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January 2026

# Newsletter

## High Prairie Elementary

### Principal's Message

Hello Thunderbird Families,

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2026 at HPE! I hope that everyone had a lovely Winter Break, and came back rested, recharged and ready to learn! The start of a new calendar year is always an exciting time. Our staff came back rested and enthusiastic about continuing to support our Thunderbirds in their growth and learning.

As you know, we've had an incredible amount of snow this year! We are working with our maintenance department to keep the snow cleared and create paths in the school yard. We are aware of the issues that the snow piles have created for pick up and drop off. We would like to remind families that there are no cars allowed in the bus loop from 8:15am-8:35am and 3:00pm to 3:35pm. We have cleared a path to the street at the cross walk and are encouraging students and families to please cross the bus loop at that point for everyone's safety. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the safety of all our students.

This month we are focusing on "sportsmanship". We will be working with students to understand the importance of sportsmanship in and out of games and sports. We will be focusing on having a positive attitude, giving your best effort, supporting others and always trying your hardest. Those who show understanding of fair play follow the rules of the game, help other players, take pride in winning but don't rub it in and accept a loss without making excuses. We will work on understanding the importance of respect for others and self-control.

The second half of the school year is packed with opportunities for exploration, creativity and achievement. From upcoming events to engaging classroom activities, there is so much to look forward to. We are grateful for your continued support in making our school community amazing. Here's to a bright and successful 2026!

In Kindness,  
Lyndsay Fleming  
Principal

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# Upcoming Events and School Information

# JANUARY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					2	3
					Winter Break	
4  National Ribbon Skirt Day	5 First Day of 2026! Wear Your Ribbon Skirts Day	6	7  3 НОВИМ РОКОМ!	8	9	10
11	12 Wellness Clubs	13  National Rubber Ducky Day	14	15	16 Fire Prevention Presentation K-3 	17 Playground Committee Meeting 10am at Fresh Inspirations
18	19	20	21 School Council	22	23 Wellness Day Jersey Day 	24 Grade 5 Theatre Trip
25	26 Wellness Clubs	27	28	29	30 PD Day No School Assembly	31

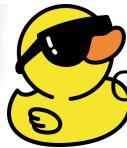


# What's Happening at HPE

## Spring Concert Update

Grade 4-6 will be performing

Date: April 22



### National Rubber Ducky Day

Our Student Leadership Team is asking students to dress in yellow, blue or duck themed clothes to recognize National Rubber Ducky Day on January 13!



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.



HIGH PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

## BIRTHDAY IDEAS!

### CLASS SNACK IDEAS

- FROZEN YOGURT POPS
- VEGGIE & DIP CUPS
- MEAT, CHEESE & CRACKERS
- FROZEN YOGURT BARK
- AIR POPPED POPCORN
- MUFFINS
- SNACK MIX
- FRUIT KABOBS



### TALK TO YOUR CHILDS TEACHER ABOUT...

- PAJAMA DAY FOR THE CLASS
- BRING THEIR FAVOURITE MOVIE TO WATCH AT LUNCH
- BRINGING IN SUPPLIES FOR A SPECIAL CRAFT



### NON-FOOD CLASS TREATS

- FIDGET TOYS
- FUN STICKERS
- COOL PENCILS
- BUBBLES OR CHALK FOR RECESS
- PARTY HATS FOR THEIR REGULAR SNACK TIME



### ~Reminder~

Please do not drive in the bus lane during pick up and drop off

### Scent Sensitivities

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



# Reading Challenge Update!

## HPE's Top Readers!

Grade 2: Finley 2CL

Grade 3: Sullivan 3P

Grade 4: Everett 4D

Grade 5: Scout 5J

Grade 6: Daylen 6K

### Page Explorers



Makenzie 1/2B	Reese 6K	Jarrett 5J
Everett 4D	Andrew 6K	Paydon 5J
Ryder 4D	Makinlee 6K	Clancy 5J
Harley 6K	Jase 6K	Ryliegh 6K
Melody 6K	Abrielle 6K	Braylee 6K
Daylen 6K	Evann 1/2B	Joe 5/6S
Mrs. Beamish	Lily 2CL	Andrew 5/6S
Tessa 3P	Mila 2CL	Silas 6K
Sullivan 3P	Finley 2CL	Maggy 6K
Sparrow 3P	Xalia 3P	
Lilly 3P	Elise 3P	
Hendrix 4D	Avery 3R	
Kaiden 5/6S	Marrof 3R	
Dennis 4D	Nelya 3R	
Isla 4D	Tahlia 3R	
Callisa 4D	Cassie 3R	
Rhett 4L	Breeair 4D	
Stetson 4L	Julliette 4D	
Erin 4L	Avery 4D	
Katlyn 4L	Brody 4L	
Alex 5/6S	Jackson 4L	
Scarlett 5/6S	Hadley 4L	
Syara 5J	Cablynn 4L	
Scout 5J	Frankie 5J	
Lily 5J	Arianna 5J	

### Story Adventurers



Everett 4D	Maroof 3R
Ryder 4D	Thalia 3R
Harley 6K	Cassie 3R
Melody 6K	Mordecai 4D
Daylen 6K	Juliette 4D
Mrs. Beamish	Dennis 4D
Sullivan 3P	Avery 4D
Sparrow 3P	Callisa 4L
Lilly 3P	Rhett 4L
Lorel 4D	Katlynn 4L
Kaylee 4D	Hadley 4L
Isla 4D	Arianna 5J
Erin 4L	Scarlett 5/6S
Alek 5/6S	Silas 6K
Scout 5J	Maggy 6K
Ben 5J	Joyce 6K
Grace 5J	Caleb 6K
Paydon 5J	Andrew 6K
Darien 6K	
Braylee 6K	
Finley 2CL	
Elise 3P	

# Reading Challenge Update!

## Genre Travelers

Everett 4D  
Ryder 4D  
Harley 6K  
Melody 6K  
Daylen 6K  
Mrs. Beamish  
Sullivan 3P  
Sparrow 3P  
Mordecai  
4D  
Kaylee 4D  
Rhett 4L  
Hadley 4L  
Scout 5J



## Word Wizards

Harley 6K  
Melody 6K  
Daylen 6K  
Mrs. Beamish  
Scout 4J



## Master Readers

Daylen 6K  
Mrs. Beamish  
Scout 5J  
Harley 6K  
Melody 6K



## Legendary Readers!

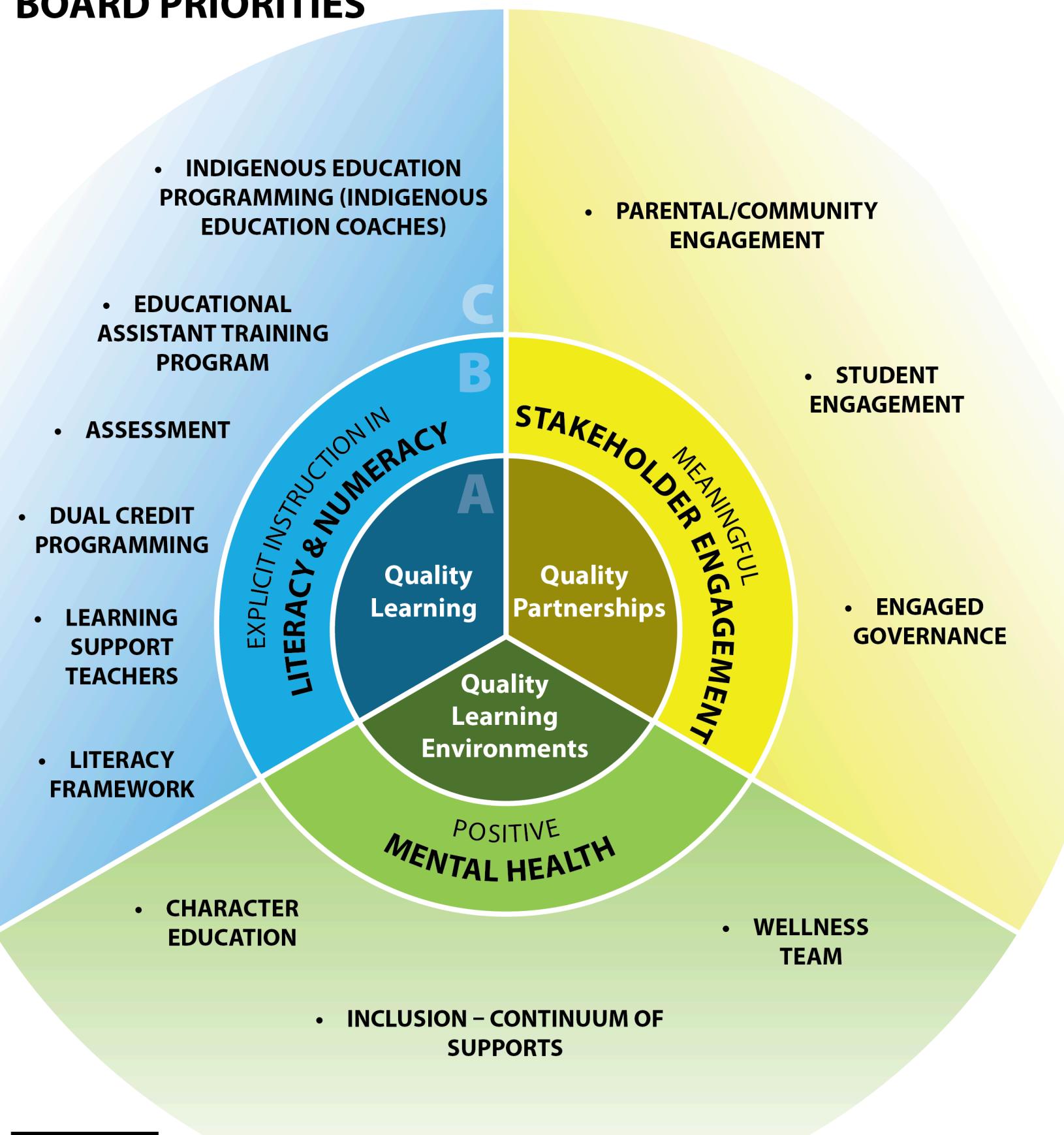


Daylen 6K      Melody 6K



# HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION

## BOARD PRIORITIES



# Quality Learning

## Quality Partnerships

### Outcomes:

- Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement - Student Engagement

*How is HPE achieving these outcomes?*

- By working together with students, parents and the community we are able to create a vibrant, engaging and supportive learning environment.
- Wellness clubs provide diverse opportunities for students to explore learning in different areas including sports, leadership, arts and STEM.
- Students are provided opportunities to work with the lodge, legion, CRC and other community programs.
- Students are able to swim and/or skate during the school year to a maximum of 6 trips.
- Each grade participates in at least one field trip during the school year. These include trips to the theatre in town, the live theatre in GP, legislature in Edmonton and skiing.
- Each month a different grade runs the monthly assembly.
- Our Student Leadership team creates our monthly House Colours and Spirit Days.
- Student success is recognized during our monthly student lead assemblies and on the announcements.
- Grade 4-6 students are provided with multiple opportunities to show leadership and mentor younger students through our recess leaders program, intramurals, wellness clubs, house colours and reading buddies.
- We are currently part of a literacy and numeracy pilot project which focuses on hands on learning for all grades.
- Our teachers provide quality lessons and exciting learning opportunities throughout students' day to ignite their passion for learning.
- Our teachers use technology such as educational apps, games and online platforms.
- We have monthly visits from Elders on various learning topics including our character education virtues.
- Our Reading Challenge is creating a positive competition that is encouraging students to read.

# 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](mailto:hpe@hpsd.ca). Thank you!

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

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