



Highland Highlights

Highland Elementary School (503) 665-7158

Today's Learners - Tomorrow's Leaders

March 2020

Mark Your Calendar

3/5 Spring Music Concert at 5:00 p.m.

3/10 PTC Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the library

3/11 Free Food Market at 3:30 p.m.

3/11 Family STEM Night at 4:30-7:30 p.m.

3/12 Snowcap

3/12 Grading Day, **No School**

3/13 C&I Day, **No School**

3/17 Spring Picture Day

3/23-3/27 Spring Break, **No School**

3/30 Classes Resume

Principal's Message

Dear Highland Families,

The District emailed important information regarding community concerns about the coronavirus called COVID-19. I wanted to share this information again with Highland families and highlight the steps you can take to help yourself and your student(s) to reduce your risk for getting and spreading viral infections:

- Wash your hands often with warm water and soap.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue, sleeve, or elbow (not hands) when you cough or sneeze, and then wash your hands.
- If you or someone in your household is sick, stay home and follow the guidance of your healthcare provider.
- Keep your immune system strong by eating a healthy diet, getting enough sleep and regular exercise, and taking care of underlying health conditions.

For more information, please read the letters from the District that are attached to this email. Also, please feel free to share the information with family and friends that may not have received it.

Sincerely,

Shawnda Sewell
Principal

Family STEM Night

Wednesday March 11th is Family STEM night with OMSI! Come to our free, open house style event anytime between 4:30-7:30 p.m. to investigate and explore science equipment and challenges from OMSI! We have a lot of fun activities planned!

Dinner will be available from 5:30-6:30. Chemistry demonstrations with OMSI staff will be done at approximately 6:30. Come check out STEM activities in the "Tomorrow Bus" outside from 4:30-6:30. The Scholastic book fair will be open from 4:30 - 7:30 in the library to purchase books.

Spring Music Concert

The Spring Music Concert is on Thursday, March 5th at the Mountainview Christian Church, located at 1890 N.E. Cleveland Ave., Gresham, OR 97030. The concert begins at 5:00 p.m., and ***students need to arrive by 4:45 p.m.***

Counselor's Corner

Learn the basics of Internet safety.

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the Internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.
- Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.
- Surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming, and using webcams.
- Continually dialogue with your children about online safety.

PBIS

March is the month we are learning how to be more responsible. We define responsibility as being accountable for your behavior, actions, and physical belongings. An easy way at home to help students learn to be more responsible is to assign chores such as clearing dishes from the table, taking out the trash, feeding the pets, and picking up after themselves.

New School Locator Tool

Families, to make it easier to check what home schools are associated with your address, we have added a new school locator tool to the website. The link to the tool is at the bottom of this message. You will also find it by going to the "About Us" then to the "District Information" page. On that page, the link will be named "School Finder". Once you click the link the directions for how to use the tool will immediately appear. After reading the directions, click the "I have read the directions" and you will be able to locate the school boundaries your address lies within.

https://apps.flo-analytics.com/GBSD_School_Locator/

Office Reminders

Please remember to call in student absences *before* 9:00 a.m. If your student has a change of transportation for the day, please call the school *before* 2:00 p.m. Has any of your contact information, or emergency contacts changed? If so, please let the office know, and we will update our records.

From Your Highland PTC

Book Fair: The Spring Book Fair is coming! The students will attend the book fair Thursday, March 5th, thru Tuesday, March 10th, during their regular Library times and have additional access for a short time at the end of the day. There will be special hours on Wednesday, March 11th during the Family STEM night from

4:30-7:30. If you're interested in volunteering during the Spring Book Fair please email highlandptc@gmail.com

2020 Read-a-Thon: Read-a-Thon Winners were announced at the School Assembly on Wednesday, February 26th, 6775 Minutes were read and \$1,481 was raised!

PTC Meetings: We only have three PTC Meeting left for this school year! Please join us: Tuesday, March 10th, Tuesday, April 14th, and Tuesday, May 12th at 6pm in the school library. Snacks, childcare, and translation services are provided at no cost.

PTC Board Elections: The PTC Meeting held on Tuesday, April 14th, will include the election for the board positions for the 2020-21 school year. The board positions include, President, Vice- President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Volunteer Coordinator.

Volunteers & Donations Needed! We have several upcoming events that need volunteers and possible donations. If you're interested, please contact highlandptc@gmail.com or join us for a PTC Meeting!

Amazon Smiles Non-Profit: "Highland Elementary PTC"

Box Tops: Keep collecting! Every Box Top counts.

Kinder Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2020/2021 school year will begin on March 30th. Please register by June 1st. A child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2020 to enter kindergarten. Parents must bring the following documents to the school for registration: the student's original birth certificate, proof of residence, immunization records, and names and numbers of emergency contacts, doctor, and dentist. Highland's *Connect-to-Kinder* event will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. If you know of a neighbor who may have a student entering kindergarten in the fall, please pass this information along.

Spring Pictures

Spring pictures are Tuesday, March 17th. Not every student will have their photo taken, so if you would like your student to get spring pictures, please fill out the order form that was sent home and send to school with your student on that day.

Highland School Carnival - We Need Help!

We're excited for our upcoming school carnival on Thursday, May 14th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for food, games, raffles, and a lot of family fun! Tickets will go on sale soon, so look for more information to come home over the next few weeks. We're still looking for a lot of volunteers. If you'd like to help with food, donations, setup, or running the games, please email Nina Thomas at thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us.

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 April 8th and May 6th. 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!

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 = Special Surprise

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

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.