



École Harwood Elementary School

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Our mission: To provide a caring and supportive environment for students to develop a lifelong love of learning and to prepare them to become responsible citizens in a changing world.

My how time flies!



December in Review

We ended 2024 with a bang! An amazing winter concert by Mrs. Scholz and students, a lovely family movie night hosted by the PAC, a week of fun theme days, Silver Star skiing, a grade 6/7 dance and lots of winter crafts and activities. Prior to the break, our learning updates were posted. Please take some time to look at your child's report card on MyEd and contact the office if you are having difficulties with this or want a printed version. A huge thank you to our community partners and Harwood staff for the generosity shown putting together hampers for so many of our families – your kindness makes a huge difference to our families!

District Information – Registration and Transfers

We are excited to welcome your child to our school and want to get them into class and engaged in learning as quickly as possible. We're committed to student success, leadership excellence and community connections. The registration period begins January 15, 2025 at 9:00 am. Students wishing to transfer from one school in our district to another begins January 15th at 9:00 am through to February 13th at 4:00 pm. During this time, we will be accepting registration and transfer requests by appointment through an online form. The link will be active from 9:00 am on Monday, January 15, 2025 until 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 13, 2025.



Basketball

Basketball games will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 22 for boys and Thursday, Jan. 23 for the girls' teams. We will have 3 teams – grade 6 boys, grade 7 boys and grade 7 girls.

Winter Activities

Our classes are getting out to learn, experience and enjoy lifelong winter activities. Classes continue to skate, snowshoe, cross-country ski and hike. We have some classes taking advantage of the trails at Sovereign Lake.



Cold Weather



Although we've had mild weather so far, please ensure your children are dressed appropriately as they are outside getting fresh air and exercise during recess and lunch.

Kernel Popcorn Fundraiser

Div 1 is selling Kernal's popcorn to raise money for the grade 7 year-end events. Order forms will be going home and are due by Jan 22nd. Thanks for your support!

January Grandfather Teaching – Courage

Courage is to do what is right, even when the consequences are unpleasant. Courage is represented by the bear. The mother bear has the courage and strength to face her fears and challenges while protecting her young.



PAC News/Events

Sign up for the PAC Newsletter to get info on all our events.

Email us at: HarwoodNewsPac@gmail.com

Hot Lunch orders for February start Jan 1st – Jan 15th

Reading Together: Parent Workshop



Do you want to support your child's literacy at home? Join the Literacy Society of the North Okanagan for a free virtual workshop! The workshop will equip you with strategies, tips, and inspiration to help your child become a confident reader.

- **Date:** Monday, January 22nd
- **Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (with Q&A afterwards)
- **Location:** Online (Zoom link provided upon registration)
- **Cost:** Free!

Parents will also receive a free digital resource package, including literacy games and a handbook full of helpful tips.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reading-together-parent-workshop-tickets-1127938617769>

Harwood's Got Talent!

Harwood's Got Talent is coming back (Wednesday, March 12th). We are looking for ANY kind of talent - dancers, singers, musicians, comedians, gymnastic routines, magicians, or any kind of talent act that is done well and can be performed in front of a large audience in our gym. To audition, your child must be signed up before Jan. 30. If your child is interested in auditioning, please come see Mrs. Scholz. Auditions will take place during the week of Feb. 10th during lunch hours in the music room. We are looking forward to an exciting talent show performance!

Reminders

1. Please clean up after your dog!
2. We do not have supervision at school until 8:05am so please do not send children earlier than that. Furthermore, we do not have afterschool supervision so children should make their way home quickly after the bell.
3. Our parking lots are busy – please be mindful and respectful of others by driving slowly, using appropriate drop off/pick-up areas, using appropriate parking spots, not blocking off alleyways and school access and using patience 😊



Upcoming Events:

Jan 9 Gr 3 Swimming
Jan 10 LFI visit
Jan 15 Kindergarten registration opens
Jan 15 School transfers due
Jan 15 Pizza orders DUE
Jan 16 Grade 3 Swimming
Jan 16 Pizza Day
Jan 22 Boys' Basketball games start
Jan 22 Popcorn Orders Due
Jan 23 Girls' Basketball games start
Jan 23 Jersey Day
Jan 24 ProD (no school for students)
Jan 30 Gr 3 Swimming
Jan 31 Grade 3/4 classes Sovereign Lake
Feb 10 PAC meeting

