



# Hawk Herald



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## Field Trip Fun

By Afshana Wagley, Rain Ryan, Annabeth Padgett

Field trips are incredibly fun and allow students to experience things they will not in school. They are experiences that go along with stuff that is learned in school. They also help develop the brain by exploring places! Here are some places we've gone this year so far:

### September:

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade went to Johnson Apple Orchard to learn about the apple life cycle and pick their own apples.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade went to Y-Splash for lessons in water safety.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to Explore Park for a day of fun zip lining.

### October:

- Kindergarten went to Layman Farms to learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and have some fall fun.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade PLATO went to Jamestown and even got to get on a ship called the Susan Constant.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade PLATO went to Natural Bridge and Grand Caverns.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to Carvins Cove.

### November:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade PLATO went to Monticello, VMI, and James Monroe's Estate.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade went to Amazement Square and explored the museum.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to Virginia Tech to learn about college.

### December:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade went to the Jefferson Center to see the play *Beauty and the Beast*.
- Pre-K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade went to the Grandin Theater to see the play *Balloonacy*.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade went to see *The Nutcracker* performed by the Southwest Virginia Ballet.



# Ask AnnaBeth

**Dear AnnaBeth:** I started basketball, but I am not particularly good. Do I quit? -Baller

**Dear Baller:** Do not quit unless you do not want to do it anymore. If it does not make you happy you do not have to do it. Keep trying and you might be better soon! It is really your decision.

**Dear AnnaBeth:** My little brother will not stop messing with my stuff. Should I tell him to back off? -Annoyed Sibling

**Dear Annoyed Sibling:** I would not tell him to back off. Telling him to back off may be mean and might hurt his feelings. Instead, you could tell him that you don't like him messing with your stuff!

# Spring Clubs

By Zanaria Robinson and Tapanga Colon

Fall clubs have ended, but students had a lot of fun! Many of the same clubs will be offered in the spring like Newspaper, OM, Chess, Art, and Pickle Ball. A new club will be starting too. The new club will be Cheerleading with Mrs. Dogan. Clubs will still be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and sign ups will be when we come back from winter break.

# Recess Activities

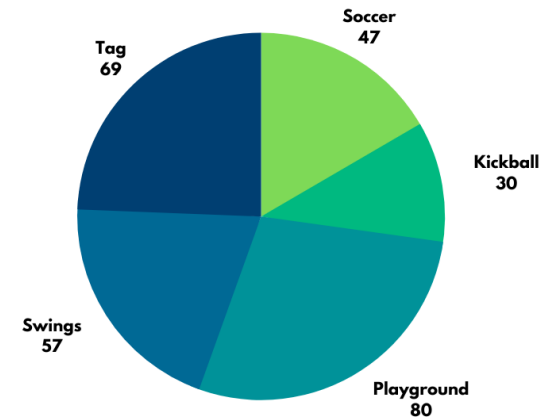
By Tucker Kootsey and Cael Goldberg

There are many different things to do at recess. Students can play at the playground, compete in different sports, or play games like tag. With so many different things, what do Highland students think is the best?

The playground is the most liked recess activity for our school.

Tag	Swings	Soccer	Kickball	Playground
69	57	47	30	80

Recess Activities Poll



# Student Spotlight

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

**Hawks nominated for being artistic:** Grace Oli, Nina Luci, Bear Hobson, Lucy Dandridge, Noah Hunter, Chase Marchese, Hazel Dehart, Murphy Armstead, Oliver Hogan, Emerson Valenti, Nathan Myhre, Skye Hughes, Thea Todd, Frank Mackenzie, Alex Bryant, Hazel Anderson, Airiyana Fowler, Kushal Dhimel, Sadiqa Steelman, Ivy Prim, Owyn Palmer, Gibson Todd, Mya Cherry.

# Meet Mrs. Poats

By Addison Horne and Mericole Evans



Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: This is my fifteenth year.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: My favorite subject as a student was Math. My favorite subject to teach is probably Language Arts.

Q: What made you want to teach at Highland Park?

A: I wanted to teach at Highland because I liked all the adults that I met when I interviewed and it's pretty close to my house.

Q: What do you like most about Highland Park?

A: There are a lot of things I like about Highland Park. I like all the community activities that we do, after school activities, and the clubs. It's nice to be in a place where everybody kind of has an activity they can participate in.

Q: As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: A teacher and a singer.

Q: Why did you choose to be a teacher?

A: I knew in high school that I wanted to be a teacher. I liked working with kids and there was a program at my school where I could drive to the elementary school and work with a first-grade class, and I liked it.

Q: What jobs did you have before this?

A: When I was in high school and college, I was a lifeguard. Then I worked at an autism school when I was in college. I also babysat.

# Meet Mrs. Gill

By Marie LaConte, Evelyn Strup, Iris Compton-Dean



Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: About thirty-two years.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: History. I love history! One of my favorite things to do is visit historic places.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: There are so many to choose from. There is one in particular called *The Little House*. It is about a house that starts on hill and slowly over time a city grows around it. It is a good story and I remember my teacher in kindergarten reading that book to us and it has always been one of my favorites.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: I like Mexican food. I like guacamole and refried beans.

Q: Do you have any pets? If so, how many?

A: No, I don't. But I am hoping to get one soon.

Q: Why did you want to be a teacher?

A: I wanted to be a teacher because I love reading and learning new things.

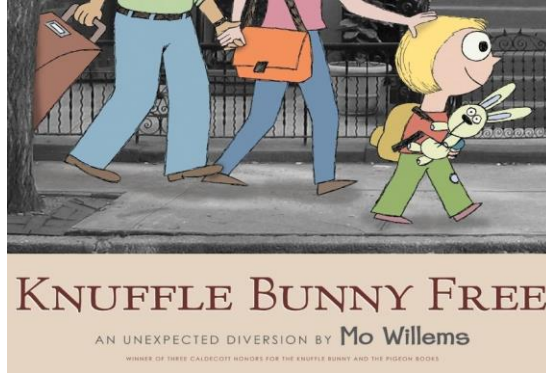
Q: Have you had any other jobs before this?

A: No. All the jobs I have had as an adult have been with children. I have either served children or worked along with someone else who serves children. I have always worked with kids in one capacity or another.

# Book Review

By Tilly Binks

**Title:** *Knuffle Bunny Free*  
**Author:** Mo Willems



*Knuffle Bunny Free* is an enjoyable book for all ages! It has many fun pictures to look at. It is also an award-winning book. Mo Willems created an epic story, filled with the joys and sadness of growing up. This story is about a father, mother, daughter, and a stuffed bunny. They all took a trip to the countryside then, Knuffle Bunny was GONE! If you like this, you could try more of Mo Willems books. There are also two other *Knuffle Bunny* books. If you want to know what happens next, read the book. So, you can see for yourself!

# Movie Review

By Denman Blanchard



*Rio* is a good movie set in Rio de Janeiro. It is mostly placed in the Tijuca National Park, but it does go into the city a little bit. Rio starts in Minnesota, and they fly down to Rio de Janeiro because an environmentalist goes to Minnesota to convince the owner of Bleu to travel to save Bleu's species. I won't spoil anymore of this movie, but if you are interested in this then watch the movie for more details. I recommend the movie because it is an incredibly good animation, and the graphics are great.

# Specials are Special

By Viana Garland, Nina Luci, Free Harris

What are Specials? Specials are electives which give fun and educational benefits for students of all ages. Specials such as gym, music, strings, art, STEM, Spanish and library are diverse types of education. Gym, which is taught by Mr. Emery, helps you improve fitness in an exciting way. Spanish, which is taught by Señora Salvo and Señorita Oefelein, exposes students to a second language. Library, which is run by Mrs. Agee, gives you knowledge about the thesaurus and dictionary and allows you to check out books and read the day away. Art with Mr. Prim is always fun with something different every day. You can even play with Marvel, the fish! Strings is for the older students. It is taught by Mr. D and gives you the choice of viola or violin with fun songs to enjoy playing together as a class. Music is also run by Mr. D, which offers different choices of instruments with different songs to play. But if you choose STEM instead, which is also taught by Mrs. Agee and Mrs. Rebok, you can partake in different crafts, and you can just enjoy the music from strings and music at their concerts! All these specials are great for growing children just like you!



# Class Pets

By **Murphy Armstead, Annelise White, Nathan Calhoun**

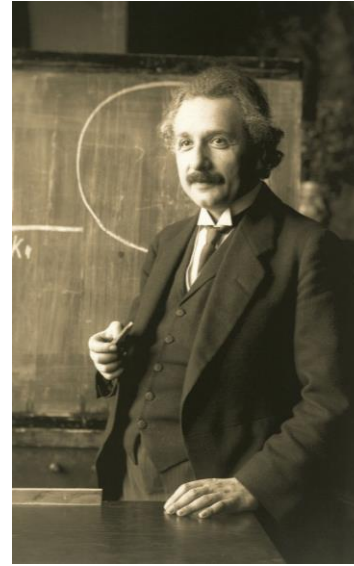
There are several class pets at Highland Park, and each has its own story. Marvel for instance is Mr. Prim's pet fish. Marvel is a beta fish who is red and blue. This is his first year at Highland Park. Mrs. Hogan has several class pets including a lizard named Bernie. Bernie is a bearded dragon. She also has hermit crabs and fish. First grade has worms to help with composting. This week, they were in Mrs. Compton's room and we saw approximately eight worms in their worm farm. Downstairs in Mrs. Bailey's room there is a fish named Blueberry and a snail. There are even two fish in the office that you can see anytime you'd like!



# Facts About Albert Einstein

By **Eliza Harper and Eliza Goad**

Albert Einstein was one of the best scientists of all time!

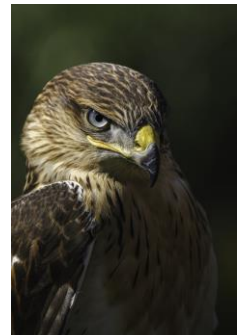


- Albert Einstein was born on March 14, 1897 and died on April 18, 1955.
- Albert Einstein was born in Germany but lived in Italy, Switzerland, and Czechia until he eventually moved to the United States in 1933.
- When Albert's dad gave him a compass, he fell in love with physics.
- Rather than becoming a physicist straight away, Albert first trained as a teacher.
- Albert won the Nobel prize in physics in 1921.
- One of the discoveries Albert announced in 1905 was his famous formula  $E=mc^2$ .
- After he did not get work in math and physics as a teacher, Albert decided to obtain a Ph.D. in physics.

# Facts About Hawks by HP Hawks

By **Cora Barge and Athena Andrade**

This month we are writing about hawks, our school's mascot. There are many interesting hawk facts. For example, there are over 200 hawk species in the entire world! In the USA there are only 25 species. The most common hawk in North America is the red-tailed hawk. The sparrowhawk is the smallest hawk in North America. Hawks eat mice, lizards, fish, squirrels, and even rabbits and snakes. Hawks fight for food sometimes in the air. Most female hawks are bigger than the male hawks unlike lots of other animals. Hawks have amazing eyesight. Some hawks are afraid of crows, owls, and eagles. Most hawks' wingspans are 3.4 to 4.8 feet! Their mass is 2.4 pounds on average. They can fly up to 120 miles per hour. So, in conclusion hawks are important to the food chain and important to our school.



# Movie Word Search

By Ceci Pace and Alice Leftwich

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Can you find?

- Monsters Inc.
- Up
- The Goonies
- ET
- Coraline
- Star Wars
- Walle
- Harry Potter
- Encanto
- Peppa Pig



# How To Draw

By Iris Compton-Dean and Tapanga Colon

Follow the steps to learn how to draw a watermelon.

Materials Needed:

- a pencil
- crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- paper

