

E.G. WAHLSTROM SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2024



School News

December saw some great activities planned by student leadership to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

We had a STOP, Drop and Dance in the halls which was a lot of fun, followed by a dress as your favourite Christmas movie. We wore lots of festive wear and had a great turn out for the Hall-i-Day parade.

We hosted our 7th annual Winter Wonderland event. This year saw our EGW choir perform on stage and our students learned about drumming and got to showcase the drums that 4A built last year from the moose the school harvested.

Thank you to all our families that came out to enjoy the activities and events. We ended our week with a PJ and pancake day where all our student were treated to a pancake breakfast.

We started our mini sticks tournament. We have 9 teams playing in the round robin. This will continue after the break.

We ended our month with the student led assembly where we showcased over 60 of our students who received awards for either growth mindset, academic achievement, physical education or SOAR. While we are closer to our caught being kind goal of 1327 caught being kind acts by the end of the school year. We are currently at 437 kind acts.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Helping students with their learning in December is unique at EGW. Outside of learning the curriculum, there were opportunities to grow as **leaders, as builders/designers, as performers, and as kind** and generous young people. A few examples around the school were:

- *connecting* with our Interactions program
- *teaching* other students how to use assistive technology
- *organizing and planning* costumes and groups entries for our parade
- *preparing* to sing and drum for a crowd
- *welcoming* new students to Read & Feed to play vocabulary games and Christmas charades

This meant that our staff members were often using their skills as facilitators, listeners, and encouraging cheerleaders.

It has also been the month that Teresa Rae and I wind up our interventions groups in preparation to **assess growth in January** and **revise the plans for our next phase of reading supports** and potential candidates. Holiday letters were sent to all the families of our current group members. We are very grateful for the learning efforts of these students.

Do you have any New Year plans to get out and help our community?

If so, consider EGW. We are also looking for volunteers to increase our math supports to help students with math fact fluency and operations with multiple digits. If that's something you would consider, please get in touch at jmcmahon@hpsd.ca. We can work with any kind of schedule, even popping in. We can assure you that it is a rewarding gig!

BIG THANKS go out to Tamsyn and Jan who volunteered this season!

WELLNESS

Hello Eagle Families, we have had a busy last month of the year in Wellness! I was able to spend some time in most classrooms continuing to build on our conflict resolution and coping skills teachings. This month we have also started a Mini Sticks tournament during second recess Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This has been very exciting for our students! We had over 100 kids sign up. They are all showing great sportsmanship and teamwork skills! Keep it up guys! The holiday season can bring mixed emotions for many. For some, it's their favorite time of year. For others, it brings feelings of sadness and loss. Here are a few tips to "beat the holiday blues".

Keep your regular routine

Think moderation

Be realistic

Stay connected

Throw guilt out the window

Don't be alone if you don't want to be

Focus on today not yesterday

Just say no

Ask for help

Be good to yourself

No matter how you mark the upcoming holidays, I hope you have a happy healthy season.

As always feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

See you all in 2025!!

-Shannon Johns

Wellness Coach

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How can you get involved?

The School Council meets monthly at EGW. This is a great way for you to hear from the school administration, teacher representative, and school trustees while collaborating with other parents/guardians to plan activities and provide feedback regarding the school. The next meeting is January 14, 2024 at 7pm at the school or you can join via Zoom. An email with more information will come closer to the meeting date.

Parent volunteers are always welcome at EGW. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Mrs. Ghostkeeper or your child's teacher to learn how you can get involved.

SCHOOL CORE VALUES

At E.G. Wahlstrom we are committed to...

Building **RELATIONSHIPS** by making connections in our school and community.

Fostering a **RESPECTFUL** environment that makes everyone feel safe.

Being **KIND** and considerate of others.

Nurturing **GROWTH** through curiosity and lifelong learning.

Empowering students to be confident **LEADERS**.

Promoting **PASSION** and **ENJOYMENT** of learning.

As Eagles, we SUCCEED!

We want to hear from you!

If you have any questions or thoughts about what's happening at the school, please email us at egw@hpsd.ca. Thank you!

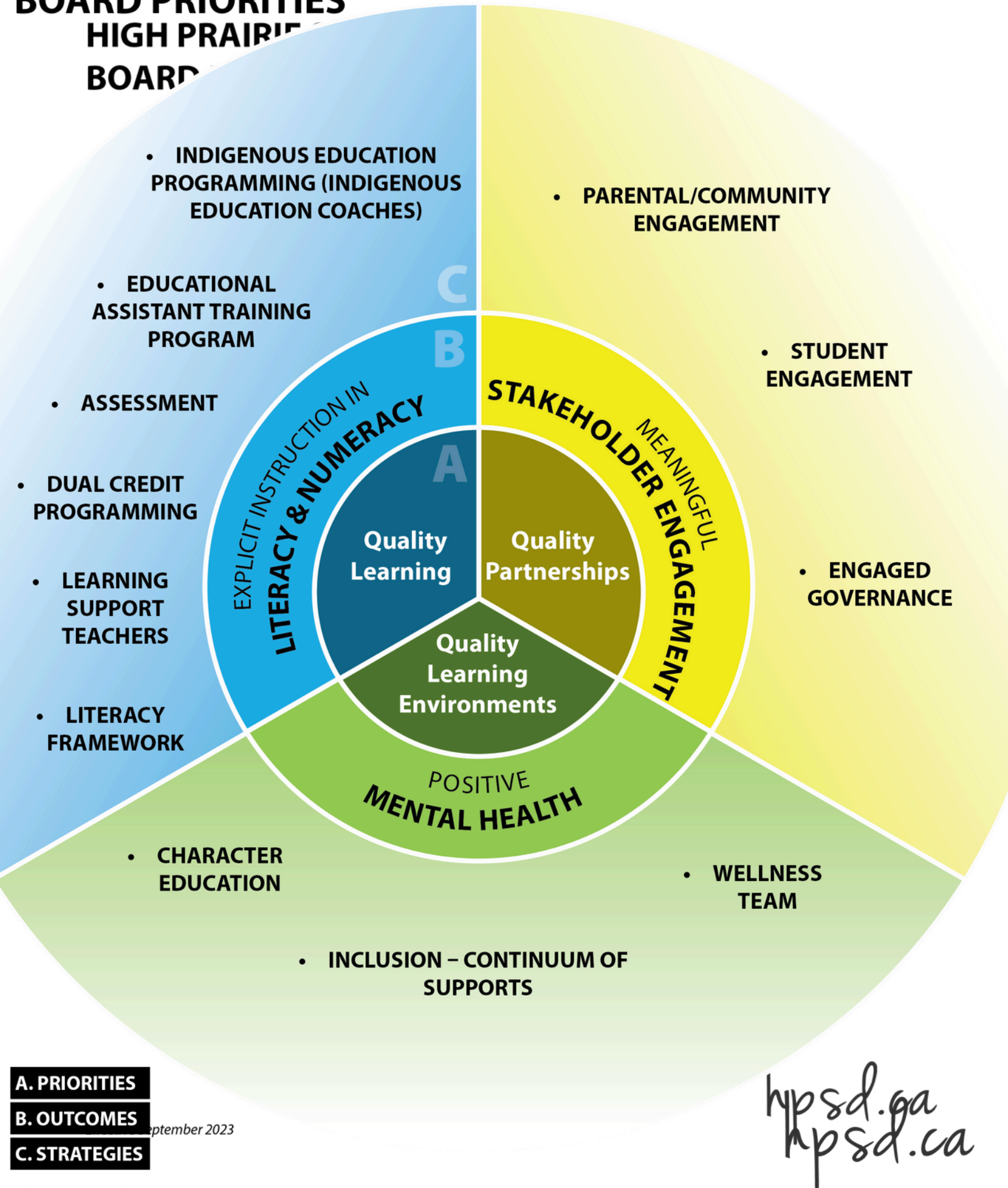
SHOUT OUTS

The Ching family for the donation of mini stick nets
Susan's Kitchen for the donation of treat platters to Winter Wonderland
To all our families that helped a family in need by donating a loonie.
Grateful Heart for the balloon donation.
Frankie Ward for getting pied in the face.
Jan Shihinski for running the student gift activity.

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A. PRIORITIES
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September 2023

Effective September 2024

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JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Classes Resume Ribbon Skirt day					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		School Council @ 7pm				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Gr 6 Immunizations					
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
			No School- PD day		Students dress as teachers and teachers dress as students School Wide assembly hosted by 4E	