teachers for providing an excellent education for our children!

GET OUT GET OUT GET OUT!!!

It's SPRING and if you haven't been outside playing all winter it's definitely time to get outside and PLAY with your children. Kids who play outside are happier, healthier, and stronger! According to research (Fjortoft 2004; Burdette and Whitaker 2005), children who play outdoors regularly: · Become fitter and leaner · Develop stronger immune systems · Have more active imaginations · Have lower stress levels · Play more creatively · Have greater respect for themselves and others

Time spent outdoors is also the best way to get vitamin D. According to the journal Pediatrics, 70% of American kids are not getting enough vitamin D, which can lead to a host of health issues. Time spent outdoors is also shown to reduce myopia (near sightedness) in children (Optometry and Vision Science, 2008). Outdoor play – it's not just FUN, it's good for you!

Here are some ideas to get your kids outside and moving this spring:

- Host a healthy picnic
- Rake leaves, plant flowers, or roll down a hill
- Create a painted rock garden
- Hop like bunnies, jump like frogs & slither like snakes
- Plan a Nature Walk!
- Plant a tree on Arbor Day (April 30, 2021)

