



Home Learners' Program

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Term 1 draws to close

Fall is here and students are well into our first term of school work here at HLP. We look forward to meeting and talking with you over the coming weeks as we see how far the students have come. The first term progress reports will be mailed out by December 11th – look for them in your mailbox!

HLP has just gone through a quality review with the ministry of education and we are pleased with the outcome of the review. A big thank you to staff, parents and students who took part in the process your time is appreciated.



School board and HLP staff all smiles after the quality review.

L-R Tom Schimmer (district principal), Wendy Hyer (Superintendent), Claire Thompson, Kathryn Golbeck, Kathy Levesque, Lloyd Lindsay

Seated Jodie Reader and LeeAnn Lindsay

Special Points of Interest:

- Locatee Lands ECommunity Tour Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009
- Last day of weekly classes:
Grades K-7: Nov 9th
- Drop-in ice skating sessions:

Thursday November 5 th	10:45-11:45 am
Thursday November 12 th	9:00-10:00 am
Wednesday November 18 th	10:45-11:45 am
Thursday November 26 th	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday December 3 rd	10:45-11:45 am
Wednesday December 9 th	10:45 -11:45 am
- HLP closed for Remembrance Day on Wed. November 11
- Term I assessment meetings for Grades K-7: November 10 - November 24
- Report cards issued – Friday, Dec. 11th, 2009
- Celebration of the Season and Craft Day: Friday, Dec 4th from 1-4 PM at Parkway School
- June 17, 2010 Science World sleep over field trip.
- Curling begins January 13, 9:00-10:30
 - Wednesday January 13th, 9:00 – 10:30
 - Wednesday January 27th, 9:00 – 10:30
 - Wednesday February 3rd, 9:00 – 10:30
 - Wednesday February 10th, 9:00 – 10:30
 - Wednesday February 17th, 9:00 – 10:30
 - Wednesday February 24th, 9:00 – 10:30

Ice-skating offers:

A great aerobic workout.

Enhanced muscle strength and endurance.

Increased coordination and flexibility.

Better posture and balance.

A chance to choreograph movements and be creative.

An appreciation of discipline and hard work.

The satisfaction of meeting personal goals.



Student Progress Reports

Interviews related to report cards will continue throughout November. Student progress reports will be issued on December 11, 2009 for all students. At that time you will be able to assess "at a glance" the progress that your child has made to date. While we report to you three times annually using this vehicle, do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call your child's teacher if you have any concerns outside of these reporting periods.

Term II Monday Class Registration

Term II class elementary dates are: Mondays Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 22.

Registration is required. Please register online at:

<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/schools/homelearners/ActivityRegistration.htm>

Drop-In Ice Skating

Open to HLP families, drop-in ice skating will be available at McLaren Arena on the following dates:

Thursday November 5 th	10:45-11:45 am
Thursday November 12 th	9:00-10:00 am
Wednesday November 18 th	10:45-11:45 am
Thursday November 26 th	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday December 3 rd	10:45-11:45 am
Wednesday December 9 th	10:45 -11:45 am

Just a reminder of our school skating guidelines for the HLP students at McLaren Arena:

- a) Parents must assign an adult monitor to the skate shop; Skate rentals for students and teachers are \$1 per pair (this money just goes in the slot in the shop).
- b) Licensee is responsible to maintain the cleanliness of the skate shop - skates must be wiped down, laces tucked into skates and returned to appropriate shelf;
- c) Skaters will not be on the ice while the Zamboni is in operation (except individuals assigned to move the nets) and ice board gates must remain closed;
- d) Students will not be on the ice without adult supervision;
- e) Students must wear helmets. We do not provide helmets so please have students bring their own to school on skating days.

Let me know if you have any questions...

Have fun!

Carol Sheridan, Recreation Coordinator

City of Penticton (P) 250-490-2437

Penticton & District Community Arts Council



Events to come:

Look for the following events in our December/January newsletter:

- Second Term classes (Jan - March)
- Winter activity (snow shoeing?) road conditions and weather conditions will dictate

Christmas Project

Penticton & District Community Arts Council (PDCAC) is raising monies for the Arts and for the Dream Legacy Fund through a Christmas Dream House Tour. Tickets will be sold at various community locations for that event. The Dream House Tour is on November 27 and 28th. The event kicks off on the evening of November 27 at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre and will go on throughout the weekend. The PTCC display of Christmas trees is free. Santa will be on site as well as official dignitaries.

Schools are being invited to participate by decorating Christmas trees that will be on display throughout the event. HLP will be participating in this event by inviting students to make decorations and decorate a tree which will then go on display at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. The tree then comes back to HLP to stay at the school.

Please watch for details on the date that this Christmas Tree decorating activity will take place at HLP (mid-November).

Celebration of the Season and Craft Day

We will be having our annual Celebration of the Season on Friday, December 4th from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Parkway Gym. From 1:00 - 2:30 pm, students are invited to sing, act, dance, play an instrument, recite prose, or demonstrate a skill. We are also asking families to bring a small plate of goodies (cookies, cake, squares, etc.) for everyone to share after the performances.

Following the performance we will set up stations for creating a variety of crafts and seasonal decorations. Please join us if you can!

Please register on-line at:

<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/schools/homelearners/ActivityRegistration.htm> or email kgolbeck@summer.com to register for the student performance and/or craft activities by November 20th.

Just a Reminder...

The first term of Monday classes will end on November 9th. Term 2 classes resume Monday January 11th. To register for Term 2 classes, please register online at:

<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/schools/homelearners/ActivityRegistration.htm>

Or by email or phone to: kgolbeck@summer.com / 250-770-7718 ext. 3

HLP Curling

Where: Penticton Curling Club (505 Railway Street, Penticton)

Who: Curling is open for all students who are at least 9 years old and their parents. All that is required is a clean pair of running shoes and a desire to try a new sport.

When: Wednesday January 13th, 9:00 – 10:30
Wednesday January 27th, 9:00 – 10:30
Wednesday February 3rd, 9:00 – 10:30
Wednesday February 10th, 9:00 – 10:30
Wednesday February 17th, 9:00 – 10:30
Wednesday February 24th, 9:00 – 10:30

Registration is required by: Monday January 4, 2010. Please register online at:

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Or by email / phone to: kgolbeck@summer.com 250-770-7718 ext. 3

Science World Sleep Over

At the September PAC meeting we were asked to try to plan a field trip to Vancouver's Science World. After contacting Science World we were told of their rules for such trips (grades 5 and up minimum of 20 students). These rules hampered our ability to offer the trip. However due to a partnership with Naramata School we are pleased to announce that HLP student grades 4 -7 have a unique opportunity to visit and stay at Vancouver's Science world. Below is the information about the trip. A meeting with all involved will occur after the sign-up deadline. Please register online at:

<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/schools/homelearners/ActivityRegistration.htm>

Deadline February 1st, 2010

Thursday, June 17th

8:00 am Departure HLP

- Travel to Merritt and, via Highway 8, to Spence's Bridge.
- Stop at Goldpan Park on the Thompson River.
- Travel on to Hell's Gate, stop and visit the bottom of the Fraser Canyon via the Air Tram.
- Stop at Alexandra Bridge, part of the Caribou Wagon Road and a crossing of the Fraser River since 1862.
- Arrive at Science World, supper at White Spot in Science World
- Register at Science World and enjoy an evening's activities including:
 - hands-on exploration of Science World's galleries

- live science shows and demonstrations
- OMNIMAX film presentations
- Overnight in Science World

Friday, June 18th

6:30 am Rise 'n Shine

7:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Departure

- Walking tour of False Creek.
- Tour of Vancouver via Sky Train and Sea Bus.
- Pick up in North Vancouver, bus tour through Stanley Park.
- Beach combing at Spanish Banks.
- Lunch at UBC
- Depart Vancouver
- Walking tour of the Othello Tunnels, the western end of the KVR.
- Depart for Penticton

7:30 pm Arrive at HLP School

** All times are approximate, when traveling with a large group – all times are flexible

Cost of trip

The cost of the trip is \$165 per student and you may use your student resource supplement to pay for this trip. For this trip you need not accompany your children but are more than welcome to. Please contact Lloyd if you have any questions you may register for this event online at:

<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/schools/homelearners/ActivityRegistration.htm>

Registration deadline is February 1st 2010.

Celebrating Our Students

Thanksgiving Craft Day



Mariposa Organic Farm Tour - Cawston







Yes the Canucks beat the Leafs
Just wait until January 30, won't the girls
look good in Leaf uniforms?



High School News

Illuminate Math and Science Tutorials

If you haven't tried the on-line Illuminate tutorials on Wednesday mornings to get help from Ms. Thompson on Science and Math here's your chance! The link to log on can be found on the 'Grade 8 - 12' page of the Home Learners' website. Just click on 'Illuminate'. Sessions last 30 minutes and start at the times shown below. Hope to 'see' you on-line!

Gr 10 9:00 am

Gr 9 9:30 am

Gr 8 10:00 am

Gr 11 and 12 by appointment

Thursday Morning Classes

Students in grades 8 - 12 are encouraged to attend this class which lasts from 9:00 am - 10:30 am every Thursday morning. Each week Mrs. Reeder and Ms. Thompson touch base with students and provide one-on-one help in the core subject areas. In addition we have used the time to:

- help students plan course time-lines and set goals
- provide tips and tricks for navigating around their on-line courses
- work with small groups of students on specific course content

Experience has shown that HLP students who have regular contact with their teachers experience greater success in their courses.

High School Term 1 Deadline For Submitting Work

The term 1 deadline for submitting work for students in grades 8 to 12 is Thursday, November 19th. Work submitted after this date will included on the Term 2 report. Students should be close to writing the first (or in some cases second) test in most of their academic subjects. Please contact Mrs. Reeder and/or Ms. Thompson to arrange dates and times to write tests.