



Home Learners' Program

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Welcome Back to School!

As another school year begins, we are very excited to welcome back those families returning and the new families who have recently joined our school. The HLP staff has been very busy planning activities and classes and preparing for the start of the school year. We have already arranged a number of events and field trips, so be sure to look for upcoming events in this newsletter.

For this school year, we will be publishing our newsletter via email, but if you would like to also receive your newsletter by mail, please let us know.

An important part of our role at the Home Learners' Program is communication with our families. If you have concerns, questions or comments, please let us know. We value feedback and do our best to incorporate suggestions into our program.

We would also like to thank all the parents who are committed to being involved in the many aspects of HLP. Whether it is by attending PAC meetings, School Planning Council events or chaperoning a field trip; your efforts will be a big reason why we can offer the opportunities we do at HLP.

Special Points of Interest:

- High school student orientation – Wed., Sept. 9th
- First high school Elluminate session – Wed., Sept. 16th
- First high school Humanities session – Thurs., Sept. 17th
- Vancouver Aquarium Aqua Van Naramata School Friday Sept. 18th
- Monday classes begin – Mon., Sept. 21st
- Kindergarten classes begin – Wed., Sept. 23rd
- Terry Fox Run – Wed., Sept. 23rd at 11:15 am
- Violin information session – Tues. Oct. 6th
- Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory Open house Sept. 26, 10 am – 5 pm.

As we run our programs, classes and field trips based on the number of registered students, we encourage families to register in a timely fashion. If you have registered for an event, and are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

Reporting Periods for 2009-2010

Student progress reporting period: Nov. 30 - Dec. 11
Term 1 elementary portfolio meetings: Monday Nov. 9 – Friday Nov. 27
Term 1 work submission deadline: Friday Nov. 13
Note: Winter Break Dec. 21 – Jan. 4

Student progress reporting period: March 22 – March 31
Term 2 elementary portfolio meetings: Monday Feb. 15 – Friday March 5
Term 2 work submission deadline: Monday Feb. 22
Note: Spring Break March 8 – March 19

Student progress reporting period: June 29
Term 3 elementary portfolio meetings: Monday May 17 – Friday June 4
Term 3 work submission deadline: Monday June 7
Note: Tuesday June 29 last day of school

Home Learners' Program Weekly Classes

This Fall, HLP classes will be offered on Mondays, starting **Monday, September 21st**. These classes are optional and are for students in grades 1 through 7. Students will be divided into two groups, with one group consisting of primary students (gr. 1 – 3) and the other intermediate students (gr. 4 – 7). Classes will run from **10:30 am until 3:15 pm**.

Students will cover a variety of subjects in an integrated, thematic format. Students are asked to bring to classes a backpack, bag lunch and a few supplies (ie. binder, pencils, and eraser) each week. Any other materials used, such as felts, crayons and scissors, will be provided. These classes are theme-based, and our first theme will be Olympics / Paralympics.

Monday Classes 10:30 am – 3:15 pm (**grades 1-7**): Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9. (note: no classes Monday, Oct. 12).

Kindergarten Classes

Providing we have an adequate number of interested families, we will be offering a weekly Kindergarten class on Wednesdays, starting **Wednesday, September 23rd**. The classes will run from **9:00 am to 11:00 am**. The classes will be cooperative and fun-filled, and will include calendar time, sharing, stories, music/dance/drama, centers (play-based activities), crafts and anything else we can dream up! Students are asked to bring a backpack or bag, a healthy snack and a bottle of water.

Wednesday Classes 9 am – 11 am (**Kindergarten**): Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 (*Note: Kindergarten classes will be held based on adequate enrollment numbers. HLP staff will contact parents with further information prior to the first day of classes.*)

Registration is required and can be done on-line at:
<http://www.sd67.bc.ca/schools/homelearners/index.html>

Or by phone: 250-770-7718.

Human Swine Flu H1N1

The following link contains valuable information regarding the Human Swine Flu. Please take a few minutes to check these out.

[Swine Flu H1N1 Letter](#)

[H1N1 Website Links](#)

Grade 8 and up Orientation

A mandatory meeting for all high school students (new and returning) in grades 8 and up and their parent(s) will be held on **Wednesday, September 9th** from **10:00 to 12:00 noon**. Essential information will be provided regarding course start up, login ID and passwords and keys to being successful in a distributed learning course. If you are unable to attend on this date, please be sure to contact Claire at cthompson@summer.com.

High School Classes

We will again be providing our high school students with opportunities for face-to-face (Thursdays 9:00 – 10:30 am) and online interactions (Elluminate; Wednesday mornings) with a teacher facilitator. We will highlight these sessions during our orientation on **Wednesday, September 9th**, so be sure to join us on this day.

Wednesday On-line Elluminate tutorials in Science and Math: beginning Sept. 16 and continuing weekly throughout the year.

- Grade 10: 9 - 9:30 am
- Grade 9: 9:30 - 10 am
- Grade 8: 10 - 10:30 am
- Grade 11 and 12: by appointment

Thursday Classes 9:00 – 10:30 am (grades 8 and up): beginning Sept. 10 and continuing weekly throughout the year.

BCTC AquaVan at Naramata Elementary on Friday, September 18th, 2009

Program	Grade(s)	Start Time	End Time
Water Wonders	1/2	9:15	10:15
Water Wonders	K	10:15	11:15
Lunch Break		11:15	12:45
Staying Alive	3-4	12:45	1:45
Lives of the Wet & Spineless	5	1:45	2:45

Register on-line for the BCTC Aquavan Field Trip [here](#). Payment of \$10 per student is required in advance. Please note that if you register for this program and do not attend, you will still be required to pay the \$10 fee. Parent participation required.

Home Learners' Program Violin Group

VIOLIN/FIDDLE CLASSES: Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15am Beginner
11:15 - 12:00 noon Junior

Returning for the third year, Violin/Fiddle teacher, Liz Lupton, will be offering group classes for children (ages 5 and up). The Beginner Class will introduce elementary

Events to come:

Look for the following events in our October and November newsletters:

- Thanksgiving craft

concepts of music such as beat and rhythm and melody, using the Suzuki approach. The Class will also focus on the basics of holding the violin and bow and learning simple melodies such as Twinkle and Mary had a Little Lamb.

The Junior Class will consist of returning children, or new children who have already been introduced to the violin. Performance opportunities will be encouraged. Cost \$100 per student.

Required Material (available from Skaha Sound): Suzuki Violin Book 1 and CD, sized violin.

Home Learners' Program Band



Should there be enough interest we hope to again offer HLP students grade 6 and up the opportunity to join our HLP band. A cost of \$100 per student will be charged. If you are interested in this program please contact Mr. Lindsay with the name, age and instrument of choice for your child. llindsay@summer.com

Touring School Performances

We are working on dates and times of performances for the upcoming year. Registration information and times will be given as we learn of the dates. These performances are free of charge for HLP students and parents.

School-wide Terry Fox Run

This Fall marks the 28th annual Terry Fox run, and HLP students are invited to join us for Parkway Elementary's run on date is **Wednesday, Sept 23rd**. This is open to children of all ages (and their parents!). The time is **11:30 am**. Students interested in attending (or any students in grade 8 or up who would like to volunteer to help) can contact Lloyd at llindsay@summer.com.

Naramata and Trout Creek Runs

Students in the Home Learners' Program are invited to take part in the Naramata Fun Run on **Oct. 14th** and the Trout Creek Pumpkin Run on **Oct. 29th**. These runs are open to interested students in grades 4 and 5. If your child(ren) would like to take part, please contact Lloyd at llindsay@summer.com.

PAC News

Our first PAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm in the HLP Annex. Everyone welcome.

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Office Hours:

8:30-12:00 / 1:00-3:30

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