

Highland Park's Newsletter



Principal's Message

As we approach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences and achievements we've shared at Highland Park Elementary. December and January are always special months filled with joy, learning, and community spirit. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!



-Dr. Blanks

From the PTA

We have lists of teacher and staff favorite items/stores. Please reach out via the PTA Facebook page to request information. The next PTA meeting will be at Highland Park on 12/19/24 at 4:30PM and is open to all.

Important Dates: December 2024

- December 3-3rd grade science field trip
- December 13-4th grade Nutcracker field trip
- December 14-RCPS Breakfast with Santa at WFHS
- Dec. 19th-VIRTUAL PTA Meeting, 4:30 pm-link will be posted on PTA Facebook
- December 20-2 hour Early Dismissal

December 23-January 3 Winter Break - No school January 2025

- January 6-Students return from Winter Break
- January 10-Kindergarten play for Kindergarten parents-time TBA
- PTA Roller Skate Night-TBA

Upcoming Character Lessons

Week 16: I am a problem solver.

Week 17: Self Assurance

Week 18: Things get easier with practice.

Week 19 My voice matters.

Week 20: I only compare myself to myself.

Week 21: I am honest and tell the truth.

Week 22: I am strong and powerful.





Grade Level Updates

Preschool

We are learning about color, shape, and size. We are studying living and non-living things.

Kindergarten

We are learning all about farm animals in reading and our Gingerbread Play! We are counting to 100 and writing teen numbers! We are learning about winter weather, the 5 senses, and our community!

First

First grade is moving into a new module on animals. We will write an informative paragraph and explore animal habitats. Our field trip to the Science Museum will connect to the creatures that live there and further explore scientific investigations.

Second

In Math we move to Geometry. In English we discuss westward expansion. "What was life like in the West for early Americans?" In science we will conduct experiments to test the different properties of matter.

Third STARS

In Language Arts, we're launching into our Space Unit. In Math, we will soon be exploring patterns, money, and telling time. In Social Studies, we'll travel back in time to ancient Greece. Don't forget about our field trip to the Science Museum on December the 3rd!

Third PLATO

We are looking forward to our field trip to the Science Museum on December 3rd. We will begin our studies of Ancient Greece and Earth's Resources this month.

Fourth STARS

In Math, we will be starting our unit on division. Please continue practicing multiplication skills at home. We will learn about the American Revolution. In, English, will study how we represent two sides of a story!

Fourth PLATO

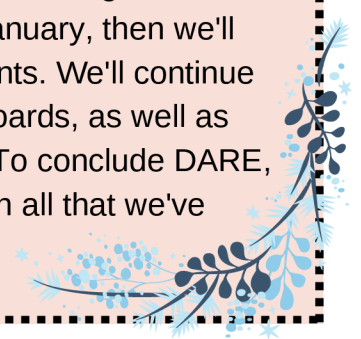
Students will develop key research skills while uncovering fascinating facts about our solar system. Fractions will be conquered! The Stamp Act of 1765 will be reenacted. We'll dive into the world of poetry!

Fifth STARS

We are continuing our novel study in Language Arts, In Math, we are continuing our focus on decimal fraction relationships. In science, forces, energy and motion are our topics,

Fifth PLATO

In Ms. Gibson's room, we'll be delving into decimals in December and January, then we'll move into metric measurements. We'll continue our Weekly Writing Choice Boards, as well as wrap up our opinion essays. To conclude DARE, we'll write essays reflecting on all that we've learned



Conversation Starter

Look at the dark night sky and think about the moon, stars, and other planets you can see. Do you know what other planets have water? If you could travel to the moon or another planet, what would you most like to see or experience and why?

A goose.

Riddle Me This!

What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

Answer in next month's edition