Principal’s Message

Happy New Year!

I am excited about all that the new year will bring. I am confident if the school, parents, and community work together, we can provide the very best for the students at Highland Park Elementary and prepare them to be ready to successfully matriculate to the next grade.

January 24th is the last day of the 2nd Quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. At this point we will be half way through the school year. It is important to continue to reinforce student learning at home by reading with your children, engaging in and/or checking homework, and engaging discussions around acceptable school and school bus behavior. Please make certain students are reminded that cell phones should be off and kept in their bookbags while at school. Also, make certain to monitor student use of social media sites. Cyber Bullying is a suspendable offense and if it continues, students risk transfer and/or legal actions.

Student Attendance is extremely important and paramount to student achievement. Unless extremely ill, please have your student attend school every day on time. After 8:15 a.m. all students are late. Tardies and early dismissals (before 2 p.m.) count against student attendance.

Make student attendance one of your New Year’s Goals!!!!!

Visitor and Parent Sign-in Reminder!

All visitors, parents, and maintenance workers who enter the building must present a state issued I.D. in the main office and get a printed pass before going to the classroom. Parents should refrain from going to the classrooms and/or standing outside of the classroom doors. Parents of students in grades PK-6 should refrain from going to the classrooms to pick up their child(ren). Thank you for adhering to this procedure as we work together to keep our students, staff, and facility.

H.P.E.S. Vision and Mission

Highland Park Elementary School is a student focused, nurturing, and engaging learning environment, which provides a culture of mutual respect and high academic achievement through a rigorous instructional program that infuses literacy throughout all content areas to enhance the College and Career preparation of our students.

We strive to accomplish this vision by maintaining high expectations for the implementation of our School Performance Plan focused on academic teaching and learning; sustaining a safe, positive, and inviting school climate; monitoring the progress of students on a frequent basis to provide prescriptive measures that support continuous learning; and promoting effective teamwork and communication among all members of the learning community.

January Dates to Remember!

- Jan. 6, 2020: -MAP Assessment Window Opens
  -K-2 Assessment Window Opens
  -SLO Posttest Window Opens
- Jan. 7, 2020: -H.P.E.S. Family Math and Science Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 8, 2020: – Mobile Dentist -ESOL Assessments begin
- Jan. 24, 2020: - 2nd Quarter Ends
- Jan. 27, 2020: - 3hr. Early Release Day for Students- Dismissal@11:25 a.m.
- Jan. 31, 2020: - 2nd Quarter Academic Awards Program, 8:45 a.m. – Grs. 3-6; 9:45 a.m.–Grs. K-2
1. Academic Excellence
2. High Performing Workforce
3. Safe and Supportive Environments
4. Family and Community Engagement
5. Organizational Effectiveness

Working or volunteering in PGCPS schools:
Getting fingerprint background and CPS clearance checks just got easier!

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) has added two new processing locations. The sites will provide evening hours four days a week and Saturday hours from 8 a.m. to noon! For questions, call the PGCPS Background Unit at 301-952-7831.

NEW LOCATIONS
Hughes Barney Investigations
9315 Large Drive West #100
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
301-633-1728
Monday-Friday - 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday and Wednesday - 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (by appointment only)
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month - 8 a.m.-noon (by appointment only)
http://hbinvestigations.com

E. House Executive Security Professionals Inc.
4147 Aud Place #420
Suitland, MD 20746
301-899-2628
Monday-Friday - 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday - 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (by appointment only)
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month - 8 a.m.-noon (by appointment only)
www.eh-esp.com

School Uniform Reminder
All students in grades PK through 6 should be in the proper uniform daily unless otherwise announced by the Principal. Parents will be contacted and violation notices sent home for all students not wearing the proper school uniform clothing and accessories. Please be reminded that light-up sneakers are not permitted.

Student Lunch Accounts
All students that pay for lunch will need lunch money placed on their accounts. Students who receive free/reduced lunch will continue to do so. Any parents needing to complete the Lunch Application can do so on the PGCPS website or by requesting an application from the school office.

Parent Tip on Student Attendance:
☐ Students missing 3 days and/or having below 94% attendance rate for the month will be contacted by the classroom teacher.
☐ Students missing 3 days within one quarter due to an illness, may be required to provide a physician’s certificate.
☐ Students missing 6 days within one quarter due to an illness, will be required to provide a physician’s certificate.
☐ Students missing 4 days within one quarter will be referred to Administration and the School Instructional Team (SIT) to discuss absenteeism.
☐ Parents/Guardians must notify classroom teacher when student is absent and provide a written note within 3 days of student’s return.
☐ Only students with lawful absences will be allowed to receive missed assignments once note has been provided within 3 days of return; work must be returned within designed timeframe to receive credit.
☐ Students with unlawful absences will not be allowed to make up missed assignments and will receive a “0”.

Read To Succeed!
Being a good reader is at the very core of our students excelling in not only English and language arts, but also mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts.

Please support your child by having them read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night.