

The Black and Gold



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Superintendent's Section

Greetings Highland Community,

The Legislature passed HB790, which has now been signed by the Governor. The bill includes a formula for distributing \$72 million in Literacy Funding to K-3rd graders partially based on their Idaho Reading Indicator test scores, comparing Spring 2021 to Spring 2022. There is also additional funding for a student identified as economically disadvantaged. What this means for our school is that we need to have an accurate count of how many K-3 students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Because of federal legislation, all school lunches have been provided free of charge for all families. That program is likely ending this year and because everyone received free lunches, we may not have an accurate count of how many of our students qualify.

I would ask all parents of grades K-3 to please fill out an application for free and reduced lunch if you believe your family qualifies. This information will help us to get an accurate count of our students and allow us to access early literacy funds that benefit all children grades K-3. Free and reduced lunch forms are available in the office. Please contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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Principal's Piece

Dear Highland Community,

April has traditionally been viewed as a month on the Prairie that holds many changes with Spring approaching. At Highland we are starting the ISAT testing for grades 3 through 10 for English and Math. 5th and 11th graders will also be taking the Science ISAT. This provides a system of data that helps show where students' scores relate to the other schools in the state, and to help drive instruction in the future for all students in our District.

We would also like to extend our gratitude for your participation in the recent Student/Parent/Teacher conferences for all grade levels. Taking time to visit with you and your students is an important part of our process to ensure that you and our staff are all on the same path toward your student's learning success.

The beauty of our small school is the communication, care and collaboration that happens in taking into account the feelings and perspectives of each family. Our school community will continue working to ensure that students and families feel supported and respected in how they choose to navigate the learning progress for each of their students at Highland. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about your student or our schools.

Key dates for May:

BPA - National competition is May 4th and 5th in Dallas, Tx.

Mrs. Poxleitner - our National Honor Society Advisor - Students will be "adopting" a teacher for Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-5

Music/Band - Silverwood Trip is May 7th. Elementary Concert is Thursday May 12. Secondary Concert is Tuesday May 17.

Kindergarten Registration & Screening - Friday May 13 - 9am to 4pm

FFA - Banquet/Dessert Night is at 7pm Thursday May 19 at the Reubens Gym

Last Day - Elementary and Seniors last day is May 26

Graduation - Saturday May 28 at 1 pm

Last Day - Secondary last day is Wednesday June 1. Early release at 1:20

Best Regards

Dennis Fredrickson - Principal



Science Corner

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Biology is busy dissecting worms and frogs this month. They are currently learning about human behavior and body systems.

Earth Science is working on oceans and will be starting to work on space science.

Forensic Science is going to extract and evaluate DNA.

Physical Science will be learning about electricity.

Anatomy and Physiology will be covering medical terminology.

Environmental Science is working on several projects involving waste reduction.



Club Cluster

BPA

BPA students have been working hard fundraising for their National Leadership Conference in Dallas Texas! Thank you for all your support!

New officers were elected for the 2022-2023 school year.



*2021-2022 President Caristae Robinson
2022-2023 Co Presidents Noah Watson
and Hannah Smith*



*2021-2022 Vice-President Cheyanne Brown
2022-2023 Vice-President Kindle
Thomason and Torch Awards Chair Eryn
Thomas*



*2021-2022 Reporter Keira White
2022-2023 Historian Carol Lanz*



*2021-2022 Secretary Kalei Smith,
Treasurer Katherine Goeckner
2022-2023 Secretary Greta Watson*



National Honor Society

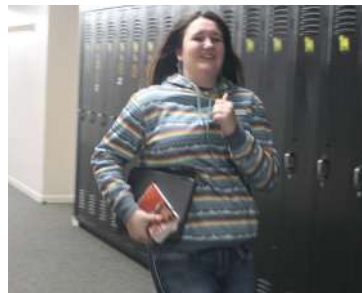
The National Honor Society is currently selling raffle tickets for \$1 each for a basket raffle. The baskets are donated by the members. Thank you for your support!

For Teacher Appreciation week, each member will be adopting a teacher and spoiling them with gifts throughout the week to show their appreciation for the staff!

Seniors Keira White and Cheyanne Brown added inspirational quotes to the bathroom stalls!
Way to be Husky Pack Leaders!



Husky Pride



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