



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

March 2023

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

We will participate in and celebrate *Read Across America Week*, February 27 – March 3. A special **thank you** to Mrs. Emily Dean for coordinating this special week. Our book character parade will occur Friday, March 3 at 1:00 PM. This is an outside event, and we encourage you to attend!

Literacy and Lunch – Family Picnics! – are scheduled for the week of March 20. The Book Fair is returning for this week – so, you are invited to eat lunch with your child and then take a short visit to the Book Fair. More info will be sent home (soon) and posted on social media with a schedule of times and dates.

Congratulations to the Highlands Grade 5 Archery Team! The **Patriot Classic Archery Tournament** in Troy results are in – Highlands swept the event! Girls Elementary Division – First Place: Lily Lumbatis; Second Place: Mary Coppage; and Third Place: Anayah Payne. In the Boys Middle School Boys Division, Yates Tucker placed Third Place. Congratulations to our Archery Team, and a special thank you to Coach Thompson! The next event to qualify for state is March 9. *Highlands Proud!*

The **regional science fair** was held February 24 in Auburn. Highlands dominated with 7 projects (of 13 Highlands projects submitted) honored and selected to move to the state competition. Even more impressive, is that of the 14 DCS projects selected to move forward to the state competition, 7 are from Highlands Elementary School. We are all so Highlands Proud! Additionally, four students won special awards as Future Innovators: Noah Cook, June Haynie, Carter Kenyon, and Jack Tompkins. Eli Dougherty was recognized with the US Naval Science Award. The students who will move forward to the Alabama State Science Fair on April 1 are: Nathan Dowd, Eli Dougherty, Peyton Wrinkle, Lachlon Owens, Conor Caputo, June Haynie, Noah Cook, Jack Tompkins, and Carter Kenyon.

Students explored **Black History Month** in February. Outstanding Posters honoring Black History are: First Place – Kindergarten – Ms. Rhyne’s class and Honorable Mention for Kindergarten – Mrs. Kelley’s class; Grade 2: First Place – Mariah Graham; Grade 3: Honorable Mention – Quentin Harris and First Place – Skylar Ward; Grade 4: Honorable Mention – Brody Smith, Sue Ellen Clark, Elle Stevens, Ellie Grace Plant and First Place – Rosalee Walker; Grade 6: Honorable Mention – Chloe Caffie, Brenli Ludlam, and First Place – Addison Anderson. Outstanding Poetry – Grade 6: Egan Sullivan.

More great news to celebrate - Congratulations to those selected for the 2023 Youth Art Month Exhibition!

Elizabeth Ensley	Highlands Elementary	K	<i>Playing Colors</i>	Acrylic on Paper
Abby Anderson	Highlands Elementary	K	<i>Lola</i>	Mixed Media
Jacob Hurley	Highlands Elementary	K	<i>Bird Talk</i>	Mixed Media
Emma Rutland	Highlands Elementary	1st	<i>Lightening Bugs at Night</i>	Mixed Media
Mason Clark	Highlands Elementary	1st	<i>Koala</i>	Mixed Media
Jazzlyn Ott-Balli	Highlands Elementary	4th	<i>Just Chillin'</i>	Watercolor
Emmalyn Sutton	Highlands Elementary	5th	<i>Space Wolf</i>	Acrylic on Canvas

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. School starts promptly at 7:40 AM. Students can arrive beginning at 7:15 AM.

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 16 ~ 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 Ms. Mathis’ kindergarten classroom – for a second time of winning!

Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 22. **Note: Check often the Highlands Facebook page and Highlands Instagram for updated news, events, and activities!** Please remember that students do not attend school the week of Spring Break: March 27-31.