

# HIGHLAND PARK HEADLINES

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

Mark Irvin, Principal

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCT. 5 - PTO meeting / 6:00 pm / Girl Scout House  
OCT. 7 - Helmbrecht Picture Day  
OCT. 12 - Trustee Meeting / HMS / 6:30 pm  
OCT. 12th & 14th - Parent / Teacher Conferences  
OCT. 18 - 22nd - School Bus Safety Week  
OCT. 21 & 22 - MEA Convention - NO SCHOOL  
OCT. 25 - 29th - Red Ribbon Week  
OCT. 29 - Halloween Carnival  
OCT. 31 - Happy Halloween  
NOV. 2 - Election Day  
NOV. 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends  
NOV. 19 - 1st Trimester Ends  
NOV. 24 - 28 - NO SCHOOL / Thanksgiving Break  
DEC. 22 - JAN. 2 - Christmas Vacation / NO SCHOOL

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held the evenings of **October 12th and 14th, from 3:00 - 7:15 p.m.** Notes with individual conference times will be sent home with students next week. This is a time for you and your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress. Your attendance is greatly appreciated!!

~ **Talk with your child:** Find out his or her favorite subjects and activities, and ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.

~ **Review assignments:** Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.

~ **Be on time:** The conference schedule is tight and teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it has to be a telephone conference.

~ **Remember that conferences are brief:** A typical parent-teacher conference lasts about 15 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.

~ **Keep an open mind:** Some parents get upset when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember that these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

~ **Make plans:** Find out what you can do to follow through at home. Decide together what you, your child, and the teacher need to do to help your child succeed.

## SMILE.....TIME FOR SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture day will be held on

**Thursday, October 7th**

Picture envelopes have been sent home with students. If you have children of preschool age, you may bring them to the school for pictures at 8:00 a.m. Extra picture packets are available at the school office or you can order online at [www.helmbrecht.com](http://www.helmbrecht.com).



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The students and staff of Highland Park are working hard to make academic progress every day. We recently celebrated American Indian Heritage Week and our staff did a great job of discussing and highlighting our many cultures. Fire Safety month is October and Red Ribbon week will be celebrated the last week in October. We've completed one fire drill and a Hold in Place Drill and continue to teach our students about safety.

Upcoming events include MEA Week, Red Ribbon Week, Parent-Teacher conferences, the Book Fair and the Halloween Carnival. We may be asking for parent volunteers as we prepare for the Halloween Carnival. The carnival is still in the planning phase but more information is on the way. Thanks to PTO for all of the support they give us with many of our events.

To all of the parents, guardians and other family members of our students, I extend to you my great appreciation for your assistance and support as our educational partners. On that note—Please encourage your student to always follow our BRIM code. Most importantly to Be Kind and Respectful! We continue to hand out BRIM tickets to go on the BRIM wall and also have students draw from the treasure box every Friday if their ticket is selected.

We at Highland Park are very grateful to have students in our building full time. With our parent partners I know we will see huge academic gains from our students. Make sure your student is well fed, gets plenty of sleep and attends school everyday—UNLESS SICK OF COURSE.

## PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PTO MEMBER!

**NOTE: Due to Covid protocols we ask that only parents or guardians attend conferences on Oct. 12th & 14th.**

**Happy Boss's Day  
to Mr. Irvin  
on October 16th!**

Mr. Irvin—Highland Park Principal

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!!

Madison Huebsch has joined us as a Kindergarten teacher. Judith Kuntz is our additional Special Education teacher. Sarah Nicholas, Maya Watson, Ellimae Winchell, and Cassandra Lucas have joined our Paraprofessional staff. John McLean and Irene Amaro are our new custodians. We are delighted to welcome them to the Highland Park team.

## Follow HP on Twitter:



You can now stay up to date on upcoming events, schedule changes and see pictures of Highland Park students in action. Follow Mark Irvin @HPschoolhavre

**MEA Convention Week  
NO SCHOOL October 21 & 22nd**

## HIGHLAND PARK LIBRARY NEWS

Highland Park, Lincoln McKinley, Sunnyside and HEPTO are excited to host an Scholastic Book Fair this December. Please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

The school year is off to a great start! I love spending time with your children in the library. We are practicing appropriate library behaviors and learning library skills that will serve them well in the future.

--Mrs. Holt, Teacher-Librarian

“Life is a journey, not a destination.” — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



### TIME CHANGE!

Remember to turn your clocks **back**  
one hour before retiring on  
Saturday, November 7th!



### Asbestos Information:

This is a yearly notification to make you aware that Havre Public School Buildings, excluding Havre Middle School and the new addition to Highland Park, contain asbestos. This asbestos is contained and/or is encapsulated and monitored on a regular basis. If you have any questions call Scott Filius, Director of Transportation/Buildings and Grounds at 395-8556.

### PTO NEWS & INFORMATION

- PTO needs your help! The new school year is upon us. There are many projects we would like to implement at the schools, however, we need more parent involvement in PTO.
- PTO is established to help fund areas of need in each of our elementary schools as well as to develop provide special activities that enhance student learning and love of school. Book fairs provide funding directly to the libraries and additional funding supports classroom materials, student snacks, reading program incentives, field trips, classroom equipment and many other expenses that are not supported by the school's operating budget.
- We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM, at the Girl Scout House (420 5<sup>th</sup> Ave). PTO officers are looking forward to working with everyone during the upcoming year.
- If you would like to know more about P.T.O., there is a Facebook page named *Havre Elementary Parent Teacher Organization*, or please call any of the officers listed below. You do not have to come to the meeting to be involved in PTO. The officers are:
  - President - Christina Marsh: 845-2749
  - Vice President - Cassie Albertson: 390-3916
  - Treasurer - Tammy Derbyshire: 509-221-0057
  - Secretary - Holly Bitz: 395-8554
- The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 5th, at 6:00 PM in the Girl Scout House.

### **Counseling Corner,**

Hello HP parents. I wanted to let you know about what some of the things the kiddos are learning about in Mr. Campbell's counseling classes. I am introducing certain classes earlier than last year with much repetition to instill the information. **One of the safety classes are safe touch/unsafe touch.** I have attached a link to the video I have used in the class.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNTUMNKSNwk>

**Stranger Danger** is also one of the safety classes offered. This is the video that I use to assist in teaching the subject.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SY7RhBszp0k>

If you have concerns about your children receiving this instruction and seeing this video please contact me at 395-8555, ex. 6427

Thank you,

Mr. Campbell, Highland Park Early Primary School Counselor

THINGS YOU WILL WANT TO REMEMBER...  
 HIGHLAND PARK EARLY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 1207 Washington Ave / P.O. Box 7791  
 Havre, MT 59501

Phone: 406-395-8555 / Fax: 406-395-6447  
 (To Register for Bussing, call 395-8556)

VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE

Principal:	Mr. Mark Irvin
Campus opens at:	7:50 a.m.
Breakfast Served:	7:50 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
School Hours:	8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**Students who come in after 8:15  
 MUST check in at the office.**

\*Students go to lunch first and then outside\*

Tackitt, Neuwerth, Faechner, Courchene	11:05 - 11:50 a.m.
Huebsch, Kline, Hansen, Miller	11:15 - 12:00 p.m.
Stortz, Bakke, Mansfield, Meldrum	11:25 - 12:10 p.m.
Henry, St Marks, Bradshaw, Todd	11:35 - 12:20 p.m.

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**ALL Highland Park students are qualified for free  
 breakfast and lunch.**

## DRESSING FOR COOLER WEATHER

We want recess to be comfortable and fun for your children. This time of year the mornings are very cool, the afternoons can become much warmer and the weather is overall less predictable. We would appreciate it if you would send your child to school with a coat and appropriate clothing for the changing temperatures. Also, please remember to place your child's name in their outer clothing and feel free to stop by and check for any lost belongings in our lost and found!



## RED RIBBON WEEK

*Red Ribbon Week* — October 25th thru 29th. **"DRUG FREE, LOOKS LIKE ME!"**  
 Please join us in promoting a safe, happy, and drug-free lifestyle. Watch for more information regarding activities for this week throughout our community.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our food service workers, bus garage staff, bus drivers, custodians, maintenance crew and technology personnel for EVERYTHING they do for all the students for Havre Public Schools! We appreciate all they do to get our kids to school keep our kids fed, our buildings and grounds clean and our computers running!

**School Lunch  
 Week is October  
 11-15th!**



**Custodian/  
 Maintenance/  
 Technology  
 Recognition day is  
 October 1!**

**School Bus Safety  
 Week is  
 October 18-22**

