

Highland Park's Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear Highland Park family, As we approach the end of the school year, let's recognize the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers. Highland Park Elementary fosters a love of learning, and I'm proud of the academic growth we've achieved. Keep striving for excellence—finish the year strong!

-Dr. Blanks



From the PTA

Thank you for your help with Teacher Appreciation Week and Ms. Zobel Day! Our teachers and staff are grateful for the love and support!

Important Dates:

May 2nd GLOW party

May 5-30

3rd-5th grade SOL tests

May 19-June 5

3rd-5th grade MAP tests

May 26-No School

May 27-Fun Day

June 2-PK Promotion

Ceremony 9am-Cafeteria

June 3-K Promotion

Ceremony 9am-Cafeteria

June 4-5th Promotion

Ceremony 10am-Gym

June 5-Last Day of School

2 Hour Early Dismissal



Upcoming Character Lessons

Week 36: I am resourceful.

Week 37: I make a positive difference in my community.

Week 38: I settle my differences with others peacefully.

Week 39: I try my best to help other people.

Week 40: I will have a fun and safe summer!



Grade Level Updates

Preschool

Preschool is wrapping up our study of animals and will begin our unit on changes in the world around us.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is learning about change over time. We are observing caterpillars change into butterflies in real time in our classrooms. We are also preparing for our promotion ceremony which will be June 3rd at 9am

First

We are so excited for our upcoming First Grade Spring Spree! This fun event ties into our economics unit, where students will practice buying and selling goods and services. It's a great hands-on way for students to learn about making choices, spending money, and working together!

Second

Second grade is working on a first-person narrative writing reflecting Ruby Bridges experiences in 1961. We're also continuing our social studies unit on resources and scarcity. In math, we are exploring patterns and reviewing money & time.

Third STARS

We are reviewing for SOLs in math and language arts, exploring animal adaptations in science, and learning about government in social studies.

Third PLATO

We are wrapping up our cricket investigations and persuasive paragraph writing. Our next unit of study in science will be focused on soil. After our May 6 reading SOL, we will study more poetry.

Fourth STARS

The fourth quarter is flying by! Stay focused and be sure you are working on SOL HW for both reading and math, during the week.

Fourth PLATO

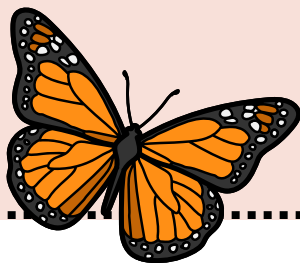
Our 20 Book Challenge will come to an end this month. We have enjoyed exploring new genres and diverse literature. - Always have a book!

Fifth STARS

Fifth grade Stars continue to prepare for our SOLS and would greatly appreciate your support at home in completing the review materials!

Fifth PLATO

After reviewing for and taking the end-of-year tests, we'll create a volume zoo and explore poetry.



Conversation Starter

May is national wildflower month. Go on a walk and see how many wildflowers you can find. Can you identify and explain why some of these plants are really good resources for animals and insects?



Riddle Me This!

What kind of dog never bites?

A hot dog!

A sponge