

December 19th Sharkbite!



Dear Families,

Sharkbites have been our weekly, short and snappy updates—each one just a small nibble of the big learning happening at HES!

Over the past four months, our Hammerheads have been swimming strong, building essential skills in **respecting themselves, others, and our school learning environment and property.**

Term Highlights Splash!

A Strong Start to the Year

- A heartfelt thank you to HES teachers and staff for preparing welcoming, safe, and engaging learning environments.
- Students focused on building a **Safe and Positive Learning Environment**, practicing respect, kindness, sharing, and responsibility—the Hammerhead way!

Student Leadership & Community Spirit

- Grade 5 students stepped into leadership roles, supporting younger students and school routines.
- Monthly **School Family Gatherings** celebrated student growth with Hammerhead High Fives.
- Students showed pride and responsibility during safety drills, assemblies, and daily routines.

Meaningful Learning & Reflection

- Honoured important days including **Pink Shirt Day, Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation Day, Remembrance Day, World Cerebral Palsy Day, World Diabetes Day**, and cultural celebrations such as **Diwali** and **Hanukkah**.
- Adoption of a school song reflecting the HES mission and Hammerhead Way.
- Professional Learning Days focused on strengthening **literacy achievement** school-wide.

Events & Fundraising Success

- **Terry Fox Run** raised **\$1,767.50** for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- **Home and School initiatives** were a huge success:
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Pizza Kit Fundraiser
 - Jingle and Mingle Holiday Event, raising **\$1,300**
 - Classroom furniture purchases and school supports totaling over **\$2,200** in fundraising
- Strong family engagement throughout all events.
- Pineapple Studios capturing our jaw-some smiles!

School Improvements & Operations

- Installation of a new heating system.
- Ongoing capital work and safety procedures communicated clearly to families.

- Systems supporting attendance, punctuality, and dismissal routines.
- SAC purchased a new concert-level sound system (approx. \$4000)!

Holiday Cheer & Closing the Term

- Holiday Spirit Week brought fun, kindness, and connection across the school.
- The Grinch kindness challenge encouraged compliments and acts of kindness.
- A joyful **Holiday Concert** showcased student talent and community pride. Thank you for the generous donations to the Food Bank!

What's Bubbling Up

December 25 ~ Merry Christmas to all who celebrate!

December 26 ~ Happy Kwanza to all who celebrate!

January 5 ~ First Day Back from Holiday Break!

January 21 ~ SAC Virtual Meeting 5:30pm

January 21 ~ Home and School Meeting 6:00pm (Library)

Thank you to our families, staff, students, and community partners for making these months full of growth, generosity, and connection. Together, we truly made waves! Looking forward to swimming forward together in 2026!

Very best,
Lisa, Kaylee, and Kathy