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Important Dates for September



Sept 3rd	No School
Sept 7th	Short Day dismissal at 10:30 for ½ day kindergarten, 12:55pm for 1 st -6th
Sept 14th	Jog-a-thon 8:30am
Sept 14th	Short Day dismissal at 10:30 for ½ day kindergarten, 12:55pm for 1 st -6th
Sept 20 th	Vision Screening
Sept 20 th	School Community Council at 6:00 pm in the library
Sept 20 th	PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm in the office conference room
Sept 21 st	Short Day dismissal at 10:30 for ½ day kindergarten, 12:55pm for 1 st -6 th
Sept 25 th 26th	Hearing Screening
Sept 27 th	Short Day dismissal at 10:30 for ½ day kindergarten, 12:55pm for 1 st -6th
Sept 28 th	No School Teacher Professional Development Day

PTA

Highland Park Dance Party

The first PTA Back to School Night Kids Dance and Parent Mixer was held last Saturday and was a fantastic success! Parents and kids came out and danced and enjoyed free Sodalicious! The K-3rd graders definitely showed off their moves. It was a great way to meet other families in the grade levels and see old friends from last year. We had lots of positive feedback on how much fun it was and we will definitely try it again next year!

Highland Park PTA T-Shirts

PTA T-Shirt online orders are only open until Friday, August 31st! Be sure to go online at <http://bit.ly/highlandparktshirts> today! Shirts have free shipping to your home. The next time to order shirts won't be until later in the year, so order soon!

Highland Park New Staff for 2018-2019

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Highland Park. We have Shannon Hoover in kindergarten. She is teaching our morning kindergarten class. Tyler Schultz is one of our new sixth grade teachers who came from Meadowlark. Dustin Fullmer has returned home to Highland Park and is teaching sixth grade. April Garff is teaching Hands on Science and our Core General music classes. Kimberlee Cracroft is our new computer lab teacher replacing our reknown Kathleen Giauque. Courtney Stevens is our new art teacher and is teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please welcome them as our newest Highland Park family members.

Hands on Science

As many of you know, our school has an opportunity to participate in a really neat program sponsored by the PTA called Hands-On Science. This is a special class for grades 3-5 to get the chance to get really involved in some amazing science topics like force, fossils, and matter. But we need your help! In order to give our students the best education they can, volunteers are needed to assist students in small groups as we design and perform experiments, learn about the world around us, and even (in some classes) dissect things. It's an amazing program and we need your help! Lessons and materials are prepared ahead of time by the Hands-On Science teacher, but in order to really dive into these topics we need volunteers to assist with small groups. Background materials and lesson plans will be sent a few days before the lesson if you would like to review. If every parent of a student in grades 3-5 could sign up for just one session, that would be enough to fill the entire schedule. So sign up today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044cabae2ba4fe3-handson>

Drop off/Pick up Zones

We want to thank each of you for helping keep our students safe when driving. Please pull forward so we can keep the flow of traffic going smooth. Do not allow your children to get out of the car on the driver's side. Please drive slowly and watch for students. Sonnet and the parking lot on the west side of the school is not a drop off zone. We have had reports of students darting in front of cars in this area.



From the Desk of Mrs. Cluff

Highland Park Parents,

I am so grateful to be your principal at Highland Park. You have incredible children who make me smile each day. I am so proud of our students and the great progress they are making.

Students have been practicing procedures in their classrooms and in the different areas of the building. They have been making new friends and engaging in fun learning activities.

Our kindergarten students in a couple of the classes did a “Give a Mouse a Cookie” activity where they went on a scavenger hunt to find the package of cookies. They were introduced to the librarian, the office staff, and principal. Another kindergarten class read the Gingerbread Boy story and went on a hunt for the gingerbread cookies who ran away from the oven.

I encourage you to keep in communication with your child’s teacher. Watch for notes home and emails keeping you informed. We will be sending home communication from the office on Wednesdays. I am attaching the link to the [Highland Park Handbook](#) for your reference. Our office updates the calendar regularly and it will also be posted to our school website.

We so appreciate your support!

Have a wonderful week,
Debora Cluff
Highland Park Principal