



# Spring 2022



# Highland School District

## From the desk of the Superintendent...

Greetings from the Highland School District! I want to heartily thank the Highland Community for your support in the recent passing of our Capital Projects Levy. With a 62% approval, we hear you loud and clear that Highland is a great place to live and Highland School District is the best place for your students. The next step in the Capital Projects process will be to hold meetings with the Board and with the Community Facilities Committee to refine the priority list of projects, develop a timeline and begin the process for obtaining estimates and bids.

Highland School District will continue to follow the directive by Governor Inslee and the DOH with masking being optional for students and staff in school buildings, which started on March 12th. Students (per their parents/guardians) have the choice to wear a mask or not at school with the expectation that those choices will be respected. The Highland School District will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind for those who choose to either continue wearing a mask or wish to stop wearing masks while at school.

Winter Intersession was disappointing due to the weather forcing a cancellation of four out of the five scheduled days. We were able to hold class on only one day and had about a 50% turnout of those that had signed up. Spring Intersession, however, was a great week of alternate learning, fun and games. Fifty+ teachers, paras, and bus drivers worked together to make it a successful week for the 400+ students that chose to participate. Superintendents, principals, and teachers from 16 area school districts visited during the week to learn first-hand how Highland runs our intersession and all expressed enthusiasm and admiration for our program. A few expressed regret that their district hadn't yet implemented a similar option. We are proud to be leading the way in providing diverse and supportive educational opportunities for our students.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

~ Mark Anderson, Superintendent

## Important Dates This Spring

- ◆ March 8 Kinder & Pre-school registration begins
- ◆ March 21-25 Conferences-Thank you for being here!
- ◆ March 28-April 1 Spring Intersession-Great success!
- ◆ April 4-8 Spring Break-Relax, refresh
- ◆ April 19 HSD Board Meeting
- ◆ May 14 Mother-Son Dance @ MWC
- ◆ May 17 HSD Board Meeting
- ◆ May 24 Kinder Orientation
- ◆ May SBAC Testing-Math-Watch for grade-level dates
- ◆ May 30 Memorial Day-No School
- ◆ June SBAC Testing-ELA-Watch for grade-level dates
- ◆ June 17 Early Release
- ◆ June 17 HHS Graduation
- ◆ June 20 Juneteenth-Observed-No School
- ◆ **June 24** LAST DAY of School –Early Release





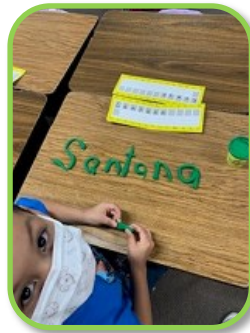
# Pre-School Information

## 2022-23 Pre-School at MWC

Highland will continue the Pre-School program at MWC next fall for students who are currently on track to start Kindergarten in August 2023. This will be a half-day program with transportation available both to and from school.

Application/Registration packets will be available beginning March 8th in the MWC office for the **fall classes**. Students must be 4 years old by August 31, 2022 to participate. After the application/registration packets are returned, an appointment will be made for the student to be screened. Students will be identified as qualifying for Pre-School based on rank order of completed screening results. Additional information is available in the MWC office.

~Kirsten Lenz,  
Interim Director of Student Services



Working on motor skills with puzzles, games and name writing with PlayDoh

## 2022-23 Preescolar en MWC

Highland continuará el programa de educación preescolar en MWC el próximo otoño para los estudiantes que actualmente están programadas de comenzar Kínder en agosto de 2023. Se trata de un programa de medio día con transporte disponible.

Paquetes de solicitud/inscripción estarán disponibles el 8 de marzo en la oficina de MWC para las clases de otoño. Estudiantes deben tener 4 años para el 31 de agosto de 2022 para participar. Después que regresen los paquetes de aplicación y registro, se hará una cita para que se le haga un examen al estudiante. Se determinará cuales estudiantes califican para el programa basado en orden de rango de resultados del examen. Información adicional está disponible en la oficina de la MWC.

~Kirsten Lenz,  
Directora de Servicios Estudiantil



## Rosetta Stone~Clases de inglés para adultos

*Adult English Classes*

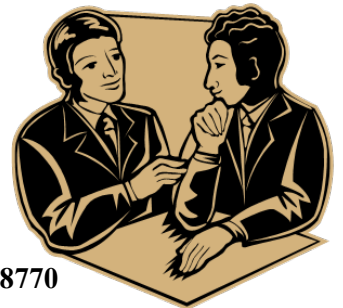
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**Primera reunión: Comenzarán en abril, las fechas y tiempos serán determinados.**

*First meeting: Classes will begin in April. Dates and times to be determined*

**Para más información favor de llamar a la Oficina de Servicios Estudiantiles al (509) 678-8770**

*For more information, please call the Student Services Office at (509) 678-8770*



# Message from the MWC Principal



Hello everyone! As we enter the spring season, we are entering into the final stretch of our 2021-2022 school year. We have had a fabulous year so far as it has been full of engaging events and tons of learning for our students. There is still lots for us to look forward to in the coming months. Please continue to look for the Scottie News that comes home every month to learn all about the different events we have going on in the building.

Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year has officially opened! In order for your child to be eligible for the 2022-2023 school year, they must turn 5 on or before August 31st. Registration is available online through Final Forms. To set up your account, go to our website and click on the Final Forms link in the Student Enrollment window. If you need help, please call the office and they can help you set up your account. Once your child is registered, we have a kinder-ready packet with activities you can do with your child.

Kinder Orientation will be May 24th at 6:00 PM at Marcus Whitman. At orientation you will get to meet the kindergarten teachers as they introduce themselves, have a tour of the building, and engage in a few learning activities throughout the evening.

Pre-school registration is also open for the 2022-2023 school year, your child must turn 4 on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please call the Marcus Whitman office to discuss registering your preschooler for next school year at (509) 678-8900.

Our 3rd grade students will be taking part in the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) this year to demonstrate their knowledge in the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The students will take the Math portion of the test, to be given on May 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. The ELA (English Language Arts – Reading, Writing, Listening) portion of the test will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. It is critical that all students are in attendance on those days and are prepared to be successful on the assessments. Things you can do at home to make sure they are ready include;

- 1) make sure they get plenty of sleep,
- 2) make sure they eat good meals the days leading up to these dates, especially the night before and the morning of,
- 3) make sure they drink plenty of water,
- 4) make sure they watch limited amounts of TV, and
- 5) make sure they get plenty of exercise.

These items are proven techniques for improving brain function and higher-level thinking skills.

Thank you for taking the time to support and stay involved in your student's education. We look forward to the rest of the 2021-2022 school year.

~Andrea Wickenhagen, Principal Marcus Whitman Cowiche Elementary



MWC LIBRARY NIGHT



# DECA Returns to State

Our Highland DECA chapter has raised the bars this year! At Area, our chapter had 18 members qualify for State with majority of them being first year members! At State, 3rd year member Marcial Romero made history with being Highland's first DECA member placing 8th at State and qualifying as a competitor for Nationals in an individual event! Our DECA Chapter will be taking 5 outstanding members to Nationals in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of April: Ellie Pierce, Rhianon James, Ivan Rydberg, Gwen Rydberg, and Marcial Romero. We are overjoyed as this will be the largest group to ever advance to Nationals!



Above: Ellie Pierce, Rhiannon James, Ivan Rydberg, Gwen Rydberg



Left: Marcial Romero

Far left: Students at DECA State



## HHS Staffuly Award



The HHS "Staffuly" award honors staff members for meeting the following criteria:

- ◆ Involvement
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Positive Rapport (with both Students and staff)
- ◆ Super Scottie (going above and beyond the call of duty)

From the many recommendations received, below are one or two statements about each winner for why they were nominated, and won, the Staffuly award:

**Ashley:** "She is so dedicated to students and families and puts in so much work to try and help them be successful. She makes the process of writing an IEP meaningful for both content classrooms and students and is a data collection/reflection rockstar. She is upbeat, positive and does an amazing job developing relationships with students and staff alike. She has great Scottie pride and has been an amazing addition to our Highland team!"

**Vanessa:** "She is a leader in our school community. I always know that I can go to Vanessa when I am unsure of what I need to be doing with conference planning, advisory stuff, or just general teaching questions. She is someone that everyone, staff, students, and admin can count on! One of the best things about her is her willingness to collaborate with special ed staff to make sure our students with special needs are able to access the same quality education as those without special needs."

**Lizz:** "Whenever someone needs help, staff or student, Lizz steps in and volunteers. She does so much work to support people and never wants credit for it. I know that I can always count on her!"



November  
Ashley Weaver



January  
Vanessa Williams



February  
Lizz Kramer



# Message from the TIS Principal



Dear Families,  
How thankful we are for parents who understand the importance of an education.

It's amazing to see that the end of the school year is soon upon us. I want to thank you all for the support and patience shown during these difficult times. Amid these unsettling circumstances, I want you and your students to know that every effort was made to foster a compassionate learning environment. Furthermore, I would like to thank our hard-working faculty and staff for going over and beyond the call duty for our students. Their commitment is outstanding, and our students are the beneficiaries. Thank you for providing rich, engaging, and well-rounded experiences for our students.

I would also like to thank you (Our Parents) all for attending your child's conference. Thank you for making time to be involved in your student's education. It is important for us to involve the student in the conference because it is their education. Coming to school and talking to your child about education helps reinforce the importance of his or her education. For those of you that attended our Dr. Seussville Literacy Night, you have shown your child that you value their education and are invested in making sure that you are committed to coming to his or her school to stay connected. So, I ask you to please take time to talk to your child about his or her school day. Come to school events. Get involved in the TIS Parent Association. All of these involvement opportunities will help you and your child build a connection with school and help him or her have a better chance at being successful in school.

Students and staff are working hard to meet requirements of the Common Core State Standards in preparation for the Smarter Balance Assessment. Our state required Smarter Balance Assessment (SBA) will occur during the middle of May and June. We are working hard to make sure our students are as prepared as can be. Parents, we could really use your help to maximize their success opportunity by making sure that our students are here on time, have plenty of rest, and are eating well each night. Here is an address to a website where you as parents can see information about the test and take practice tests with your child. <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/practice-and-training-tests/>

Thank you for your support and commitment to our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Together, we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all students.

Respectfully,

---Manuel Rangel, Interim Principal

Queridas familias,

Cuán agradecidos estamos por los padres que entienden la importancia de una educación.

Es increíble ver que el final del año escolar está pronto sobre nosotros. Quiero agradecerles a todos por el apoyo y la paciencia mostrada durante estos tiempos difíciles. En medio de estas circunstancias inquietantes, quiero que usted y sus estudiantes sepan que se hizo todo lo posible para fomentar un ambiente de aprendizaje compasivo. Además, me gustaría agradecer a nuestra facultad y personal que trabajan arduamente por ir más allá del deber de llamada para nuestros estudiantes. Su compromiso es sobresaliente, y nuestros estudiantes son los beneficiarios. Gracias por proporcionar experiencias ricas, atractivas y completas para nuestros estudiantes.

También me gustaría agradecerles a ustedes (Nuestros Padres) por asistir a la conferencia de su hijo. Gracias por hacer tiempo para participar en la educación de su estudiante. Es importante para nosotros involucrar al estudiante en la conferencia porque es su educación. Venir a la escuela y hablar con su hijo sobre la educación ayuda a reforzar la importancia de su educación. Para aquellos de ustedes que asistieron a nuestra Noche de Alfabetización del Dr. Seussville, le han demostrado a su hijo que valoran su educación y están invertidos en asegurarse de que están comprometidos a venir a su escuela para mantenerse conectados. Por lo tanto, le pido que por favor se tome el tiempo para hablar con su hijo sobre su día escolar. Venga a los eventos escolares. Involúcrese en la Asociación de Padres de TIS. Todas estas oportunidades de participación lo ayudarán a usted y a su hijo a establecer una conexión con la escuela y lo ayudarán a tener una mejor oportunidad de tener éxito en la escuela.

Los estudiantes y el personal están trabajando arduamente para cumplir con los requisitos de los Estándares Estatales Básicos Comunes en preparación para la Evaluación de Equilibrio Más Inteligente. La Evaluación de Equilibrio Inteligente (SBA) requerida por nuestro estado ocurrirá a mediados de mayo y junio. Estamos trabajando arduamente para asegurarnos de que nuestros estudiantes estén lo más preparados posible. Padres, realmente podríamos usar su ayuda para maximizar su oportunidad de éxito asegurándonos de que nuestros estudiantes estén aquí a tiempo, descansen lo suficiente y coman bien cada noche. Aquí hay una dirección a un sitio web donde ustedes, como padres, pueden ver información sobre el examen y tomar exámenes de práctica con su hijo. <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/practice-and-training-tests/>

Gracias por su apoyo y compromiso con nuestra escuela. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, por favor póngase en contacto conmigo. Juntos, haremos de este año escolar uno de crecimiento y logros para todos los estudiantes. Respetuosamente,

---Manuel Rangel, Interim Principal  
Tieton Intermediate School 'A Place to Grow'



# Message from the HJH Principal

Hello from Highland Junior High!

The first half of our school year went very well. I am proud of students and staff efforts to provide a safe and caring learning environment. We continually discuss our school-wide expectations, and have focused this year on maintaining safe behavior, respecting others, and our social-emotional health. I am also grateful for all efforts to return to a somewhat normal school year! Students and staff have managed this lofty task very well.

I want to encourage all families to support student attendance in school daily. When students are absent, it not only impacts that student's performance, but it impacts the class and other students. Each student absence impacts the daily lesson and flow in class.

Below are some additional facts about attendance in school:

- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.

As we move into spring, please support your student in meeting HJH dress code expectations also. Please know we have student clothing expectations to provide a productive school learning environment. We do not have student cloth-

ing expectations because we like to make rules for young people! Any clothing or personal appearance that disrupts the learning of others will not be permitted. The guidelines below are intended to help parents and students ensure that they are dressed in a manner which is appropriate at school. Please be aware of HJH student clothing expectations:

- Clothing should be appropriate for a school or workplace setting that promotes a positive atmosphere. Clothing should cover skin between fingertips (when arms are fully extended) and upper chest. Underwear and bras should be covered by clothing.
- Hats and head coverings may be permissible, but students must meet staff expectations.
- Appropriate footwear should be worn at all times.
- Clothing that substantially disrupts the school environment, violates the rights of others, is lewd (crude or sexually offensive), or displays alcohol, drugs or tobacco should not be worn at school.
- Students are allowed to wear one item of blue or red clothing.

Thank you for your continued support of your students, Highland Junior High, and the Highland School District. Go Scotties!

~Don Strother, Principal  
Highland Junior High School  
dstrother@highland.wednet.edu  
509-678-8806

## HJH Scotties of the Month

Congratulations to Highland Junior High School Students of the Month!



A student is chosen for each

class based on academics, citizenship, and leadership. In addition, one Scottie of the Month is selected from the 10 Students of the Month.

### Math

7th  
8th

### Language Arts

7th  
8th

### Science

7th  
8th

### Social Studies

7th  
8th

### Health/Fitness

7th  
8th

### Arts/Elective

### HJH

#### December

Leah Renteria  
Eddyberto Coronado

Jasmine Flores  
Ruby Llamas

Aiden Bowman  
Anya Rydberg

Valeria Silva  
Eduardo Urrutia

Natalie Serna  
Landan Getsinger

Brianna Ayala

### Students

#### January

Octavio Delgado  
Henry Tillett

Daniel Carrasco  
Victor Garcia

Valeria Machorro  
Isaac Dorantes

David Ramos  
Kamilla Rodriguez

Anahi Lamas  
Trae Stonecipher

Sebastion Urenda

### of the Month

#### February

Paulina Santos  
Zulema Guerrero

Cesar Hernandez  
Jaslene Pacheco

Liam Klepach  
Maggie Gamez

Jr. Mendoza  
Aaron Garibay

Yandel Morales  
Genesis Perez

Brett Montgomery



# Message from the HHS Principal



It appears that a much-anticipated spring is well on its way. We are fortunate to live in a community that really showcases the beauty of nature, especially during spring. Through all of the uncertainty of a pandemic, along with all of the safety and health requirements and protocols that have taken a major role in our school year, I believe our school year has been very productive so far and we hope to continue this momentum after a much-needed spring break the first full week of April. With Governor Inslee's lifting of the indoor mask requirement, we look forward to seeing a few faces that we haven't seen in a while. Although no longer required, students and staff may still choose to wear a mask and we will continue to follow the recommendations provided by the Department of Health. I truly appreciate all of the hard work by our staff and students as we focus on teaching and learning, even in very unusual circumstances.

For our spring conferences this year, we are going with our usual district-wide format, which means we will have half-days of school to accommodate conferences during the afternoon and evening the week of March 21-25. These conferences are student-led. During conferences, you will be able to meet with your student's advisor to review their academic progress thus far and discuss your student's scheduling options for next year and their high school and beyond plans. We greatly appreciate your attendance at conferences. It reinforces your support of your child's education. Your input helps us provide the best academic opportunities for our students. Research shows that student achievement and success increase exponentially when parents frequently take time to talk with their students about what they are learning, encourage them to make time to study daily, and share with them the importance of a quality education. Conferences are also a great time to connect with teachers if you have questions or feedback to help them provide the best learning environment for your children. However, if you feel there is a need to talk with teachers before conferences, please reach out to them. Early communication is a key to deal with issues before they become more serious and help us be more proactive.

Following our spring conference week, Highland High School will provide an optional intersession week on March 28th-April 1st. This is the third intersession week held this year. Students that register can choose from a variety of enrichment, elective, and credit recovery opportunities taught by members of our staff. These classes will run from 9 AM to 12:45 PM each day and transportation will be available. However, breakfast and lunch are not served on these days. Spring Break is April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Spring also means that state testing is on the horizon. While there are several different graduation pathways to help more students meet graduation requirements, required state testing is still a main component to help students demonstrate their learning and proficiency. All Highland High School 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that have yet to demonstrate proficiency will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) beginning on June 1st through June 7th. The test includes an ELA test (English/Language Arts) and a math test. A passing score on all of these state tests meets the requirements of the new graduation pathways. The Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) will be taken by all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 25<sup>th</sup>. As with any high-stakes testing, this can be a time of extra anxiety and stress for students. It is important that they eat properly and get plenty of rest to be able to maximize their testing performance. Students that miss any of the testing dates will be required to make it up. If possible, please make sure your students are in school during our testing dates.

We continually look for ways to provide the best education possible for our students and to communicate effectively with all stakeholders. Your feedback on how we can improve is always welcome. I invite you to stop in or call 678-8800 to share your thoughts. I appreciate the opportunity to work with your students and the wonderful teachers at Highland High School. Be proud to be a Scottie!



~Brandon Jensen, Principal  
Highland Senior High School



## HHS Spanish Class

Ms. Carlson's HHS Spanish class students learned about the history and symbolism of piñatas and got to make them for themselves or to gift to someone for Christmas.



# Message from the Athletic Director



Greetings Scottie Sports Fans,

Spring is on its way sports are in full force at this point at Highland Junior/Senior High. Our teams and coaches are working hard with aspirations for a competitive and exciting spring sports season. Participation numbers for spring sports are the best we've seen since the beginning of COVID two years ago, as nearly 120 student-athletes are participating in baseball, golf, boys soccer, tennis and track & field. We hope you come out to support our student-athletes. Here is a sport by sport outlook.

The baseball team has 22 players out and Coach Mike Morehouse is excited about the mix of skill and experience. As with all baseball teams, keys to success will be timely hitting and solid pitching. The golf team is small, but promising and Coach Richardson is hoping to develop interest at the younger levels by allowing 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate. The boys soccer team is seeking another league title with hopes of a deep post season run resulting in a trophy. The combined 2B/1A SCAC soccer league is by far the toughest in the state and will surely prepare the boys for tough competition at the state level. Coach Wagner has an entirely new coaching staff and is pleased with the effort and culture so far. Tennis has a new coach in Scottie alumni, Chris Krueger. Coach Krueger is excited about the turnout on the girl's side, with nearly 20 Lady Scotties. Isaac Jensen is the lone male Scottie tennis player who improved phenomenally throughout last season. The tennis team is working hard, and Coach Krueger has high expectations for this year. The track & field team consists of 25 runners/throwers. Second year coach, Sean Sleater is thrilled with the teams work ethic and willingness to attempt new events. With a good balance of returning experience and newcomers, there are hopes for continued competitive success at the district level as the girls team looks to repeat as district champs. We will be hosting two track meets this season and need as much volunteer help as possible to run the meets successfully (please email Coach Sleater at [ssleater@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:ssleater@highland.wednet.edu) if interested).

Junior High sports have just begun, and we are excited about the turnouts for baseball, girl's soccer and track & field. We have a great group of experienced coaches who are thrilled to get to work with our junior high athletes.

We will be hosting quite a few events this spring and hope the Cowiche weather cooperates. I hope you take advantage of several opportunities to come support our student-athletes in their competitive endeavors.

All schedules can be found at [www.goscottiesathletics.com](http://www.goscottiesathletics.com).

~Josh Borland, Athletic Director/Dean of Students



## Scottie Athletes In Action!







# Scenes from around the district



MWC  
Olympics  
rings.



Snowman fun at 21st Century



A 'new' student came on the bus.  
He correctly used the door too!



When there is a need, Mr. Strother is there to help.

FFA/Ag  
students  
repotting to  
get ready  
for the spring  
plant sale.



# Reminder from the School Nurses

**Documentation of the Tdap vaccine or an exemption must be turned before your child can start 7<sup>th</sup> grade.**

If we do not receive documentation prior to the start of school, by law, we must send you a Notice of Exclusion for Immunization Noncompliance. This will explain that your child cannot attend school until you provide the required immunization documentation, RCW 28A.210.120. Valid documentation includes medical records showing vaccination or a completed Certificate of Exemption (COE) form. Contact District RN Scott Podruzny at MWC or District LPN Tricia Roy at TIS if you have any questions.

**La documentación de la vacuna Tdap o una exención debe presentarse antes de que su hijo pueda comenzar el séptimo grado.**

Si no recibimos la documentación antes de la fecha de vencimiento indicada anteriormente, por ley debemos enviarle un aviso de exclusión por no cumplir con los requisitos de inmunización. Este aviso explicará que su hijo/a no puede asistir a la escuela / preescolar / cuidado de niños hasta que usted proporcione la documentación de vacunación requerida, de acuerdo al RCW (código revisado de Washington) 28A.210.120. Una documentación válida incluye registros médicos que muestran que su hijo/a ha sido vacunado/a, evidencia de inmunidad a la enfermedad en cuestión o un Certificado de Exención (COE, por sus siglas en inglés) completo. Sí tenga preguntas, habla con el enfermero Scott Podruzny al MWC o la enfermera Tricia Roy al TIS.



# HHS Knowledge Bowl News



Regional 2B Division  
1st Place Plaque

Back row: Advisor Chloe Way, Alastor Smith,  
Bryan Tereza, Joseph Callaghan  
Front row: Naomi Jensen, Isaac Jensen,  
Exary Valles (our bold Captain)



## To State!

The Highland Scottie Knowledge Bowl team had a fantastic first season back after COVID-19. The Scottie crew, led by advisor Chloe Way, consists of seniors Exary Valles (Captain) and Naomi Jensen, sophomores Joseph Callaghan, Brayan Tereza, Isaac Jensen, and freshman Alastor Smith. The Scotties dominated the regular season meets by consistently placing in the top ten. We took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the regional competition for the 2B bracket at Ellensburg High School, which qualified us for the state competition. At state, we faced some incredibly tough teams but still managed to place 8<sup>th</sup>. Go Scots!



## Annual FFA Plant Sale

May 7, 2022 9:00-12:00 p.m.

### Available Plants

Bacopa Calibrachoa Geranium Lavender  
Marguerite Daisy Portulaca Wave Petunia  
Sunpatiens Peppers 4" Tomato 4" Zucchini  
Pickling & Slicing Cucumbers & more





# District Reminders



Each year Highland schools review and revise ways to continue family and community improvement and involvement. Our schools want authentic parent involvement in their buildings.

We recognize and honor how busy each family is, so we developed a list of possible ways parents and families can be involved:

- Help with homework
- Read to younger students
- Attend family literacy or math nights
- Share with the principals that you'd be willing to participate on a planning or interview committee or the parent advisory group
- Ask teachers, principals and other staff questions to make sure you understand what your student is learning and how to help

We want to work together to help all students succeed at school and life. Please review Policy 4130 Title I Parental Involvement and if you have comments, suggestions or questions contact your student's principal or you can call the **Student Services Office at 678-8770.**

**You can find the policy online under Title 1 Parental Involvement 4130 Policy on the district's website.**

As an Additional Family resource, the district has a Migrant Recruiter/Records Clerk at Highland School District, Elizabeth Thompson. Our goal here at Highland is to ensure that all migrant students achieve challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma or GED, which will prepare them for a future of productive learning and employment.

This federal migrant program supports:

- Families who have moved for the purpose of working in the agriculture
- Provide the academic and other support for those students meeting our migrant eligibility.

For any questions regarding this program, you may contact

**Elizabeth Thompson at (509) 678-8771 or Kirsten Lenz at (509) 678-8770.**

## COMPLAINTS CONCERNING STAFF OR PROGRAMS

The District has developed procedures under separate policies to be followed in processing concerns specifically related to the following: (1) rights of individuals with disabilities, (2) concerns regarding learning materials, (3) cases of alleged sex discrimination and (4) sexual harassment complaints. Persons having concerns in one of these four areas are encouraged to seek assistance from the Superintendent's office in identifying appropriate procedures.

We recognize most complaints can be resolved directly by informal discussions between the person having a concern and the individual staff member involved. However, if this does not adequately address the issue, the next step would be to contact the administrator/principal of the building for assistance in addressing the issue. If still unresolved, contact may be made with the superintendent and then the school board. **These steps are more fully discussed in School Board Procedure 4220P which can be accessed at: <http://www.highland.wednet.edu/District Information/School Board and District Policies>**

If the complaint is not resolved after following the steps in **School Board Procedure 4220P**, the individual may contact the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and follow their complaint procedures. The link to the OSPI complaint procedure is here:

Citizen Complaints-Federal Programs: <http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/CitizenComplaint.aspx>

Complaints that Allege Discrimination: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Equity/Complaints.aspx>

*~Courtney Sund  
Director of Social Emotional Learning & Inclusionary Practices*

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### Our mission:

Creating a safe community in Highland by making it a healthy, drug and alcohol-free community for youth through education, prevention and community support.



### Nuestra misión:

Crear una comunidad segura en Highland al convertirla en una comunidad saludable, libre de drogas y alcohol para los jóvenes a través de la educación, la prevención y el apoyo comunitario.



### Highland Community Coalition updates:

#### **National Take Back Day (April):**

We are hosting our next *National Prescription Take Back Day on April 30 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Tieton City Hall*. This will be a drive through event. Come and drop off your unused and unwanted medication. The first 25 people to show up will get a goodie bag.

#### **Starts with One Campaign:**

We will start our *Starts with One* Campaign. Lock up your medications and safely dispose of unused medications. Learn more by visiting: <https://getthefactsrx.com/storage-disposal>

#### **Second Step:**

We are serving about 175 students in social emotional learning through our partnership with the Junior High School.

#### **Sport Wellness Program:**

We have a new curriculum that focuses in educating our High School students about the risks and harms of Opioids.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs, you are more than welcome to attend our Coalition meetings. Our next Coalition Meeting is scheduled for **April 11 from 4:30pm-6:00pm**. We are meeting in-person and via Zoom. Join using the following link. <https://bit.ly/HighlandCoalition2022>

**If you cannot attend, but you would like to stay in touch or help us, please like/follow us in our social media pages and help us spread the word. We are better together (ESD105)!**

### Actualizaciones de la Coalición de Highland:

**Día internacional de recolección de medicamentos (abril):** La coalición de Highland será parte del **día internacional de recolección de medicamentos**. Este evento será el **30 de abril de las 10:00 am- 2:00pm en el City Hall de Tieton**. Este evento será en forma de una caravana. No se tendrá que bajar de su carro solo para y deja su medicamento que ya caduco oh ya no necesita. Las primeras 25 personas en llegar recibirán una bolsa de premio.

**Campaña Comienza con Uno:** Empezaremos con nuestra campaña *Comienza con Uno*. Esta campaña le enseña la importancia de aguardar sus medicamentos y la importancia de desecharla de forma segura cuando ya no la necesita. Para obtener más información, visite:

<https://es.getthefactsrx.com/en/almacenamiento-y-eliminacion>

**Segundo Paso:** 175 estudiantes están recibiendo educación de emocional social gracias a la colaboración que la coalición tiene con la escuela secundaria (Junior High)

**Programa de salud:** Tenemos un nuevo plan de estudios que se centra en educar a nuestros estudiantes de secundaria sobre los riesgos y daños de los opioides.

Si está interesado en aprender más sobre estos programas, esta cordialmente invitado a nuestras juntas de coalición. **Nuestra próxima Junta será el 11 de abril de 5:30-6:00pm. Nos reuniremos en persona y por <https://bit.ly/HighlandCoalition2022>**

**Si no puede asistir a las juntas, pero le gustaría participar en los eventos o le gustaría ayudar, por favor dele me gusta en nuestras redes sociales. Ayudemos a compartir la información para educarnos todos juntos. ¡Somos mejor Juntos! (ESD105)**



# Top Scot



Highland High School partnered with Children's Miracle Network for a first ever Top Scot Pageant. The pageant was open to any junior and senior student. We had seven students compete and five coordinators to see to the day to day running of the activities associated. Due to covid some of the activities were canceled, but students were able to tour Children's Village and volunteer at a toy giveaway for village families. The pageant was a culmination of lots of practices and included a talent, skits, dance routine, question & answer, and a favorite- Who is your hero?

Marcial Romero was a double winner- he was voted by his peers as the Congeniality winner and our CMN Top Scot. Marcial earned a \$1,000 scholarship that he plans to use at UW this fall when he begins his post-secondary education studying civil engineer. Highland students surpassed their fundraising goal and donated \$5,767.69 to Memorial Foundation. All funds will stay local in valley to support services through Memorial Hospital primarily at Children's Village and the Neo-natal Unit.

~Stephani Kinney  
Career & Technical Business Educator  
Activities Director/DECA/Yearbook Advisor



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Top Scot Marcial Romero and his proud family.

Top Scot contenders and organizers: L to R  
Jazmine Sargent  
Geraldine Tavira  
Priscilla Bramvila  
Janet Zepeda  
Jayline Valencia  
Paola Anguiano  
Leslie Flores  
Marcial Romero  
Carlos Santos  
Stephani Kinney  
Tiffany Barragan  
Frida Moeller  
April Toledo  
Jennifer Meneses



# 21st Century Program News & Information

## MWC

The MWC Lil' Scotties after school program has been busy in the new year. Students have been doing activities with bears, bubbles, snow creations, and most recently the Winter Olympics. Students tried sledding, miniature versions of curling, and bobsledding to try to get a better idea about the winter games. They also researched and completed a poster on a winter sport.

Program runs Monday through Friday with no bus service on Fridays. Time for the after-school program is 2:30-6:00 PM and the breakfast club before school is from 7:00 AM-7:45AM and 7:00 AM- 8:45 AM on Thursdays.

MWC-Site Director-Luann Anderson

[landerson@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:landerson@highland.wednet.edu)



## TIS

Hi, Tartan Club (21st Century) program at T.I.S. would like to remind students and parents that the morning program starts at (7:15am to 8:15am) and the after-school program begins at (2:45pm to 6:00pm). As a friendly reminder our Tartan Club program offers homework help, STEM activities like Lego challenges, geometric artwork, literacy activities and much more. An afternoon snack is provided plus bussing Monday thru Thursday with a departing time at 5pm. There is no bus on Fridays.

Tartan Club would like to thank everyone for their involvement and ongoing support.

Sincerely, Mr. Kranz TIS Site Coordinator  
[mkrantz@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:mkrantz@highland.wednet.edu)



## HJH ~ HHS

It has been an amazing first half of the school year for our 21<sup>st</sup> century program at the junior and high school. So good to be back in person! Both Highland Junior High and High School have enjoyed activities that were focused on STEM and Literacy. We also spend the first half of program working on homework in which students receive tutoring help or have access to computers and printer to accommodate their needs. We have two clubs currently offered which are Lego masters club and our podcasting club which the students really enjoy. We are now preparing for spring which comes with warmer weather and the implementation of new clubs which will include an outdoor club and a robotics club.

I would like to thank the students and parents for your continued support. I would also like to mention that if any students are interested in joining I'd be more than happy to have them in our program. I wish that all families stay safe, thank you.

Fredy Marin-Site Director- [fmarin@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:fmarin@highland.wednet.edu)



# Highland School District Report Card



Due to U.S. Department of Education (ED) assessment waivers for Spring 2020, assessment data are not available for that school year. Also, given the flexibility offered by ED, the Spring 2021 assessments were administered in Fall 2021.

Grade Level	Percent Met Standard			Percent Taking Alternative Assessments		
	English Language Arts	Math	Science			
4th Grade	31.60%	10.00%		1.30%	1.30%	
5th Grade	41.90%	24.30%		1.40%	1.40%	
6th Grade	31.00%	14.30%	31.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
7th Grade	48.40%	28.40%		0.00%	0.00%	
8th Grade	42.40%	30.40%		1.10%	1.10%	
9th Grade	36.10%	15.50%	19.00%	1.30%	1.20%	
11th Grade	43.20%	12.30%		4.50%	5.20%	1.30%
12th Grade			47.00%			1.40%

## Enrollment

2021-2022 school year

1,045



27.4 %

English Learners

86.9%

Low Income

## How engaged are our students?



68.3%

Have Regular Attendance

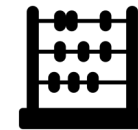
2020-21 school year



34%

Have High English Language Arts Growth

2018-19 school year



34.5%

Have High Math Growth

2018-19 school year

## About Our Teachers and Classrooms



73

Number of Teachers

63.0%

Have Master's Degree or Higher

13.6

Average Years Experience

16 Average Class Size

Some data is suppressed to protect student privacy and will be represented by N<10, blank fields indicate no data was submitted to OSPI for this district or school. to see more, visit <https://washingtonstareportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

## Finances

2019-20 school year

Instructional costs

\$13,277

Non-Instructional costs

\$3,586

## March 14-18 Education Support Professionals Week

Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed March 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> as Education Support Professionals Week (formerly Classified Week).

This tradition was started in 1975 to recognize the contribution of classified school employees. Our secretaries, para-educators, bus drivers, food services staff, custodians, maintenance and grounds crew all contribute to making school a good place for all our students. Their daily efforts enhance the safe and healthy learning atmosphere for students and staff! Their pride shows in a job well done and we are PROUD of them.

When you see them, please take a moment to let them know how much you appreciate their dedication and hard work in support of preparing our students for future success and providing

“A Quality Education For All Students”.

## May 1-7 Teacher Appreciation Week

Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day, and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. They play a pivotal role in our children’s lives, inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success.

National Teacher Appreciation day began in 1953 when Eleanor Roosevelt convinced members of Congress to set aside an official date to honor and recognize educators. In 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association designated the first week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week.

Highland has amazing teachers who work very hard to guide our students to academic, athletic, and personal success. We hope you’ll find the opportunity to thank a teacher during appreciation week...or any day!

### Non-Discrimination Statement

The Highland School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator and Compliance Coordinator (RCW 28A.640/28A.642) officer: Brandon Jensen, Highland Sr High School Principal, 17000 Summitview, Cowiche WA 98923, (509) 678-8800, [bjensen@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:bjensen@highland.wednet.edu). Section 504/ADA coordinator: Courtney Sund, Director of Social Emotional Learning & Inclusionary Practices, 17000 Summitview Rd, Cowiche, WA 98923, (509) 678-8985900, [csund@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:csund@highland.wednet.edu). Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB) Coordinator: Don Strother, Highland Jr High Principal, 17000 Summitview Rd, Cowiche, WA 98923, (509) 678-8800, [dstrother@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:dstrother@highland.wednet.edu). The Highland School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. For information regarding translation services or transitional bilingual education programs, contact Ana Garcia, Student Services Secretary.

El Distrito Escolar de Highland no discrimina en sus programas o actividades por motivos de sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, condición de veterano de guerra o grado militar, orientación sexual, expresión de género o identidad, discapacidad o uso de perro guía entrenado o animal de servicio, y ofrece igualdad de acceso a los Boy Scouts y a otros grupos de jóvenes especificados. El empleado mencionado a continuación ha sido designado para atender consultas y quejas de supuesta discriminación: Coordinador del Título IX y Coordinador de Cumplimiento de derechos civiles oficial (RCW 28A.640/28A.642): Brandon Jensen, Director de Highland Sr High School, 17000 Summitview, Cowiche WA 98923, (509) 678-88-00, [bjensen@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:bjensen@highland.wednet.edu). Coordinador de la sección 504/ADA: Courtney Sund, Directora de Aprendizaje Emocional Social & Practicas Inclusivas, 17000 Summitview Rd, Cowiche, WA 98923, (509) 678-88-59, [csund@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:csund@highland.wednet.edu). Coordinador de Acoso y Intimidación: Don Strother, Director de Highland Jr High, 17000 Summitview Rd, Cowiche, WA 98923, (509) 678-88-00, [dstrother@highland.wednet.edu](mailto:dstrother@highland.wednet.edu). El Distrito Escolar de Highland también tomará medidas para asegurar que las personas de origen nacional que carecen de conocimientos del idioma inglés pueden participar en todos los programas educativos, servicios y actividades. Para obtener información acerca de los servicios de traducción o programas de educación bilingüe de transición, comuníquese con Ana García, Secretaria de Servicios Estudiantil.

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