



Highland Highlights

Highland Elementary School (503) 665-7158

Today's Learners - Tomorrow's Leaders

December 2019

Mark Your Calendar

12/10 - PTC Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the library

12/11 - Free Food Market @ 3:30-5:30 p.m.

12/12 - Snowcap

12/23-1/5 Winter Break, **No School**

1/6 School Resumes

1/8 Green Team Fundraiser @ Mod Pizza

Winter Break

Winter break begins Monday, December 23rd and students **return to school** on Monday, January 6th. We hope all families enjoy a fun and safe time together. See you in January!

Attendance Challenge

Attendance is very important for student success, and we encourage students to be here everyday. From December 2nd to March 20th we're having an attendance challenge for classes with 100% attendance. Each day a class has 100% attendance they will earn a Husky Paw. Below are the whole class rewards for 100% attendance:

- 5 Husky Paws = Licorice at Lunch
- 10 Husky Paws = Fruit Snacks at Lunch
- 15 Husky Paws = Chips at Lunch
- 20 Husky Paws = Cookies at Lunch
- 25 Husky Paws = Movie & Popcorn Party
- 30 Husky Paws = Hot Chocolate Party
- 35 Husky Paws = Pizza Party
- 40 Husky Paws = Trip to Wonderland

Please support this challenge and your student's attendance by sending them to school everyday.

Receive Emergency School Closure Information Via Email

Parents and community members can sign up for notification of any emergency school closures (such as a snow day) by email. There is no cost for this service. It does have a test function when you register to confirm that the message will get past your computer's spam filters. To register for this notification, log on to the following website: **www.flashalert.net**.

Music News

Hello Highland Community,

You may have heard your child talking about Mrs. Newman being back! YES! Hooray! I am back from an emergency medical leave. Because this was very unplanned, I have to reschedule our Winter Concert for the Spring. We haven't set a date, but I wanted to put your mind at ease that you have not missed anything.

Your Music Teacher,

Mrs. Newman

PBIS Life Skills

In December at Highland we will be focusing on the character traits of optimism and positivity. Students and adults will practice having a positive attitude everyday they are at Highland. They will believe something wonderful will happen that day!

We are also learning our 4th Habit of Empathy: Students will learn what it feels like to walk in another's shoes through literature and film. At home, have a family movie-night and discuss the movies. Some movies that tug at the heart strings are *Charlotte's Web*, *The Book Thief* or *Wizard of Oz*.

From your Highland PTC

Join us for our next PTC meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Free childcare provided!

Ongoing fundraisers:

Box Tops has gone digital! Download the free app, register with our school & scan your grocery receipts! Works with Android & Apple products. Every Box Top counts! Please note: We are still collecting & accepting paper Box Tops through the end of the year.

Highland PTC is a registered Amazon Smile non-profit! Go to smile.amazon.com before you make your purchases to register and donate a portion of your purchase to our school! Thank you for all of your support!

Green Team News

Join us for a fundraiser to support Highland Elementary School Green Team. Come in to the Gresham Mod Pizza located at 1844 NW Eastman Parkway on Wednesday, January 8th. The fundraiser lasts all day. Tell the cashier you're supporting the Highland Elementary Green Team to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to us. Thank you!

Become a SMART Reading volunteer today!

SMART Reading is looking for volunteers to spend one hour a week reading one-on-one with children at Highland. There are reading times available on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm and Wednesdays from 11:45am-1:45pm. SMART Reading pairs adult volunteers with PreK through third-grade students for fun, child-guided reading sessions and books to keep. Joining SMART Reading as a volunteer is a great way to get involved in our community! Learn more at www.smartreading.org or call 971-634-1603.

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Every Student Prepared for Success

Gresham-Barlow School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of this district and the board of education that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups in any educational programs, activities or employment.

Gresham-Barlow provides equal access to individuals with disabilities.