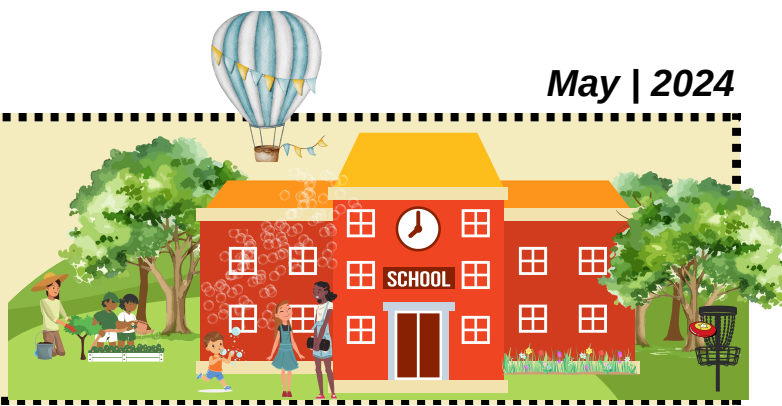


Highland Park's Newsletter



Principal's Message

Greetings, Highland Park Families! It's hard to believe that it is already May! We have so much to look forward to. Our students and staff are working hard to prepare for SOL testing this month. We have our SOL Glow Party, our 5th grade STARS field trip to DC, 3rd grade is going to Sea Quest, and much more! As we start this busy month, please make sure students have plenty of rest and downtime, they are working really hard every day in our classrooms! June will be here before we know it. Thank you for all you do to support your students and Highland Park Elementary School.

-Dr. Blanks

This Month

May 1

PreK Berglund Touch-a-Truck Field Trip

May 2

3rd Grade Sea Quest Field Trip

May 3

5th Grade Washington DC Trip

May 6

Schoolwide Glow Party

Week of May 6 - May 30

SOL Testing for 3rd - 5th Graders

May 24

Kindergarten Swamp Trip

May 27

Holiday - Schools Closed

May 29

First Grade Farm Trip

May 31

PreK End of Year Ceremony

From the PTA

April 29 - May 3 Teacher Appreciation Week

Interested in joining the PTA? Want to learn more? Join our next informal, family-friendly PTA meeting on May 30 at Twisted Track.

May SOL Schedule

Monday

6th

Tuesday

7th
Gr 4
Reading

Wednesday

8th
Gr 3 & 5
Reading

Thursday

9th
Gr 5
IRW

Friday

10th
Gr 4
VA Studies

13th

14th
Gr 3 & 5
Math

15th
Gr 4
Math

16th
Gr 5
Science

17th

Tips for Success

- Prioritize a good night's sleep
- Arrive on time to school
- Stay home if you are feeling under the weather
- Keep conversation light and positive that morning



Grade Level Updates



Preschool

Both Pre-K classes are preparing for our "Summer Vacation" theme, and we are going on a field trip to the Berglund Center to get up close and personal with big trucks.

Kindergarten

In May, Kindergarten will begin their end of year countdown days that include many educational and fun activities to celebrate the end of kindergarten. We will also begin preparing for our promotion ceremony that will take place on June 5th.

First

First grade is going to Lick Run Farms to celebrate our Farm to School learning and learn more about plants. We will tour the farm, plant, craft and picnic in the park. Big thanks to Bloom for catering our picnic lunch!

Second

In May, we will work on these math standards: 2.12 Symmetry and 2.8 Length and weight. In social studies, we will continue learning about famous Americans' contributions to the world. We will also study economics concepts. In science, we will investigate products made from plants. Our reading/writing lessons continue to center around how people can respond to injustice.

Third STARS

We have the much-anticipated Sea Quest field trip! Students start their studies of ancient civilizations next. In math and language arts we are busy reviewing this year's content. Lots of multiplication, fractions, and adding/subtracting 4-digit numbers!

Third PLATO

In literacy we have been studying figurative language such as personification, similes & metaphors. In math we have wrapped up our geometry and probability units and have begun our preparation for the SOLs in both math and literacy.

Fourth STARS

We've been hard at work preparing for the upcoming SOL tests in math, reading, and VA Studies. Continue to discuss the importance of trying their best on all review activities and on the day of the SOL test. After the SOL testing window is over, we will dive into some fun science projects, deeper exploration in VA studies, and prepare students for some of the topics they will be covering in fifth grade.

Fourth PLATO

Following SOL testing, we will explore many enrichment challenges, ranging from technology to world history.

Fifth STARS

Our 5th grade readers are racing towards the finish line and want to end the year on a strong note! We are reviewing for our SOL by reading passages, writing responses, and working on Greek and Latin prefixes, suffixes and root words. Students will work together in groups to review math and will review 4th and 5th grade science during partner work and games.

Fifth PLATO

We are preparing for SOLs and looking forward to our poetry recital! We're also continuing our study of Westward Expansion and 19th-century American history.

Conversation Starter

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the US for mourning those who died during service. Place a call or write a letter to a family member, friend, or neighbor who served in our military to thank them for their service to our country.



Riddle Me This!

What kind of room does not have walls, doors, or windows?

Answer: A Mushroom

April
Answer
Rain