Thanksgiving Holiday!
I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Parent Teacher Conference Day. you out on November 12, 2018 for Looking forward during the times posted. please do not come into the circle gate to enter the circle is closed or not, 2:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Whether the circle between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. and children safe by not driving in the bus Parents please homework nightly. for learning and very best for our students. community in order to provide the We strive to develop strong partnerships with our parents and community in order to provide the very best for our students. To this end, we solicit your help in making certain students get to school daily, prepared for learning and that they complete homework nightly. Parents please help us to keep our children safe by not driving in the bus circle between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. and 2:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Whether the gate to enter the circle is closed or not, please do not come into the circle during the times posted. Looking forward to seeing many of you out on November 12, 2018 for Parent Teacher Conference Day.

I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

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 the systemic literacy/numeracy 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 as necessary; and promoting effective teamwork and communication among all members of the learning community.

November Dates to Remember!

Nov. 5, 2018: - 2-hr. Early Release for all Students. Dismissal @ 12:25
Nov. 7, 2018: - Math Benchmark Test, Grs. 2-6
Nov. 8, 2018: - Civic Assoc. Meeting, 6:30
Nov. 9, 2018: - Parent’s Night Out-School Fundraiser
Nov. 12, 2018: - Parent-Teacher Conference Day. (Schools Closed for Students)
Nov. 15, 2018: - Wear Green for Recycling (Students allowed to wear a green T-Shirt, top, or sweater with uniform bottoms.)
Nov. 20, 2018: – Report Cards Released
Nov. 21, 2018: - Thanksgiving break begins (Schools & Offices Closed)
Nov. 29, 2018: - Academic Awards Prog. Grs. 3-6, 8:45 a.m. Grs. K-2, 10:00 a.m.
Nov. 30, 2018: - Picture Make-up Day, 8:45 a.m. -Eagle Day Event/Store
Dec. 3, 2018: - Mobile Dentist
Dec. 4, 2018: - Mobile Dentist
Dec. 6, 2018: - Family STEM Night
Dec. 7, 2018: - 2-hr. Early Release Day For Students
**PGCPS Coherence Framework**

1. Academic Excellence
2. High Performing Workforce
3. Safe and Supportive Environments
4. Family and Community Engagement
5. Organizational Effectiveness

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**Talented And Gifted Happenings**

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Rahsheda Beamon as our new TAG Coordinator at Highland Park Elementary. A meet and greet will be scheduled in the next few weeks for Tag parents to come out and talk with Ms. Beamon, the grade 5 TAG Teachers, and administration. In the meantime, please give Ms. Beamon an opportunity to settle in before contacting her.

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**Field Trip Chaperons and Volunteers Needed!**

**Requirements:**

**Step 1:**
- Fingerprinting - $61.00
- Commercial Background Check ($7.00) or Online ($7.26)

Acceptable forms of payment for background checks only include cash, Visa, Mastercard and money orders. Personal checks are not accepted. Any applicant who requires a “duplicate receipt” of the background check must respond to the Fingerprint Office with proper identification and a $5.00 money order (only). Child Protective Services check will also be conducted.

SAVE TIME - Print out your forms, fill them out and bring them with you! Forms are located on the PGCPS Website homepage at bottom of the page. [https://www.pgcps.org/fingerprint/](https://www.pgcps.org/fingerprint/)

- Valid photo identification is required to go through any part of these processes. Allow 14 days for processing.

**Step 2:**
- All volunteers, except one-time event volunteers, are required to complete the assigned SafeSchools training modules prior to volunteering. Upon completion of each training module, the volunteer should provide the main office with a copy of their certificates of completion. Three modules have been assigned to volunteers to complete. They are: PGCPS Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect; PGCPS Student Safety Procedural Changes; and Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention. Volunteers should provide the main office with a certificate of completion for each of these modules prior to volunteering. Training modules can be accessed by clicking on the Student Safety tab at the bottom of the home page on PGCPS’ website.

Note: If you are planning to volunteering more than 1 time, you must get the full fingerprinting and CPS.

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**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.

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**PTA Meetings**

All PTA Meetings have been postponed until further notice.

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**Donations of Recess Equipment Requested**

- Playground balls
- Soccer Balls
- Basketball
- Jump Ropes
- Hula-Hoops

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**Parent Tip:**

Students are expected to come to school everyday, on time, ready to learn. They need parents to help them accomplish this goal. Help us help your children by getting them to school everyday on time.