

Highlander - December 2017

A Look Ahead:

December:

1-12 Yearbook Sales

7 Pearl Harbor Day

11 Christmas Program at NPAC at 6:30 PM

11-14 No HAWKS Program

12-20 Hanukkah

18-31 Christmas Break

21 First Day of Winter

January:

1 New Year's Day

4 Students Return to School

15 MLK Day

Inclement Weather: Sometimes, our schedule is affected by inclement weather. School may be closed, open late or close early due to snow or other weather issues. When this happens, we will be notifying parents via SchoolCast. It is a parent responsibility to keep numbers up to date in SchoolCast. It is also very important that your child's teacher know how your child is supposed to go home if school is closed early. There may not be time to call you to find out. If school closes early, there is no Afternoon HAWKS program. If we come to school late, there is no Morning HAWKS program. If you need help with updating your SchoolCast, please come by and see Mr. Chapman.



Yearbook: Our yearbook order forms will be coming home on Friday, December 1st. Please return these to Mr. Chapman with money beginning December 4th and ending December 12th. We are not ordering as many yearbooks this year, so we may not have an extras to sell in the Spring. If you want one, please order it now. The cost is \$16.00 per yearbook and can be paid in full or you can pay an \$8.00 non-refundable deposit. If paying by check, please make it out to Highland G.S.I.A. If paying with cash, please send the exact change.

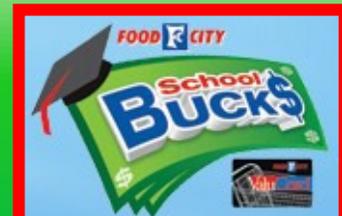


Caldecott Project for 2nd Grade: Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Boegemann, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Weems will be sending home a project for 2nd Graders involving a Caldecott Award Book in January. Mrs. Boegemann will talk with the students about making a shadow box. Mr. Chapman will talk to the students about the Caldecott Medal and review a list of Caldecott winners and honorable mentions in our library. If you need help selecting a book, please contact Mr. Chapman or come by the school. Projects will be due February 21st with a school wide parade on February 22nd at 2:30 PM.



Food City School Bucks: Food City School Bucks lets you donate money to our school with your purchases at Food City. By registering your value card to our school using the barcode below, we will get cash on your purchases of participating Food City Brands. School Bucks is currently running through early May. There is still time to register your value card at Food City to help Highland.

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Hashtags in Social Media:

Hashtags in Facebook or Twitter can be clickable links that show you other posts/tweets about the same subject. They also give your post a searchable subject. This is why we have set up some "official" hashtags for Highland to be used this school year. If you tweet or post about Highland, use the hashtag #HITLIM18. If you are tweeting or posting about our HAWKS program, use the hashtag of #HIHAWKS18. The hashtag for our butterfly garden is #hibutterflygarden. Give it a try! Go to google.com and search for one of our three hashtags (including the #) and see what the search reveals.

Winter Program:

Highland students have been working hard to prepare for their Christmas Program. We will be singing upbeat songs that are fun for all. Lyrics are coming home with students in November for families to use so they can help their children feel confident when they perform for you during their program. We look forward to seeing you at the NPAC on December 11th.

Winter Solstice:

During winter in the Northern Hemisphere, the Earth is actually closest to the Sun. Different seasons are not defined by how far the Earth is from the Sun. Seasons occur because Earth orbits the Sun on a slant, with an axial tilt of around 23.4 degrees. Therefore different amounts of sunlight reaches the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, causing variation in temperatures and weather patterns throughout the year.

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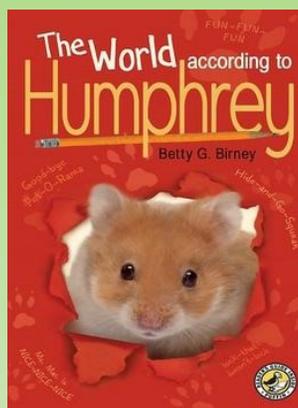
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H.A.W.K.S.

- There is no Morning or Afternoon H.A.W.K.S. the week of December 11-14. H.A.W.K.S. begins January 4th.

Special Reading Surprise In January:



Reading Tips Continued from November Newsletter:

Sometimes, your kid likes a particular book and wants to read it repeatedly. Do not discourage this, since he finds reading this book pleasurable – and pleasure is what he should get from reading! Also, he is getting the most out of this book and is giving you a hint about his interest!

Expose your kid though to a variety of books. You can use reading as a way to allay your child's fears or prepare him for changes in his life. For example, you can choose books about using the potty, going to school, or moving to a new house when he is about to have these new experiences. Teach your child to treasure books and treat them with respect.

American Education Week:

Teachers enjoyed a wonderful potato bar lunch provided by our GSIA and Mrs. Newland for American Education Week.

