

Highland Park's Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear Families,
Happy October! We can't wait to see you at Highland Park! We have so many great things happening this month!

Here are some of our events for this month:

Science Literacy Night October 17. 5:30-7:00 PM.

Please join us and see how much our students are learning in reading and science!

PTA Walkathon: October 25. Watch the Tuesday folders for more information.

Book Fair: October 28-November 1. A great chance to foster a love of reading.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make October a fantastic month!

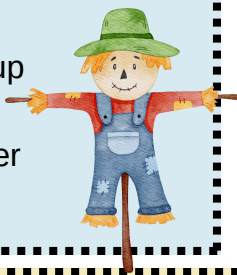
Warm regards,

-Dr. Blanks



From the PTA

Students and families should be gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year, Walkathon, which is scheduled for October 25th.



Important Dates:

October 17

Title 1 Literacy Night

October 25

Early Dismissal (2 hours)

PTA Walkathon

October 28-November 1

Bookfair



Upcoming Character Lessons

Week 7: I am a good friend. I treat others with kindness and respect

Week 8: I am loved and accepted

Week 9: Keep going, keep growing

Week 10: I try my best to help other people.

Week 11: I say thank you to others



Grade Level Updates

Preschool

Preschool is launching into our unit about family. We will be exploring family members, activities enjoyed with families, and all the different types of families!

Kindergarten

In reading we're working on identifying all of our letters and their corresponding letter sounds. We're also reading books to discover how our senses help us learn. In math we're counting 1-20 and writing numbers 0-10. We are also using vocab more, less, and same to compare numbers. In science we are learning about the properties of matter such as color, shape, texture, and weight. We are also furthering our exploration of the life cycle of pumpkins by visiting the pumpkin patch on October 7th!

First

In September, first-grade created No Littering posters to help Highland Park students remember to take care of our school. Students highlighted areas where they thought needed the most attention, the playground, hallways, bathrooms and buses. Posters are on display in the hall. Students understand that good citizens take care of their community.

Second

YSPLASH was a huge success! Thank you for all of the support! In math we continue to work with place value and different ways to represent numbers. We begin a new text in Wit & Wisdom called "The Little Yellow Leaf," furthering our knowledge in "How does change impact people and nature?" In science, we are learning how to be a scientist by conducting experiments!

Third STARS

In math we are collecting, displaying and analyzing data in graphs to help us make sense of the past and present and predict the future. In science we are studying: all objects are made of matter; a change to one event in a cycle will often impact all the other events in the cycle; water impacts life. In reading we are continuing to build our language skills by our exploring the sea unit in Wit and Wisdom.



Third PLATO

In Literacy we will be moving into Junior Great Books with Socratic seminars and more in-depth reader responses. In math we will be collecting data and making graphs. In social studies we will continue investigating maps and the continents of Africa, Asia, and Europe. In science we will be starting a new unit on matter with a focus on experiment with how different substances interact with water.

Fourth STARS

We will be finishing our unit on Geography in VA Studies and starting our unit on Jamestown. In Language Arts we will start diving into poetry after finishing up The Circulatory Story. In math, they will be starting Problem Solving with multi step word problems.

Fourth PLATO

It's been a busy and productive time in Literacy class! So far, we've read three engaging short stories and completed our first essay. We're excited to begin writing letters to our pen pals soon—an excellent way to practice communication and build connections! Coming up, we'll be starting a thrilling historical novel that ties directly into our VAS curriculum. This will help deepen our understanding of both literacy and history in an exciting, integrated way!

Fifth STARS

Hello fifth grade parents! We have had a strong start to our school year and have enjoyed getting to know each of your children. In math we are focusing on prime and composite numbers. We will continue to work with these types of numbers as we explore the reasoning behind the order of operations. We have been completing labs and experiments to better understand how matter behaves. We will begin our study on "Wacky Weather" next week. Students have been exploring language arts concepts through a novel study in Wit and Wisdom. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to an amazing rest of our school year!

Fifth PLATO

In geography, we're wrapping up our study of states and capitals with a state research project on Canva and a postcard exchange with students across the country. In reading, we're having a ball with our novel study and figurative language! Stay tuned for our annual "Palindromes, Puns, and Idioms" costume party. In addition, we love celebrating our Hawks of the Week!

ART

The week of Oct. 7th -11th classes who have earned the privilege, will have their Glow Paint Party, in celebration of their upcoming Literacy Night Art Exhibit on Thursday, October 17th. For art class that week, students should wear clothes that they don't mind getting a little paint on.



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Saturn.



Conversation Starter

In the fall, we see many changes in plants and animals. What changes have you noticed that fascinate you? Would you rather lose your leaves (like a tree) or change your fur (like an animal) and why?

Riddle Me This!

What has hands and a face but no arms or legs?

Answer in next month's edition