

# *The Black and Gold*



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## Superintendent's Section

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Dear Highland Community,

As we transition into Autumn, I wanted to share a couple of resources with you that can aid your students in increasing their academic achievement. For Middle and High School students, the Idaho State Department of Education has partnered with [schoolhouse.world](https://www.schoolhouse.world) to provide free small group tutoring in Mathematics to all Idaho students. Students can choose from a wide range of math topics and may even have the opportunity to suggest future tutoring sessions to meet their needs. All small-group sessions are offered live via Zoom.

For our early Elementary students, I would like to share some resources from the National Center on Improving Literacy. This website provides some great resources for beginning readers that families can use to support the efforts here at school. We all know how important reading is, and having a firm reading foundation at a young age helps set students up for academic success down the road.

I have shared QR codes with you, so all you have to do is scan them with your smartphone to access the website(s).

Schoolhouse.world



National Center on Improving Literacy



Sincerely,

Jacob Gion  
Superintendent - Highland Schools #305



# Principal's Piece

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Homecoming week was held from October 4 – 8. Our student leaders did a great job of planning, and the entire school participated at a high level. Grades 6 – 12 had fun dress-up days and great activities during our Monday – Wednesday Advisory times. This year, the Elementary students and staff had dress up days as well, learned some class cheers, and even had their own pep assembly on Thursday!

Wednesday marked the return of the joint Nezperce and Highland class vs class Volleyball tournament. Thursday, students participated in the traditional rock painting, window decorating, and sidewalk chalk art.

New this year was a walking parade past the Elementary Students on our way to the City Park for Volleyball, Horseshoes and other games. Homecoming week ended with a Nezperce/Highland Homecoming Dance at the City Park Bandstand.

Here is what is happening in some of our classrooms:

From Mrs. Nebeker - The FFA Chapter has been BUSY!! We wrapped up a successful Lewis County Fair with with four showmen making it back to the runoffs, and multiple animals placing in the top runoff for Market and Breeding Championships.

The chapter then quickly recouped, and on Tuesday, the 5th of October, attended the North Idaho District Soils Career Development - placing third and qualifying for State. Kalei Smith placed 4th individually, Jace Roeller was 15th, Chani Brammer was 18th, and Marcus Langner was 21st.

The top members from our team and the soils class then packed their bags and traveled to Burley, Idaho on October 13th for the State FFA Land and Homesite Evaluation Event. The members who attended were Kalei Smith, Jace Roeller, Olivia Antone, Chani Brammer, Marcus Langner, Trevor Knowlton, Sydney Shumaker, and Aiden Miller.

The team did great, especially for their first time at state for all our members and first-year judging soils for nearly all of our members, and they finished in 9th place. Notable individuals included Kalei and Jace, who tied for 17th, and Olivia in 35th.

The FFA Chapter also hosted Creed and Degree Night on October 19th, with results to be included in a future article, and an American Red Cross Blood Drive on the 20th.

The chapter also has 3 members attending the National FFA Convention during the last week of October in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The chapter is hosting our annual Butterbraids Fundraiser with orders due on November 2nd with a delivery date still to be determined, but we are hoping to get them before Thanksgiving.

Our chapter would like to thank all of our supporters, those who help judge events, provide resources for us to study, and those who support our fundraisers.



# Principal's Piece Cont.

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**In Mrs. Davis' Science classes - Biology - starting genetics, Earth Science - studying geology, Forensic Science - starting facial reconstruction from skulls, Physical Science - working on compounds and mixtures, Anatomy and Physiology - working on bones of the skull, and Environmental Science - study of the effects of La Palma, Canary Islands, volcanic eruption on air quality in the local and regional area.**

**Ms. Anderson and the 3rd grade learned why leaves change color. It turns out that the colors are hiding under the chlorophyll that makes the leaves green. When the sun isn't shining as long, the chlorophyll breaks down, revealing the carotene (yellow and oranges) and anthocyanin (reds and purples) that were hiding under the chlorophyll.**

**From Mr. Berry - in 5th grade, we're learning about Columbus Day and its significance to our nation's history.**

**And, in Mrs. Randall's 2nd grade – students have read 114 library books this year!**

**Our school year is off to a great start – and the best is yet to come!**

**Principal Fredrickson**

**Come support the Highland-Craigmont BPA chapter at the Winchester Shop Hop, November 6th, at the Senior Center in Winchester. They will be selling student made crafts to fundraise for Nationals in Dallas, Texas.**



# Club Cluster

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## FFA

**Congratulations to Carol Lanz, our first place chapter Creed speaker!**  
**Greta Watson- 2nd**  
**Faith Hill- 3rd**  
**Trevor Knowlton- 4th**  
**These four members will compete at the district event.**

## BPA

**BPA students are gearing up to start studying for their Regional Competition in December. Students will be competing in a variety of events including Microsoft Word, Interview skills, Prepared Speech, and Group Presentation Management.**

## National Honor Society

**New advisor Mrs. Poxleitner is excited to see what the year holds.**

**Keep an eye out for the Induction Ceremony for new members.**



## Updates

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**BPA will be doing a Christmas Photo Fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 20th @ 10am-2pm. Come get your family photo taken for your Christmas Cards! Photos will be edited and emailed to you in JPEG form so you can add them to your Christmas cards or get them printed out! Each photo will be \$20. Bring your pets too! Email Mrs. Hadley to schedule your time, [lhadley@sd305.org](mailto:lhadley@sd305.org), or call 208-925-7278. Walk-ins are also welcome!**



# Athlete Highlights

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**Name: Gage Crow**

**Sports Played: Football and Basketball**

**How long have you played the sports?  
I have played football and basketball  
since fourth grade.**



**Best Sports Memory:  
Listening to Mariah Carey everytime we  
win a game.**

**Tips for younger athletes?  
Always keep your grades up and be a  
versatile player.**

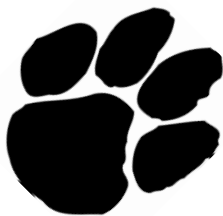
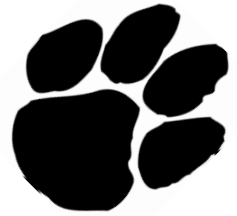


**Biggest Supporter?  
My family, friends, and coaches are all  
my biggest supporters.**

**Thank yous?  
Thank you to all the community mem-  
bers who come to watch us play and are  
always there supporting us.**



# Husky Pride



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