

# École Heather Park Elementary

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## NEWSLETTER

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### TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS

As promised, the administration of Heather Park continues to review and adjust our strategies for improving the traffic, parking and safety situations before and after school. As a result of recent meetings with City and School District officials, the following measures are planned and in the process of being implemented:

1. The City of Prince George will create a crosswalk on Heather Road from the blacktop area behind the school to the Elks Centre.
2. SD57 and the City of Prince George will cooperate to move the crosswalk which runs beside the parking lot along the end of the bus lane to the other side of the yellow concrete barriers inside the parking lot so that it is lined up with the crosswalk on Heather Park Road.
3. The smaller parking lot in the front of the school will be changing back to STAFF parking. The larger lot, opening on Heather Road will be visitor and staff overflow parking.

Parents interested in learning more about our safety plans are invited to attend an open meeting to discuss traffic and safety at 7 PM this Thursday, Sept 30 at the school.

### E- NEWSLETTER

We intend this to be the *last* paper-only newsletter delivered to every student in our school. Starting October 4, our newsletter will be published every two weeks on Mondays. We would prefer to send an electronic version of the newsletter to as many families as possible. If you have not done it already, parents can sign up to start getting the newsletter via email at:

- <http://www.hpar.sd57.bc.ca/index.php?id=5700>

### BUS EVACUATION PRACTICE DRILL

Diversified Transportation will be conducting Evacuation Practice Drills on Wednesday, September 29. All practices will be after school on school grounds. In addition to all bus drivers, Mr. Fleck, Mr. Watt and numerous school staff will attend to observe and help students follow the procedure in a safe, organized manner. Parents should expect

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In order to provide an opportunity to for teachers and parents to meet, we have scheduled shortened days on Oct 5, 7 and 13. Students will go home at 1:30. Bus students who cannot get picked up by parents will be supervised in the gym until the buses leave at their regularly scheduled times. This week teachers will send home forms confirming times for interviews.

### BELL SCHEDULE CHANGES

This week we will be implemented two minor adjustments to our bell school. The first bell in the morning welcoming students into school will ring at 8:40 instead of 8:35. We have found that students are getting to their classrooms quite quickly, and should have no problem being ready by the 8:45 start time. The second change comes at lunch; where we will move the bell signalling students to go outside from 12:30 to 12:25. Neither of these changes has any impact on instructional time or bus schedules.

### YOUR NEW PAC EXECUTIVE

On September 21, Mr. Fleck chaired a meeting to elect a new PAC executive for École Heather Park Elementary

(EHPE). Over 60 people were in attendance. The following people were elected by secret ballot:

- Chair: .....Sally Connon
- Vice Chair: .....Kelly Thirkettle
- Treasurer:.....Leeann Poppleton
- Secretary:.....Lesley Lindsay
- Volunteer Coordinator:.....Yvonne Parkinson
- Communication Officers:.....Tracy Christensen and Sarah Holland

We, your new PAC executive, are very excited for the upcoming year and the chance to work together with the administration, teachers, students, and most of all the PARENTS of EHPE! We realize we have an unprecedented year ahead of us full of tough decision making. We also have unlimited opportunities. It is with your help and input that we will be able to accomplish whatever we set our minds to and make a wonderful year full of great activities and fun for the students.

You are invited to come to the very first PAC meeting on October 6, at 7pm at EHPE. Please watch your child's backpack and this website for the meeting agenda. There were recommendations at the close of executive elections to expand the executive to include a safety officer, fundraising coordinator and members-at-large. Motions will be taken from the floor to establish new positions.

Special thanks are in order for all the parents who gave their time to come to the elections and supported us as a PAC. Our thanks also go out to Mr. Fleck for helping us carry out our elections, and Mr. Watt for taking minutes. We appreciate it and look forward to working with you this year.

Over 70 parents signed up at the open house to be volunteers! Thank you to each of you! If you would like to add your name to the list, please contact Yvonne at [yparkinson@shaw.ca](mailto:yparkinson@shaw.ca). Thank you to the 10 parents who volunteered at the 11th hour to help make the Terry Fox Run a success! We had little time between elections and the start of the walk to get organized...we will have our feet on the ground for the next event! Thank you for your patience.

We will soon be launching an official PAC website that will be linked directly from the school's website. Watch for it!

### **GOODS NEWS CLUB**

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Calling all kids ages 6 – 12! The Good News Club is coming to Heather Park Monday, October 18. This weekly program begins right after school at 2:25 and finishes at 4:00. Sessions include games, snacks, music and Bible stories. And it's FREE! Further information is on the consent form. Students must bring a signed CONSENT FORM – which are available at the school office. See you there!

### **PISCES SWIM CLUB**

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The Prince George Pisces Swim Club will be holding registration for the fall development session which consists of two swims per week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The club is organized to allow swimmers to achieve their full potential while having fun in a family oriented atmosphere. It provides children with assets which will last a lifetime. Friendships are made, skills are developed, and self-discipline is learned. Registration takes place on Tuesday October 2 at the Aquatic Centre from 6-8 pm. For more information contact Sherry Gilbert @ 250.964.8585

### **INDOOR ADULT VOLLEYBALL**

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The Hart Community Association is hosting volleyball for adults in the École Heather Park Elementary School gym on Wednesdays from 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Fall session: Sept 29 - Dec 8. Winter session: Jan 12 – April 27.

Pre-registration is helpful but not required because this program is available on a drop-in basis. All players must sign a waiver their first night of participation. Indoor (non-marking) shoes required. Cost is \$2.00/session or \$20.00 for the season.

