

January 13, 2023

HP Newsletter

Principal's Message

We are so happy to welcome back our students and staff after winter break!

We missed our Highland Park community and our halls are so much more joyful filled with students. Our roadrunners have done such a great job of jumping back into learning and modeling their safe, respectful and responsible behaviors. We hope your break provided you and your family the opportunity to connect and recharge so that we're ready to succeed in this second part of the year.

Counselor's Corner

Highland Park Super RoadRunners and Families,

For our Social and Emotional Learning lessons we are starting out the year talking about Goals and New Year's Resolutions. More Specifically we have been working on using daily intentions to find something we can do to work towards our goals each day. Setting daily intentions is exactly what it sounds like: students determine what they want to accomplish towards their bigger goals that day. This could be an academic goal, a behavior goal, or a social goal.

Setting daily intentions helps us to focus in on what we want and helps us to find a way to work towards that goal each day, so instead of starting tomorrow or next week we focus in on one thing we can do today. To get started, talk to your kids about what they are hoping to accomplish today or how they would like to simply be during the day.

Thanks, Mr. TJ Wolfe



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Stronger Together

To help your child identify daily intentions, ask:

- What do you want to accomplish today?
- How do you want to engage with others today?
- How do you want to treat yourself and others today?
- What matters most to you?
- Is there something you'd like to let go of today?
- What would make you proud today?
- What do you want to express gratitude for today?
- What are you doing when you feel like your best, truest self?

When they have set an intention, ask:

- What will this look like in action?
- What will this sound like?
- How will you know you're working toward your intention?
- How will you feel when you work toward your intention?
- Why is this intention important to you?
- How will this intention help you be your best, truest self?

Library Corner

Our genre for January is Nonfiction. Classes have learned that Nonfiction gives you information and real facts. Grades 3-6 learned about five different types of Nonfiction (Text Structures) which are Description, Sequence, Cause and Effect, Compare and Contrast, and Problem and Solution. If your student is reading some Nonfiction be sure to ask them what their favorite fact is.

The due date for having at least five of the Battle Books read is January 31st. Students in grades 3-6 who do this will get to go to a pizza party and receive a prize. They can also participate in the school battle where they will answer questions about the Battle Books. The four students that answer the most questions correctly will go on to the District Battle which will be on March 23rd. A list of the books is on our school website: www.highlandpark.slcschools.org.

Important Dates

January 13 - Short Day
January 16 - No School
January 17 - HP Science Fair for 5th and 6th 9:00
January 17 - Fire Drill
January 19 - SCC 6:00
January 19 - PTA 7:00
January 20 - Short Day
January 27 - Short Day
Feb 2 - Short Day & SEPs
Feb 3 - Short Day & SEPs
Feb 9 - Short Day & SEPs
Feb 10 - Short Day & SEPs

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Staff Highlight: Brenda Sherwood

Hello, my name is Brenda Sherwood. I have been a part of Highland Park Elementary for 16 years. I started out as a substitute teacher when my son was in 1st grade. When I was not subbing, I could be found on the playground during recess and lunch time as the playground aid. When an office clerk position became available, I jumped at the opportunity, which eventually opened a path to becoming the administrative secretary. When I am not interacting with students, parents, teachers, district employees and vendors I enjoy spending time with my fur baby, Hoops (an 8-year-old yorkie) and my son. I am an avid Ute Fan and cheer on the Marching Band, especially my son who plays the trombone. I will be reinventing my free time as my son will be graduating this spring. If anybody has a fun hobby let me know!



Classroom Highlights

Learning is back in full swing at Highland Park!



Ms. Shelton's class applied their learning of oral vocabulary to their writing.



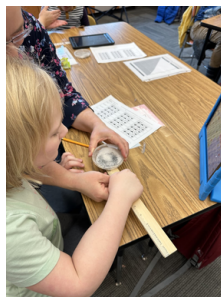
Ms. Sorenson's first graders practiced phonics and reading comprehension in small groups.



Ms. Tibbitt's class was using text evidence to find the author's point of view.



Mr. Lingen's students explored concepts of force and energy by examining bumper cars.



Ms. Val's class was learning about push/pull forces using magnets.



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Classroom Shout Outs

Congratulations to our Spirit Week winners: Ms. Hales, Ms. Shelton and Ms. Marchant and to our PE Superstar Class of the week: Mr. Schultz.

Arts Night



We are so excited for our annual Arts Night Fundraiser coming up on March 10th! This event is an incredible opportunity for our community to come together and also funds Highland Park programs such as Tanner Dance and music classes for all grade levels. We are looking for volunteers to help make this event amazing. There are smaller and larger roles available - any time you can donate is appreciated!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D48ADA82BA7FA7-hparts>

Not able to donate your time? There are other ways to help! Classes are accepting themed donations for fundraising baskets.

Kinder: Fun in the Sun and Water
First: Fun and Games (Crafts)
Second: Everything Legos
Third: After School Activities

Fourth: Utah Originals
Fifth: Night on the Town (Gift cards/certificates)
Sixth: Indoor/Outdoor Games

SCC: January 19, 2023

Our school community council will be meeting via Zoom at 6:00 on Thursday, January 19th. All family and community members are welcome to join.

Link: <https://slcschools-org.zoom.us/j/88259482132pwd=Q0IzcVBUUHV5RGsyUm40dUY3Qk84dz09>

Meeting ID: 882 5948 2132

Password: hp2223

School Safety

Safety is always our number one priority. Please be especially careful during drop off and pick up times for students. Please avoid parking or stopping in the crosswalk zone, particularly on our nearby side streets. If you would like to contribute to keeping Highland Park safe, please consider signing up to volunteer with Safety Patrol.

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