



Newsletter

High Prairie Elementary

Principal's Message

Hello Thunderbird Families,

December is a magical time at our school, filled with excitement, kindness and opportunities to come together as a community. As we embrace the joy and spirit of the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to our school community. From the sparkle in our little Thunderbirds eyes to the amazing and creative projects we see throughout the building, this time of year truly lights up our building!

This month we are focusing on “giving”. We are spending time talking about community building activities such as the food drive. We are learning about the importance of giving back to your community and supporting those in need. We have many exciting holiday events planned this month, and we look forward to celebrating together.

One of the highlights every December is our Christmas Concerts, where our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be performing. They have been working hard for the last few weeks to showcase their creativity, confidence and talents! We look forward to sharing in their joy and excitement with you. If you have older Thunderbirds, our Grades 4-6 students will be sharing their talent during our Spring Concert in April.

This season also gives us a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to our families and community for their ongoing partnership, encouragement and trust. Whether as a volunteer, attending our events or simply cheering your child on each day, your involvement makes a difference. By working together we are building a welcoming and caring environment for our students to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and joyful holiday break. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

In Kindness,
Lyndsay Fleming
Principal

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December 2025

Upcoming Events and School Information

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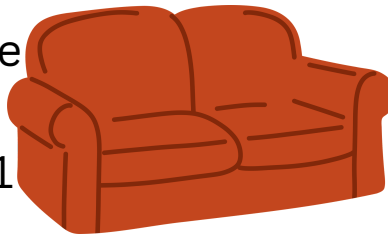
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| 1 Acuity Eye Care Gr. K-2 | 2 Acuity Eye Care Gr. K-2 | 3 | 4 | 5 PD Day No School | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Wellness Clubs | 9 Dogsledding Gr. 4  | 10  Dairy Queen Lunch Day | 11 Christmas Dress Up Day  | 12  Star Stories Gr. 5 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17  Christmas Concert Gr. K and 3 | 18  Christmas Concert Gr. 1 and 2 | 19  Pajama Day House Colours Sing-a-long | 20 | 21  |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 * MERRY * CHRISTMAS | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31  | Classes Resume January 5, 2026! | | | |



What's Happening at HPE

Best Seat in the House

HPE Wishlist Foundation will be selling tickets for the Best Seat in the House at both concerts. They are \$1 each, cash only.



HPE Christmas Concerts!

December 17: Kindergarten & Gr. 3

December 18: Gr. 1 & 2
Both Concerts start at 7pm

Gr. 4-6 will perform
in the Spring



HPE Skating Dates

Your child's teacher will send more information.

December 3 - Gr. 3

December 4 - Gr. 2 & 1/2B

December 12 - Gr. 2 & 1/2B

December 16 - Gr. 5 & 5/6S

December 18 - Gr. 2



If you'd like your child to have the option of going outside even when it is below -25 or rainy please ask for a form.

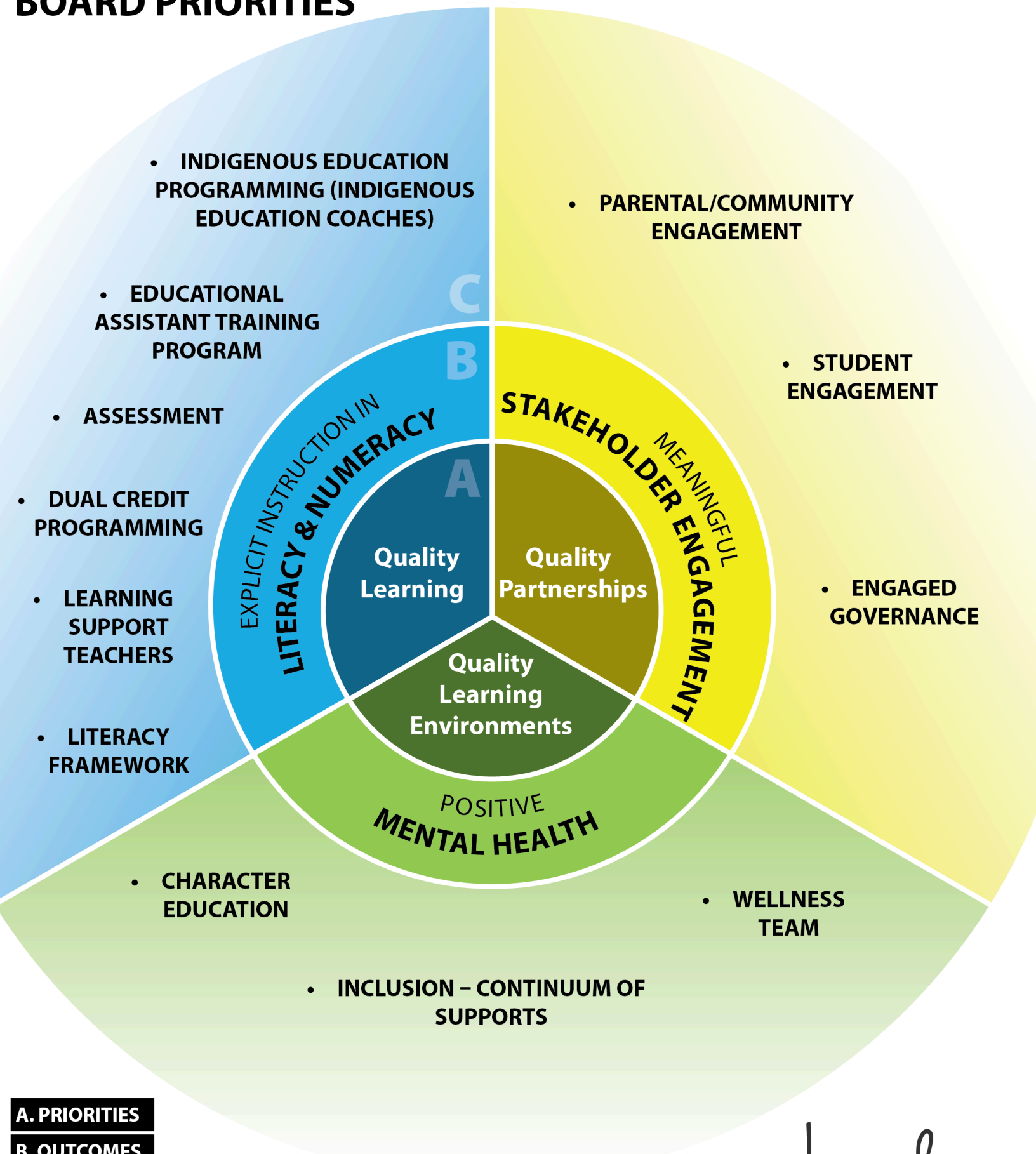
Donations for the food bank will be accepted until December 18.



Check out our display case, or Facebook to see what trouble Mischief our Elf gets up to each day!



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A. PRIORITIES
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Quality Learning

Quality Learning Environments

Outcomes:

- Positive Mental Health - Character Education

How is HPE achieving this outcome?

- Kindness Counts - Promoting acts of kindness
 - Students are encouraged to demonstrate kind behaviours such as showing empathy, helping peers or contributing positively to the school environment. Student kindness slips are read on the announcements, displayed in the hallway and two students are selected each month to win the kindness prize.
- In collaboration with our staff, school council and students HPE selected 10 virtues to focus on throughout the school year. The 7 Grandfather Teachings plus giving, sportsmanship and leaps and bounds (growth mindset). Each month each class selects a student that exemplifies the month's virtue to be recognized at our assembly.
- This year HPE has developed a Student Leadership group, these students have taken on a leadership role in planning positive and collaborative events for our school.
- At HPE we use restorative practices to resolve conflicts in a way that strengthens relationships rather than punishing individuals. Students involved in conflicts participate in guided discussion to understand the impact of their actions and find ways to repair relationships.
 - Students learn to take responsibility for their actions and consider who their behaviour affects others. This helps develop empathy, self-awareness and a sense of fairness.
- Teachers incorporate lessons on kindness, empathy and conflict resolution into fairly activities, often tying these themes to literacy and social studies.
- In collaboration with EWP, HPE has created a mentorship program where EWP students lead and support HPE students through various character building activities designed to support the development of skills like resilience.
- Students engage in acts of kindness that extend beyond the school, such as writing thank you notes for community workers or participating in service projects (e.g. community clean up) emphasizing the broader impact of positive change.
- Staff model kindness, empathy and restorative behaviour in their interactions with students and each other.

In collaboration with the RCMP each year two students in grade 6 are presented with an RCMP Challenge Coin. These students are strong positive role models in our school and broader community.

We're Listening!



We want to hear from you! If you have any questions or thoughts about what's happening at the school, please write them down below and give this page back to the school or email us at hpe@hpsd.ca. Thank you!

Please include your name and contact information if you would like a response.

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