



Newsletter

High Prairie Elementary

Principal's Message

Hello Thunderbird Families,

As we move into November, we reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day. This month, we take time to honour and remember the sacrifices made by so many for our freedoms. Students will be participating in meaningful activities to commemorate both Remembrance Day and Indigenous Veterans Day, helping them to understand the significance of peace, freedom and gratitude.

I would like to introduce our new Indigenous Education Coach, Connie Cunningham, she will be working in both HPE and E.W. Pratt. Connie is deeply passionate about Indigenous relations, culture and language, we look forward to learning with her!

This month we will be focused on "responsibility". We will be working with students to understand the importance of being responsible and how to show both personal and community responsibility. We will talk about acting responsibly in school, at home and in the community. Being responsible includes taking care of your personal belongings and taking responsibility for your actions. It also includes taking care of your environment, friends, family and those in your community.

With the colder weather settling in, we kindly ask that families label their outdoor clothing, especially hats, gloves and scarves as they are frequently left behind on the playground. Our policy is to send students outside for recess until -25 with the windchill, please remember to dress warmly as the temperatures drop. If your child enjoys the cold, please consider signing them up for the Polar Bear Club which goes outside when it is colder than -25.

This November we will have a week-long Fall Break from November 11-15. We hope you enjoy this time as a family and have a safe and happy break. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Let's keep our school community warm, safe and respectful this November!

In Kindness,
Lyndsay Fleming
Principal

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November 2025

Upcoming Events and School Information

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 	3 Grinch Tree Orders Start	4	5	6  Remembrance Day Ceremony	7 Wellness Clubs	8  National Indigenous Veterans Day
9	10 Fall Break - No School	11  Remembrance Day	12 Fall Break - No School	13 Fall Break - No School	14 Fall Break - No School	15
16	17 Grinch Tree Orders Due	18	19 School Council 6:30pm	20	21 Report Cards House Colours Rock your Mocs 	22
23 30	24	25  Pajama Day	26 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-6:30pm	27 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-7pm	28 Assembly Wellness Clubs Grinch Tree Delivery	29
Book Fair						



We will be recognizing Metis Week from November 17-21



What's Happening at HPE

Let's Celebrate!

We know our Thunderbirds are in lots of extra curricular activities. We'd love to celebrate their accomplishments with them. Please email or call the school about dance competitions, hockey finals, taekwondo tournaments, 4H competitions. We'd love to give them a shout out on our announcements!



Our Milk Program will be starting again the week of November 17.



Book Fair!

November 26
1pm-6:30pm
November 27
9am-7:00pm



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.



Looking for a new holiday decoration?

Order a Grinch Tree!

Orders are due by November 17. Trees will be delivered November 28.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

NOV. 26: 4-6:30PM
NOV. 27 4:30-7PM



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





Our hot lunch
program will resume
November 5



House Colours

We will be continuing with house colours this year. New students will receive a note about their house this month. Siblings should be in the same house, if there has been a mistake please let your child's teacher know!



We are in search of extra mittens/gloves! If you have any gently items we would appreciate the donation.



HPE is looking for donations of the following equipment (all sizes)

- Figure Skates**
- Hockey Skates**
- CSA Approved Helmets (not bike)**



HPE Reading Challenge!

Page Explorer - Pencil

Story Adventurer - Bookmark

Genre Traveler - Extra Recess

Word Wizard - Library Special Event

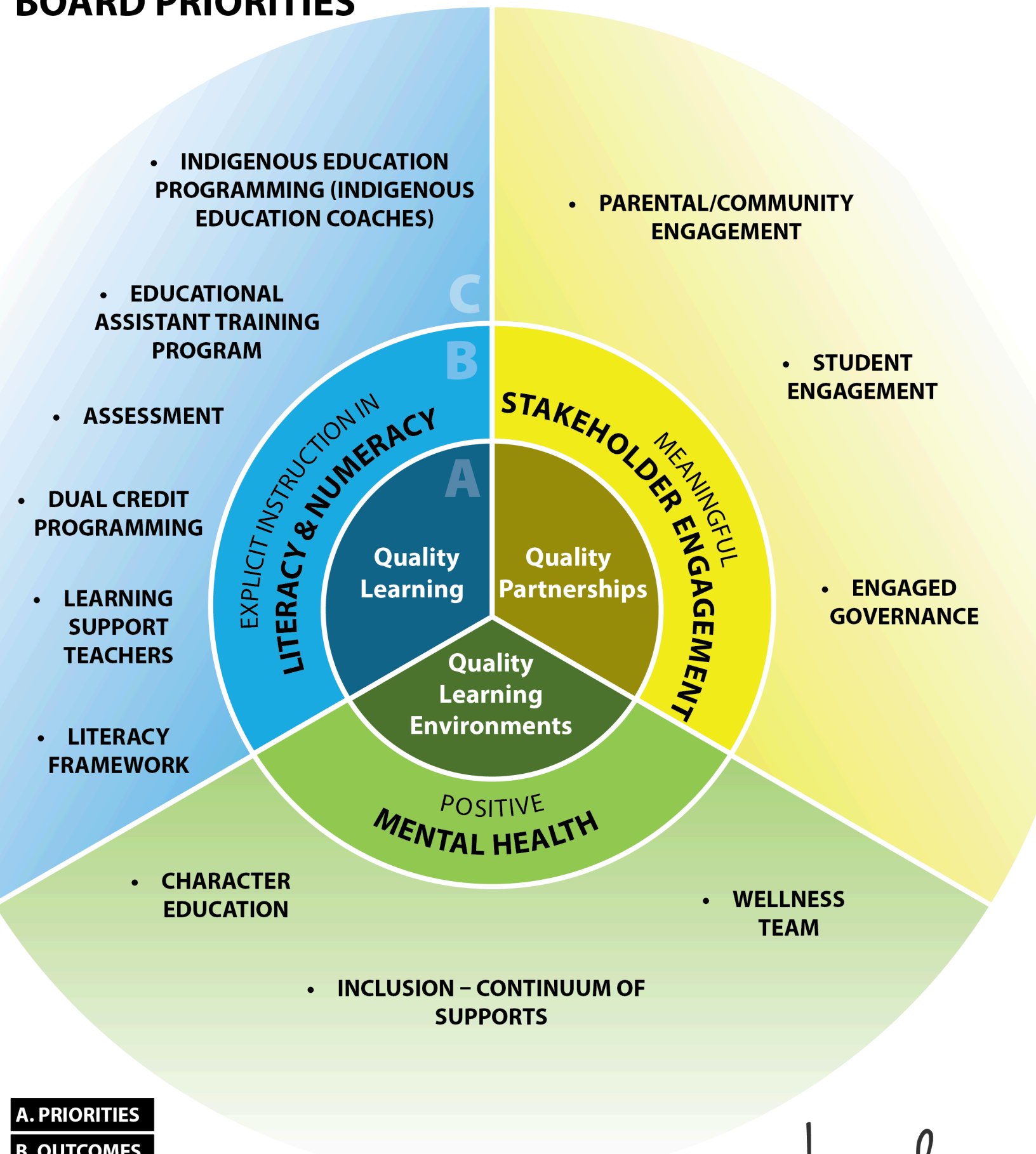
Master Reader - Movie with Popcorn

Legendary Reader - HPE Reader Pin

Epic Reader - Pizza Party

Infinity Reader - Principal for the Day

HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD PRIORITIES



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Quality Learning

Quality Partnerships and Quality Learning

Outcomes:

- Explicit Instruction in Literacy & Numeracy - Literacy Framework
- Positive Mental Health - Wellness Team

How is HPE achieving this outcome?

Explicit Instruction in Literacy and Numeracy - Literacy Framework

- We are continuing our literacy project, we have added a writing program and are exploring a new reading program.
- We have ongoing monitoring of progress through our literacy project to identify students who may need additional supports.
- Our staff has started a year long professional development series on our new writing program, Writing Power. This will help students develop their voice as authors and their writing structures.
- HPE started a school-wide reading challenge this fall. Students in Kindergarten - grade 1 advance based on hours read in school and grades 2-6 advance based on how many words they have read. Students are working towards being principal for a day!
- We are excited to have each division 1 class paired with a division 2 class for reading buddies this year.

Positive Mental Health - Wellness Team

- Our Wellness Coach works directly with students and staff to promote healthy habits, resilience, and overall well-being.
- Our Wellness Coach works with students on managing stress, mindfulness, social skills and encouraging a growth mindset.
- We have a HOSTS (Helping Our Students to Succeed) worker in our school 5 days a week. She runs large and small group programming that supports social emotional development.
- Our Wellness Team supports mental health awareness campaigns such as wellness week and hats on for mental health. These help reduce stigma and teach students about mental health.
- Our Wellness team works with parents, teachers and external supports when needed to create a plan to support students additional needs.
- Our Wellness team is working with E.W. Pratt to bring a mentorship program, similar to the big brothers/sisters program to HPE.

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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