



# Hawk Herald

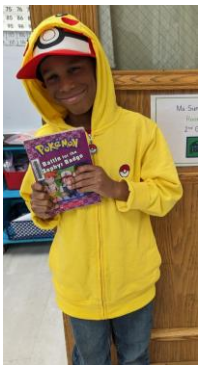


THE HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY NEWSPAPER

## Read Across America Day

By Viana Garland and Cora Barge

What is Read Across America Day? Read Across America Day is a day where we celebrate reading and books in general. It is celebrated on March 2<sup>nd</sup> which is Dr. Suess's birthday. Highland Park celebrates Read Across America Day by dressing up as our favorite book characters. Doing this reminds everyone how fun reading can be. Some people dressed up as various Harry Potter characters, people from chapter books, characters from picture books, and even a few Cat in the Hats were spotted! People throughout the entire school were dressed up, not just the older students. Teachers also joined in on the dress up fun. Throughout the day we also spent extra time reading books. Some classes even had special guest readers for the day.



# American Heart Association

By Alice Leftwich and Murphy Armstead

The American Heart Association is a program where they help people with heart problems and help keep people informed. It is an important program because it helps lots of people by teaching them how to make healthier decisions. At this school, we did a fundraiser with cool prizes and all you had to do was sign up and you immediately got a cool wristband. You could also keep giving money and getting more cool prizes including key chains, a jump rope, a shirt, socks, mystery pop it, and a super cool watch! Also, for every 50 dollars you raise you get a mystery prize. Even though prizes were given, the real reason for raising money was so the American Heart Associate could continue to use money for important research and education. At our school, Mr. Emery helped with it a lot and taught us about why heart health is important.

At the end of the fundraiser Mr. Emery even agreed to shave his head on morning announcements since we met the fundraising goal. The fundraiser was super fun. The money helped people with heart problems and the community. I hoped you gave some money or at least signed up!



# Hidden Hawk

Last issue, the hidden hawk was in the tree on the dream playground. Can you find the hawk in this new issue?

# Student Spotlight

The student spotlight is a chance to get your name in the newspaper. This month it is all about being inquisitive. Your teachers were asked to choose one kid from each class that represents this trait.

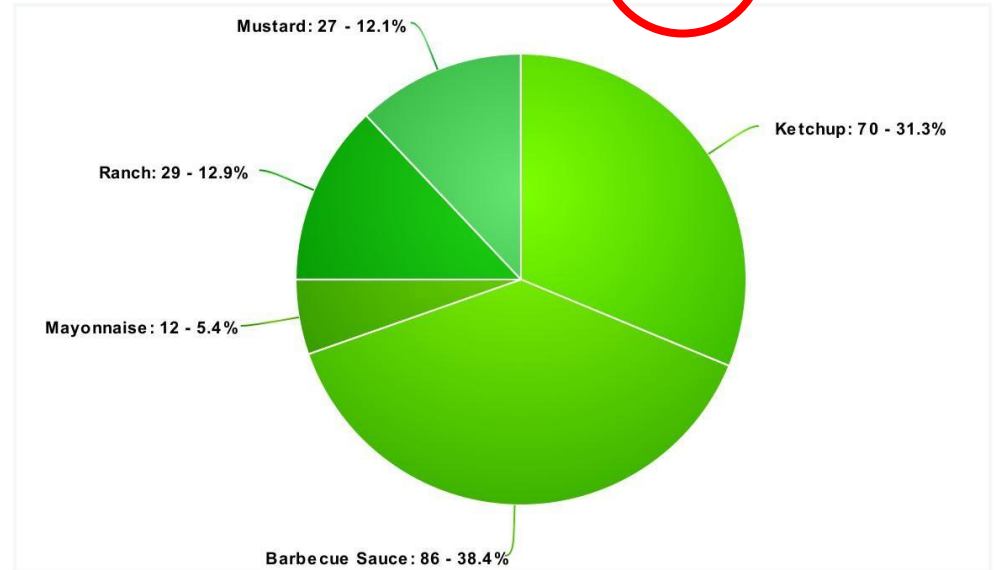
**Hawks nominated for being inquisitive:** Mia Sanchez-Moran, Asher Grasty, Atlas Wang, Quintrell Pringle, Morris Deboise, Franco Cruz, Alaia Alvarado, Genesis Muhammad, Otis Gick, Edwin Callis, Avi Saks, Dominick Harrington, Jewelia Pope, Jane Vanden Eykel, Raphael Kerabu, Carlos Moncada-Temoxtle, Amelia Miller, Austin Pierce, Jyrah Allen.

# Favorite Condiment

By Cael Goldberg and Nathan Calhoun

There are many different sauces and condiments that can go on food. We chose a few for students to vote on. Which was the top choice between ketchup, mustard, mayonaise, BBQ, and ranch?

Ketchup	Mustard	Mayo	BBQ	Ranch
70	27	12	86	29



■ Ketchup ■ Barbecue Sauce ■ Mayonnaise ■ Ranch ■ Mustard

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# Meet Mrs. Dogan

By Tilly Binks, Evelyn Strup, AnnaBeth Padgett



**Q. If you could start your own after-school club what would it be?**

A. I was planning to do a cheer or dance club, but that did not work out this year. So, I might do it next year possibly on a Tuesday or a Thursday.

**Q. What made you want to teach kindergarten?**

A. I taught fifth grade for 14 years and I wanted to try something different.

**Q. If you wanted a different job what would it be?**

A. I would probably be a dance teacher.

**Q. If you could teach another grade what would it be?**

A. Well, I have taught fourth and fifth grade. So, the only grades I have not taught in an elementary school are first, second, or third so I would be willing to teach any of those.

**Q. Dogs or cats?**

A. Dogs, by far.

**Q. How many kids do you have, if any?**

A. I have two kids.

**Q. What do you like most about running the talent show?**

A. I like the variety of talent that we have at Highland Park. I think we have a lot of different talents here which makes it fun.

**Q. What made you want to teach?**

A. I love being around children because they make me laugh and smile. They always teach me more than I teach them.

**Q. What do you like to teach the most?**

A. I like teaching kids to read.

# Meet Mr. Emery

By Mericole Evans and Free Harris



**Q. Did you have any dream jobs before you taught P.E?**

A. I started off going to school to be a police officer or a game warden which is a police officer for hunters and fishermen.

**Q. What is your favorite movie?**

A. Probably *The Sandlot*.

**Q. Do you have any pets?**

A. I have two dogs and a duck. Last year, fifth grade PLATO hatched a bunch of ducks and I took two of them home.

**Q. What is your favorite hobby?**

A. I love to go fishing and then I also do quite a bit of coaching and volunteering.

**Q. What is your favorite sport to teach?**

A. I guess what's in season. So, when its basketball season I enjoy doing that and when its soccer season I enjoy doing that. Whatever sport is in season for you guys to watch.

**Q. What is your favorite color?**

A. Green.

**Q. How long have you taught P.E?**

A. 15 years.

**Q. What was your favorite subject when you were in school?**

A. P.E and lunch. No, I like science as well.

**Q. What do you like to do in your free time?**

A. Well, I do a lot of coaching and then volunteering with the booster club to make sure all the other rec sports in my area run well. I like to hang out at home and play in my yard.

**Q. What is your favorite grade to teach?**

A. Right now, probably fourth grade.

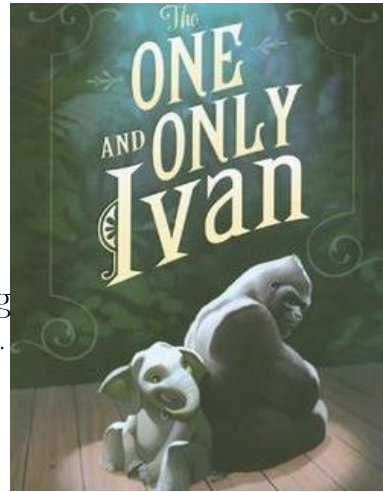
# Book Reviews

By Eliza Goad and Eliza Harper

**Title:** *The One and Only Ivan*

**Author:** Katherine Applegate

*The One and Only Ivan* is an amazing book about a silverback gorilla who lives in a shopping mall zoo. Ivan had never seen another gorilla before in his life. He is the only gorilla at the mall. He has friends at the mall including a dog named Bob and an elephant named Stella. Ivan learns more about gorillas and goes on an adventure.



**Title:** *This Book Just Ate My Dog*

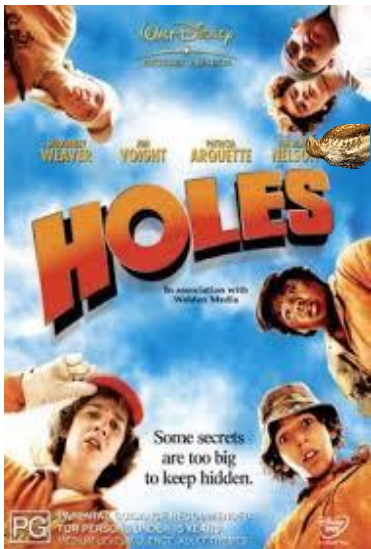
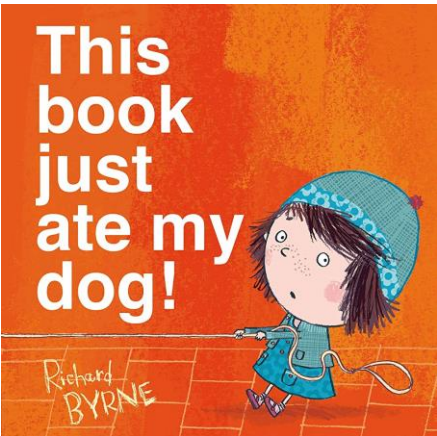
**Author:** Richard Byrne

This book is a particularly delightful book for the young. When young Bella sees her dog disappear into the binding of the book, she calls for help. But when "help" disappears too she takes matters into her own hands,

## Movie Review

By Eliza Goad and Eliza Harper

*Holes* is a great movie that came out in 2003 which is based on the book by Louis Sachar. It is a non-animated film starring Shia LaBeouf as Caveman. It features adventurous characters and a thrilling plot. Caveman is a wrongfully convicted boy who is sent to an awful camp in the desert where he must dig holes for some mysterious reason. He becomes friends with other kids who are being punished in a similar way.



# Hawks Have Talent

By Tapanga Colon

Highland Park has an annual talent show every year where students sing, dance, play instruments, and more. The talent show is always fun and always has an amazing range of talents. The talent show is supervised and run by Mrs. Dogan. The talent show was on Thursday, March 2 at 6:00 in the Highland Park gym. There were 50 whole acts where students bravely got on stage either alone or in groups to keep the crowd entertained. My personal favorite talent was a light up hula hoop and ball show put on by Marie LaConte, Tilly Binks, Evelyn Strup, and Layla Saub. It was cool to see such a big crowd of people there supporting the students. There is even a crowd of students right in the front to cheer on their friends. I hope you perform or watch the talent show next year!



# Imagine Me Mentoring

By Marie LaConte and Ceci Pace

Imagine Me Mentoring is where groups of girls and boys get to work with mentors to practice skills they would not work on in school. Students who are part of the mentoring program do this work during their specials time. A fun fact about Imagine Me is that Highland Park is the first school that they came to. Now they work in other RCPS schools such as Monterey, Hurt Park, and Addison Middle School. Mr. Rod, one of the Imagine Me mentors, says his favorite thing about Imagine Me is that he gets to help kids develop skills that will help them for the rest of their lives. Imagine Me comes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and teaches about 24 or 25 kids. Teachers and students alike love Imagine Me because they can form strong bonds with the mentors that will last them for the rest of their lives.



# School Transportation Statistics

By Tucker Kootsey and Afshana Wagley

There are many ways of getting home from Highland Park school. One way is by playing with the YMCA until your parents pick you up. Out of the 402 kids in this school, 24 go to the YMCA after school. Another way to get home is to ride in a car with your parent/guardian. 104 kids in this school are car riders. Many kids in the school ride the bus. Of those kids, 46 ride bus #2, 33 kids ride bus #80, 36 kids ride bus #12, 19 kids ride bus #17, 32 kids ride bus #74, and 15 kids ride bus #118. That leaves a total of 199 kids riding the buses. There are also 70 walkers. Transportation has been a problem for RCPS because there is a shortage of bus drivers and 25 school bus routes have been late. When the buses are late, some teachers stay until the buses get there to pick up kids. The late buses have led many kids to switch to being car riders and walkers so they can get to and from school on time. We interviewed a few people to see what their experiences have been. One person we interviewed was Remington Goldberg. He goes home on the bus when he doesn't have after school clubs. He said it was a bit weird but overall, a fine experience. He says his bus has been late before though. Another person we interviewed was a walker that goes to the YMCA group. She said it was good and that she goes home with her older brother. We interviewed a car rider that said it was fine. Overall, the school transportation system is fine even though there are some kinks to work out that effect some ways of travel more than others.



# S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E

By Athena Andrade and Addison Horne

In 2023, Highland Park had a spelling bee on February 10th. There were 13 contestants from third, fourth, and fifth grades. Each class held a spelling bee. The winner from each class then went on to compete in the school spelling bee. Here were the contestants from each grade; Jaxson Eubank, Mylo Himes, King Reyes, Reed Boetticher, and Christian Myers were from 3rd grade. Isis Criner, Iris Compton-Dean, Christophe Tulou, and Addison Horne were from 4th grade. Lucy Dandridge, Roderick Allen, Ezra Olson, and Cael Goldberg were from 5th grade. All contestants worked extremely hard, and all Highland Park students were incredibly supportive. Thank you to all the contestants for working so hard.

By the end, there were two left and they battled it out for a long time. Shoutout to Cael Goldberg and Addison Horne for being the last two standing. In the end, Addison won and went on to the District Spelling Bee! She won runner-up and was on the news! Thank you to all the supporters and there will be another one next year. You better start preparing for the next one! You could prepare by reading because you learn so many new words and reading helps with spelling too!



# Guess Who?

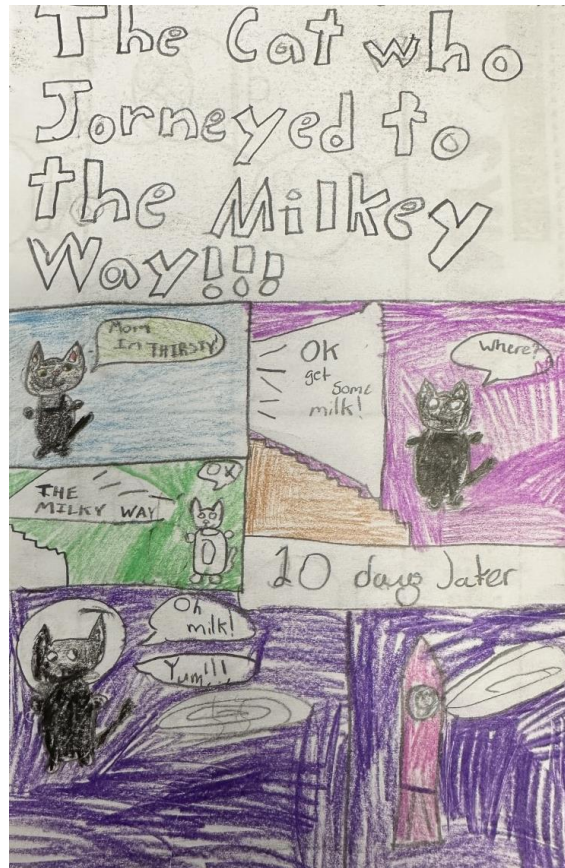
By Rain Ryan

- Clue 1. Is a girl.
- Clue 2. Is an American.
- Clue 3. Is a singer songwriter.
- Clue 4. Was thirteen when she released her first album.
- Clue 5. Her favorite color is purple.
- Clue 6. Her lucky number is 13.
- Clue 7. Is a natural blond.
- Clue 8. Has blue eyes.
- Clue 9. Vocal range is A2-D6.
- Clue 10. Newest album is *Midnights*.

Answer: Taylor Swift

# Comic Corner

By Alice Leftwich, Viana Garland, Eliza Harper



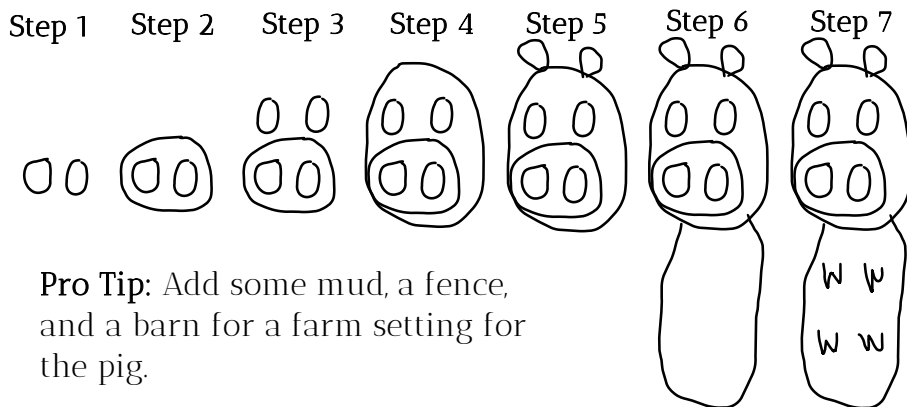
# School Subjects Word Search

By Nina Luci and Annelise White

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# How to Draw a Pig

By Denman Blanchard



Step 8  
Add  
some  
color.

**Pro Tip:** Add some mud, a fence, and a barn for a farm setting for the pig.

Can you find these words?

- writing
- reading
- math
- social studies
- science
- clubs
- art
- music
- stem
- geography
- gym
- strings
- library
- spanish