



HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY  
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Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best, and build their emotional, social, and physical well-being to equip them with the skills and mindset to thrive and then take on the world.

## *The Highlands Highway*

*February 2022*

Welcome to February! Aside from our focused teaching and learning happening in every classroom, the month of January was full of exciting events. Several of our students received awards at the regional Science Fair: Special Congratulations to Alyssa Dalton, Marshal Craft, Logan Burkett, Jacob Champlin, Nautica Knight, Erin McKinley, Anna Lee Steltenpohl, Noah Parkman, William Smith, Christian Harrison, Elizabeth Brantley, Adam Arafat, Nolan Wood, Abigail Baxley, Ella Burgess, Colton Register, Keely Weber, Lacey Chapman, Evan Dunn, Ethan Pemberton, Sofia Baldwin, Isabel Farmer, Braylin Culver, Elijah Dumas, Tyler Evenhuis, Ella Stephens, and Rowynn Sullivan.

Students participated in a *reflective* writing project in January that culminated with the selection of outstanding essays about Martin Luther King, Jr. The student essays selected as outstanding were read to the student body during the school assemblies on Friday, January 21, and were: Anna Claire Wright – Grade 6; Chloe Caffie – Grade 5; Wade Pfister – Grade 4; Leyrienne Rodriguez – Grade 3. Honorable Mention Essays selected and recognized were: Lilly Mathis and Matthew Norris - Grade 6; Channing Taylor – Grade 5; Olivia Jones Medina – Grade 4; and, Hamlin Davis and Addie Reece Harden – Grade 3.

Friday Enrichment Activity Clubs continued in January, and students attended a 30-minute enrichment activity. Students gain *knowledge* and skills from their participation in the enrichment club activities. Students have club options specific to their grade level.

The district spelling bee will be held February 9 at Wicksburg High School library. Highlands Elementary School will be represented by our school spelling bee champion fifth grade student, Layla Freeman. Good luck, Layla!

Several of HES students competed in the Elks Club Hoop Shoot - congratulations to all who participated! Malachi Pearce, (boys, age 12-13) and Beckett Rutland (boys, age 8-9) who both won first place in their categories. Makiyah Pearce won second place (girls, age 12-13) and Evie Caye Wozniak won third place (girls, age 10-11).

February is Black History Month, and students will be engaged in a variety of activities and events to celebrate. Watch for more information to be sent home in the month.

The Zoo Crew will visit Highlands on Friday, February 11. Information from the HES PTO will be sent home in Wednesday student folders. Our next Popcorn Day is Friday, February 11.

Science Olympiad will occur on Saturday, February 26, at Dothan High School ~ we wish *good luck* to all HES participants.

### ***Important Information:***

Attendance and On-time Arrival to school are very important to the success of your child's education. Be sure to notify your child's teacher and the office if your child is absent.

**Our School Improvement Committee and Community Leadership Team are scheduled to meet Thursday, February 17, at 3 PM in the Media Center.** These committees guide our comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the educational process in our school to ensure that all students demonstrate proficient and advanced level of achievement. Parents are encouraged to attend.

We continue to implement our new snack program "Healthy Food for a Happy World" to address childhood nutrition through a Healthy Food Initiative and the DCS Wellness Policy for Snacks and Special Events. We appreciate your support with providing healthy snacks for your child.

*Please remember that students do not attend school on Monday, February 21, in observance of the President's Day holiday.*