



Newsletter

High Prairie Elementary

Principal's Message

Hello Thunderbird Families,

Welcome back to a new school year with High Prairie Elementary, we are so excited to welcome you and your children back! I am honoured to continue my work alongside our incredible staff and your amazing children every day. This year we have several new staff members joining our team:

Mrs. Samantha Palisoc (Grade 3)

Ms. Jocelynn Belyan (Grade 1/2)

Mr. Ryley Leganchuck (Grade 4)

Mrs. Sarah Stein (EA)

Ms. Trinity Ludviksen (Cook)

Ms. Cindy Sebryk (EA)

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At HPE we strive to treat each other with Kindness and Respect. We care about working together to ensure our school community is happy, healthy, safe and successful. Ongoing communication is an important way that we can reach these goals. You can learn more about what is happening at our school through our website, Facebook, Newsletter and by reaching out to your child's teacher or the office. If you have questions or concerns, please let your child's teacher know. We encourage you to get in contact with us to learn more about school events or to share with us about your child so we can work together to support their needs.

Each month we will continue to focus on our 10 virtues and how they relate to being happy, healthy citizens in our community. Each grade takes a turn leading our assembly where we talk about these virtues and celebrate a student in each class who personifies those qualities. Teachers will inform families if their class is leading an assembly or if your child is receiving an award, we encourage our school community to join our assemblies and share in the successes of our students.

This month we are focusing on Bravery and Courage. We will be working with students to understand that to face life with courage is to know bravery. We will talk about finding your inner strength to face challenges in your life and to find the courage to be yourself even when others are choosing a different path. Being brave includes making positive choices and defending what you believe in and what is right for you and your community.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. Thank you for choosing High Prairie Elementary, we look forward to sharing a wonderful year full of success. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of your child's educational journey!

In Kindness,
Lyndsay Fleming
Principal

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September 2025

Upcoming Events and School Information

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2 	3	4	5	6
7 	8 Wear Blue/ Yellow First Day of Kindergarten	9	10	11  Milk Money due	12  Community Clean up	13
14	15	16	17  School Council	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Picture Day 	25 	26 	27
28	29 PD Day No School	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School				



What's Happening at HPE



If you have concerns about your 2-4 year old child's Language Development please call the school to learn more!

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!



On September 8 we will recognize Ukrainian Heritage Day by wearing Blue/Yellow



We will recognize Orange Shirt Day on September 26 by wearing Orange



HPE will be joining the High Prairie Community Beautification Association for their Community Clean Up on September 12. Grades K-4 will clean up our school yard. Grades 5 and 6 will be heading to Jaycee Park and the Skate Park.

A DREAM
AS BIG AS OUR COUNTRY



Toonies for Terry

This year our goal is to raise \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation, Cancer Research!



Scent Sensitivities

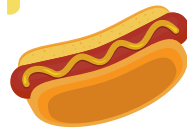
Some of our staff and students are allergic to perfume. Please avoid wearing scents at school.



We would like thank the dedicated group of parents who are running our Milk Program this year!



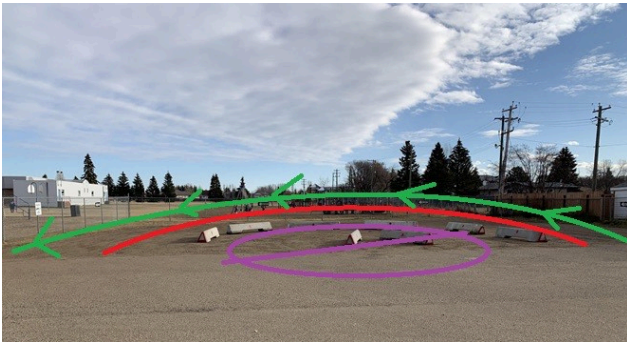
HPE OPEN HOUSE!
SEPTEMBER 17
5:30-6:30PM



Free Hot Dogs
Free Books
HPE Clothing Raffle!



We will be designing and fundraising for a new playground this year! Please join us at our first School Council and Wishlist Foundation Meeting on September 17 at 6:30pm!



Kiss and Ride

Please wait in your vehicle. Use the outside (green) lane to wait for your child and the inside (red lane) to exit the loop.

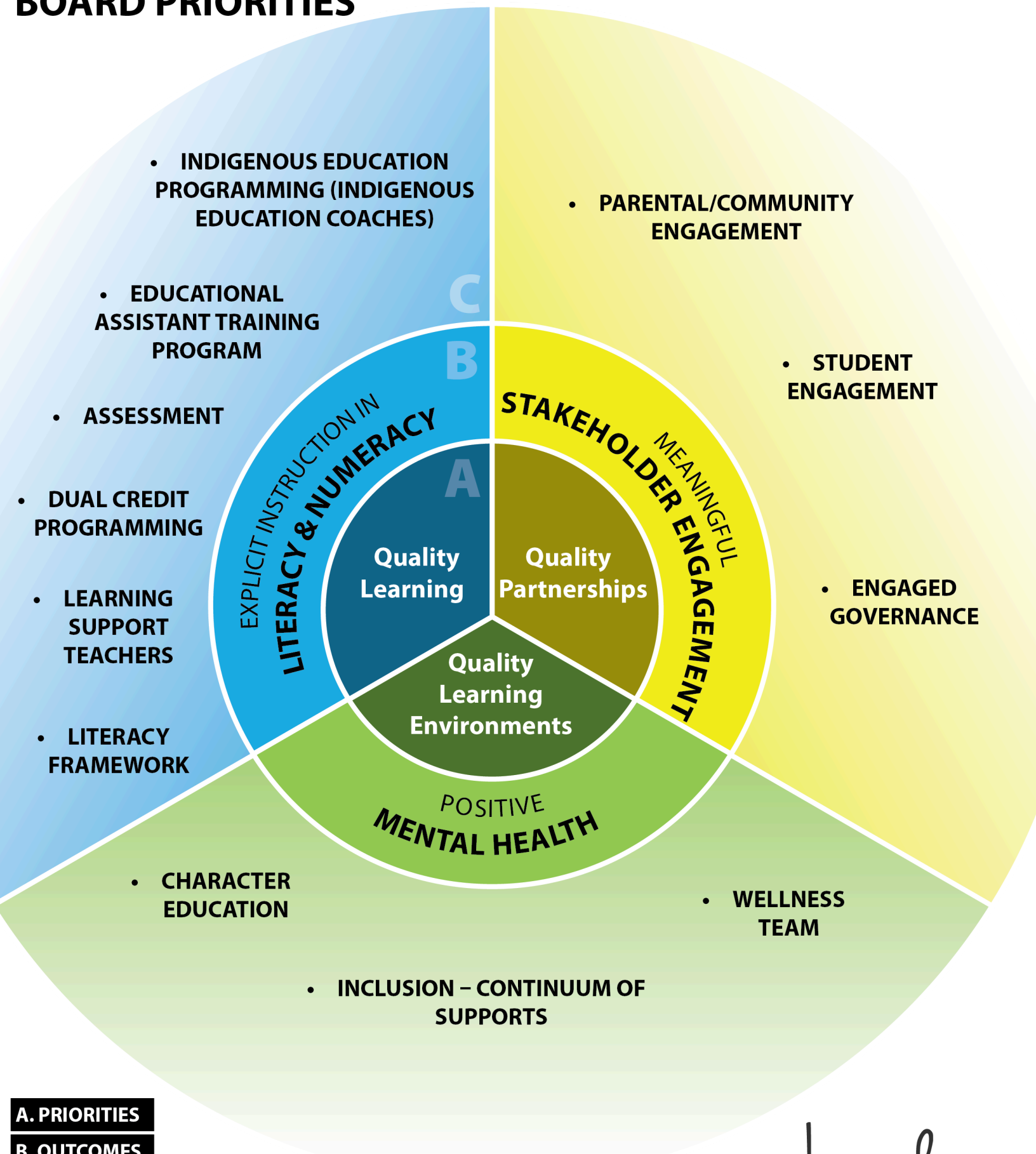


Student Drop Off and Pick Up

- Our supervisors are outside at 8:15am.
- Please do not use the bus loop to drop off or pick up.
- Please drop off and pick up at the playground unless outside of regular drop off and pick up times.
- If you are picking up your child early please come in to the office to sign them out.

Buses have BIG blind spots. Please use the cross walk, located where the street cross walk is, if you need to cross the bus lane while buses are parked.

HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD PRIORITIES



A. PRIORITIES
B. OUTCOMES
C. STRATEGIES

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Quality Learning

Quality Partnerships and Quality Learning

Outcomes:

- Explicit Instruction in Literacy & Numeracy - Indigenous Education Programming
- Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement - Parental/Community Engagement

How is HPE achieving this outcome?

Indigenous Education Programming

- This year HPE is looking for a new Indigenous Education Coach, we will be supported by coaches from across the division until the position is filled.
- Our monthly student awards are based on the 7 Grandfather Teachings.
- Each year HPE recognizes Orange Shirt Day and National Truth and Reconciliation Day in September and MMIWG in May.
- Last year we had several land-based learning experiences including
 - Skinning Presentation
 - Teepee Teachings
 - Smudging protocols
 - Spruce Tip Harvesting
 - Birch Bark Harvesting
 - Mock Trapline
 - Fishing Demonstration
- In June we will be celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day with a variety of activities provided by knowledge keepers and elders.

Parental/Community Engagement

- School Council is held monthly with both in person and online options.
- We encourage families attend our monthly assemblies held near the end of each month.
- We have adjusted and extended our Parent/Teacher Interview times to allow for more conversation and to accommodate different working hours.
- We hold several events such as Open House, Block Party and concerts throughout the year.
- We love having family and community volunteers, our Book Fair is run completely by volunteers.
- We partner with EWP and PRS to support mentorship programs for students interested in future careers in education, early years and food services.
- HPE participates in community events such as the Heart River Housing Block Party
- We connect with various organizations such as the High Prairie Beautification Association and Pleasant View Lodge to allow students to learn from community members.
- We have worked with both the RCMP and the Fire Department in running joint safety drills to ensure that all community agencies are familiar with procedures in the event of a true emergency.
- HPSD continues to hold parent focus groups and information sessions to learn more from our parents and 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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