

Highland Park's Newsletter



Principal's Message



As we move into March, I thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our students. It's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of the third quarter! This month, we look forward to exciting learning opportunities and building on the wonderful progress our students have made. Together, we are making this a great year for our students!



-Dr. Blanks

From the PTA

The Readathon fundraiser will be wrapping up with the fundraising goal of supporting teachers with providing new indoor recess supplies. Our next board meeting will be on March 20, 2025.

Important Dates:

March 4: Kindergarten-Hockey Game Field Trip

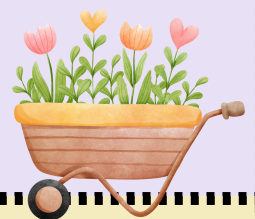
March 10-14: HPES Book Fair!

March 11: HPES Talent Show at the Jefferson Center

March 19: 4th Grade Dance Espanol at the Jefferson Center

March 21: 2 Hour Early Release Day

March 24-28: No School-Spring Break



Upcoming Character Lessons

Week 27: Today, I am a leader.

Week 28: My class is a team, and we support each other

Week 29: I am proud of myself.



Grade Level Updates



Preschool

Preschool begins their unit on Amazing Critters. To ring in the spring, we will talk about butterflies, bees, ants, and spiders and how they contribute to our ecosystem.

Kindergarten

We will be going on our rescheduled hockey game field trip on March 4th. Additionally, we will continue strengthening decoding and writing skills in reading and number sense skills in math.

First

We will begin our third Module and study the powerful force of the wind. We will explore wind as a character, study hurricanes and other weather, and dig into how the wind provides energy.

Second

We are learning about Civil Rights Heroes. Our next unit in Science covers Where and How do We Live. We wrap up fractions in Math and move on to Part 2 of Place Value & Addition and Subtraction

Third STARS

We finish our exciting literacy unit on Space and then transition into a new unit called "A New Home," to explore the immigrant experience through powerful stories. They'll also dive into measurement, learn about Mali, ecosystems, and adaptations.

Third PLATO

Third grade Plato will continue to explore fractions. We will begin our unit on ancient Mali this month. We will add information about science and literacy to our class calendar.

Fourth STARS

Fourth grade is looking forward to studying the Civil War and finishing our 3rd Wit and Wisdom module ahead of Spring break. We are also tackling ordering and comparing decimals in math.

Fourth PLATO

We are eager to showcase our creative movement and expression in the upcoming Dance Espanol performance. Academically, we will be exploring the Reconstruction of the USA after the Civil War.

Fifth STARS

In math we are finishing up metric conversions and will begin our deep dive into fraction and decimal operations. We will continue our novel study on The Phantom Tollbooth and will move into our unit on space.

Fifth PLATO

In math, we'll explore Perimeter, Area, & Volume, and we'll celebrate Pi Day. We'll connect our writing to social studies - writing about our national parks and creating journal entries as members of the Corps of Discovery.



A Towel

Conversation Starter

March is the month when Spring begins. Can you describe some signs of new life you are seeing outside? What is growing? Can you describe the life cycle of an animal or plant?

Riddle Me This!

What goes in your pocket but keeps it empty?

Answer in next month's edition