

Highland Happenings

Week 10: Nov. 13th-17th, 2023



Message from the Principal

Hello everyone!

November is certainly here! The weather has turned cooler and our yard has become quite wet.

Please remember to send your child with warm clothes, proper boots, hats and mittens. This makes our outdoor time much more enjoyable.

With being indoors a bit more comes more viruses that run through the school. We currently have a bad cold/ cough (croup) in some classes and Covid cases in the building.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kerry

Progress Reports

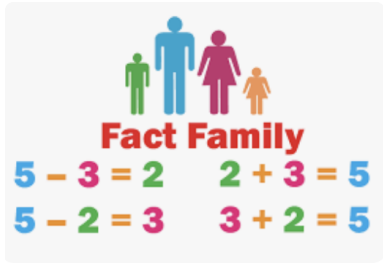
This week, on Friday, our progress reports will come home. These report will have three indicators for each subject. Progress Very Well (meaning they are exceeding the expectations), Progressing Well (they are on track to meet the expectations) and Progressing with Difficulty (meaning they are behind and struggling to meet the grade expectations).

It is also important to know that we do have a new [Language Curriculum](#) which has some great information for parents that you can find [here](#). This new curriculum document has clear expectations and benchmarks for students in each grade.

Please take some time to read over the comments on the Progress Reports. Shortly, teachers will be inviting you to an interview to discuss your child's progress. This is a great time to ask questions and learn more about how you can best support your child.

On Friday, our students joined Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Chapman in the gym for a Remembrance Day Assembly. The focus of our assembly was on Peace, each class made a wreath to share.

Math or Number Talks and Math Facts



Have you heard your child talk about the 'Math or Number Talks' they participate in at school? You might be wondering what is a math talk? Math talks are a teacher-led activity that helps children identify different ways to solve a problem. This typically starts off with the educator presenting a problem and then asking the students to explain their strategy for finding the solution. This activity allows students to see different approaches to solving

problems and helps them understand key math concepts.

This year, staff will be focusing on helping our students learn their math facts. Being able to quickly recall addition and multiplication facts.

Hot Lunches and School Wide Lunches

Our School Council has arranged to include Subway lunches as part of our Hot Lunch Program, these two lunches will rotate every other week. On Nov. 16th we will have Boston Pizza and on Nov. 23rd you will have the option to order Subway.

On Friday, Nov. 17th, we will be having our first school wide lunch. Our LLS class will be providing pancakes for everyone as a treat!

Cold Weather and Independence

Now that the weather is turning colder, it is very important that you send your children with warm clothes. Many of our younger students are coming without hats and mittens, and they are finding outside playing time to be very uncomfortable. Labeling your child's clothes also help to ensure they get back to them.

Many of our younger students need to learn to zip up their coats and put on their boots. While staff are always happy to help, children need to learn to dress themselves and make sure they are prepared and warm when they go outside.


How can you help? Leave enough time before you have to leave the house to allow your child to dress themselves to go outside (this is good practice for them), spending some time practicing zipping up zippers, putting on snow jackets and pants and their boots.

We are always looking for extra hats and mittens and socks for our younger students, if you would like to donate any to the classroom they would be greatly appreciated.



Vocabulary Word of the Week

Our Mystery word hints this week were:

- The  smore ng full
- of a
- It is similar to *raging, livid and furious*
- It is not similar to *a feeling of mild irritation*
- It makes sense in this sentence "My aunt was _____ when Sam dented her brand new car and didn't tell her right away."

Do you have any guesses as to what the word might be? Ask your child if you are right!

Week-At-A-Glance

Week 10 : Nov. 13th - 17th, 2023				
Monday Nov. 13th Day 2	Tuesday Nov. 14th Day 3	Wednesday Nov. 15th Day 4	Thursday Nov. 16th Day 5	Friday Nov. 17th Day 1
Picture Retake Day				Reports Cards Home
Upcoming Dates: Nov. 13th- Picture Retake Day Nov. 16th- Ms. Snowball's class to Environment Center Nov. 17th- Progress Reports Home Nov. 24th- Junior Volleyball Nov. 29th- Meningitis Vaccine Dec. 1st- Intermediate Girls Volleyball Dec. 4th- School Council Dec. 11th - Rocks and Rings (grades 2/3 and up)				

Gratitude

Thank you for those of you who have filled out the gratitude survey. I've been copying them and sharing them with the staff on a bulletin board. Please continue to share those with me so that I can help the staff understand just how much they are appreciated! You can use this [google form](#) to share it with me.

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