



The Highlands Highway

March 2022

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.

March has arrived and with it comes new learning opportunities for our students! Highlands Elementary is dedicating a focus for March as Kindness Month.

Congratulations to our Science Olympiad Team who placed third at the district Wiregrass Science Olympiad event on Saturday, February 26, at Dothan High School. A special thank you to Mrs. Heather Harden, our LinC teacher and sponsor of our Science Olympiad team!

We will participate in and celebrate *Read Across America Week*, February 28 – March 4. A special **thank you** to Mrs. Emily Dean for coordinating this special week. Our book character parade will occur Friday, March 4, 1 PM. This is an outside event, and we encourage you to attend!

A school-wide fundraiser dedicated for a new playground begins this month – Highlands Read-a-thon. The details of this fundraiser have been sent home in Wednesday folders. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Book Fair is returning ~ Monday, March 14 – Thursday, March 17. This event brings Earnie's Food Truck back to Highlands from 2:30 – 6:30 PM for our Books and Burgers night Thursday, March 17!

Math Night at Highlands! Join us for a math night with Dr. Mark Dunaway, DCS Instructional Specialist for Math and Science. Dr. Dunaway will provide an informative and interactive presentation about the new district math program before individual break-out sessions occur. Join us for the Book Fair, Books and Burgers, and Math Night March 17!

Congratulations to the Highlands Grade 5 Archery Team! The Troy Archery Tournament results are in: Girls Division – Addyson Peterson 2nd; Marley Norton 7th; Addyson Myers 12th; Boys Division – Adam Gay 2nd, Yates Tucker 5th, Jack Tompkins 9th, Ricky Lopez 10th. The next tournament is March 4.

The regional science fair is March 3 in Auburn. We have numerous sixth-grade students attending – good luck to all of our scientists! A special thank you to Mrs. Woodham for coordinating this academic event!

Students explored Black History Month in February. Outstanding Posters honoring Black History are: First Place – Addyson Myers "Rosa Parks"; Honorable Mention – Evan Dunn "Chadwick Boseman", Mia Garcia Pacheco "Maya Angelou", and Noah Parkman "Shaq O'Neal". The Outstanding Poetry for Black History for Highlands Elementary was awarded to Isabel Farmer.

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.

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 by providing healthy snacks for your child.

Marco's Pizza Night is March 10 ~ be sure to order your pizza and provide the teacher's name so that your child's class is entered in the drawing for a class pizza party! February's pizza party went to Mrs. Blocker's kindergarten classroom.

Highlands will host vision screenings on March 15 and 16. Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 30.

Note: Check the Highlands Facebook page and Highlands Instagram often for updated news, events, and activities!

Please remember that students do not attend school on Friday, March 18 (Teacher Work Day), and the week of Spring Break: March 21 – 25.