

Spring 2023

Primavera 2023

HIGHLAND



HOME OF THE SCOTTIES

Greetings from the Highland School District! On behalf of the Highland School District, a big THANK YOU to our patrons for approving a new 4 year Replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy that was on the ballot earlier in February. The current levy is expiring, and the replacement levy supports funding for educational and co/extracurricular programs that the state does not fund, as well as day-to-day operations of the district that are not funded by the state. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support. At a time when levies and bonds have failed across the state, we are so appreciative of the fact that our capital project levy proposal last year as well as this current levy were both approved by a 60% rate by our community.

The Board of Directors have determined a focus for the first year of capital levy funds. The project will include the remodel of the old art room to become a multi-purpose room/cafeteria for 6-8 grade. The project will also include a new JH roof and upgrading the JH HVAC system. The drawings for the projects are being done by Monson Architects. The plan is to go out for bids in late March or early April. Once we receive the bids, the district will choose the contractor(s) and the projects will start.

As a reminder/follow up, goal setting sessions held this past November led to 3 prioritized goals; 1) Consistent and coordinated communication district wide, with the use of like platforms to better connect with families and patrons, 2) Investigate our offerings of vertically aligned STEAM courses and enrichment opportunities preK-12th grade, and 3) Support positive transition to revised buildings in order to create positive environments for both TIS and HJH. These three items are the focus of the remainder of the school year to implement improvements in these areas for next school year. We plan to have more information to share soon.

Our goal is to provide updated information and to communicate with the Highland community the educational process of our district. We appreciate any suggestions that will help us continue to provide a safe and positive learning environment for our students. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

~ Mark Anderson, Superintendent



¡Saludos del Distrito Escolar de Highland! En nombre del Distrito Escolar de Highland, muchas GRACIAS a nuestro comunidad por aprobar un nuevo impuesto de reemplazo de programas y operaciones educativas (EP&O) de 4 años que estuvo en la boleta electoral a principios de febrero. El impuesto actual está por vencer y el impuesto de reemplazo apoya la financiación de programas educativos y extracurriculares que el estado no financia, así como las operaciones diarias del distrito que no son financiadas por el estado. Estamos increíblemente agradecidos por el continuo apoyo. En un momento en que los impuestos y los bonos han fallado en todo el estado, estamos muy agradecidos por el hecho de que nuestra propuesta de impuestos para proyectos de capital el año pasado, así como este impuesto actual, fueron aprobados por una tasa del 60 % por nuestra comunidad.

La Junta Directiva ha determinado un enfoque para el primer año de fondos de exacción de capital. El proyecto incluirá la remodelación del antiguo salón de arte para convertirlo en un salón de usos múltiples/cafetería para los grados 6-8. El proyecto también incluirá un nuevo techo en JH y la actualización del sistema JH HVAC. Los dibujos de los proyectos están a cargo de Monson Architects. El plan es salir a licitar a fines de marzo o principios de abril. Una vez que recibamos las ofertas, el distrito elegirá a los contratistas y comenzarán los proyectos.

Como recordatorio/seguimiento, las sesiones de establecimiento de objetivos que se llevaron a cabo en noviembre pasado llevaron a 3 objetivos prioritizados; 1) Comunicación consistente y coordinada en todo el distrito, con el uso de plataformas similares para conectarse mejor con las familias y los usuarios, 2) Investigar nuestras ofertas de cursos STEAM alineados verticalmente y oportunidades de enriquecimiento desde prekínder hasta el grado 12, y 3) Apoyar la transición positiva a edificios revisados con el fin de crear entornos positivos tanto para TIS como para HJH. Estos tres elementos son el enfoque del resto del año escolar para implementar mejoras en estas áreas para el próximo año escolar. Planeamos tener más información para compartir pronto.

Nuestro objetivo es brindar información actualizada y comunicar a la comunidad de Highland el proceso educativo de nuestro distrito. Agradecemos cualquier sugerencia que nos ayude a continuar brindando un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y positivo para nuestros estudiantes. Si puedo ser de ayuda, no dude en ponerse en contacto con mi oficina.

~Mark Anderson, Superintendente



Pre-School Information

2023-24 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 2024. 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, 2023 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.

2023-24 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 2024. 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 2023 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.



Rosetta Stone~Clases de inglés para adultos

Adult English Classes

Donde/ Biblioteca de HHS / Where: HJH/HHS Library

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



Marcus Whitman Spring Newsletter

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 2023-2024 school year has officially opened! In order for your child to be eligible for the 2023-2024 school year, they must turn 5 on or before August 31st. Registration is available online through Final Forms. To get set up please go to our website and click on the Final Forms link. 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 11th at 6:00 PM at Marcus Whitman** in the cafeteria. 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 and Transitional Kindergarten registration is also open for the 2023-2024 school year, your child must turn 4 on or before August 31st. 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 on May 16th - 18th. The ELA (English Language Arts – Reading, Writing, Listening) portion of the test will be on May 31st and again on June 5th and 6th. 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 2022-2023 school year.



~Andrea Wickenhagen, Principal/Directora Marcus Whitman Cowiche Elementary

Boletín de Primavera de Marcus Whitman

Hemos tenido un año fabuloso hasta ahora, ya que ha estado lleno de eventos interesantes y toneladas de aprendizaje para nuestros estudiantes. Todavía hay mucho que esperar en los próximos meses. Este es el pendiente del boletín de Scottie Noticias que llegan a casa todos los meses para conocer todo sobre los diferentes eventos que tenemos en el edificio.

¡La inscripción para el Kinder para el año escolar 2023-2024 se abrió oficialmente! Para que su hijo sea elegible para el año escolar 2023-2024, debe cumplir 5 años el 31 de agosto o antes. Inscripciones disponibles en línea es a través de Final Forms. Para comenzar la inscripción, puede ir a nuestro sitio web y hacer clic en el enlace Final Forms para configurar su cuenta. Si necesita ayuda, llame a la oficina y ellos pueden ayudarlo a configurar su cuenta. Una vez que su hijo esté registrado, tenemos un paquete de Kinder Ready con actividades que puede hacer con su hijo.

La orientación de Kinder será el 11 de mayo a las 6:00 p.m. en la cafetería de Marcus Whitman. En la orientación, conocerá a los maestros de Kinder y haremos un recorrido por el edificio y participaremos en algunas actividades de aprendizaje durante la noche.

La inscripción para preescolar y kinder de transición también está abierta para el año escolar 2023-2024, su hijo debe cumplir 4 años para el 31 de agosto o antes. Llame a la oficina de Marcus Whitman para inscribir a su hijo para preescolar para el próximo año escolar al (509) 678-8900.

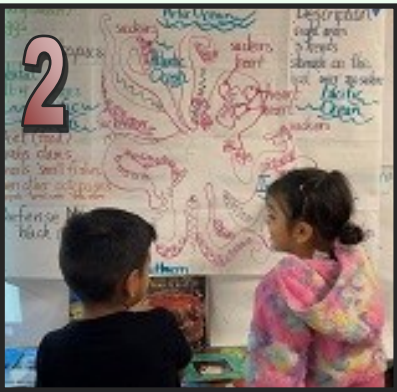
Nuestros estudiantes de 3er grado participarán en la evaluación Smarter Balanced (SBAC) este año para demostrar su conocimiento en los Estándares Estatales Básicos Comunes (CCSS). Los estudiantes tomarán la parte de Matemáticas del examen que se dará del 16 al 18 de mayo. La parte de la prueba ELA (Artes del lenguaje inglés: lectura, escritura, comprensión auditiva) se dará el 31 de mayo y nuevamente el 5 y 6 de junio. Es fundamental que todos los estudiantes asistan esos días y estén preparados para tener éxito en las evaluaciones. Las cosas que puede hacer en casa para asegurarse de que estén listos incluyen;

- 1) asegúrese de que duerman lo suficiente,
- 2) asegurarse de que coman bien los días previos a estas fechas, especialmente la noche anterior y la mañana de,
- 3) asegúrese de que beban mucha agua,
- 4) asegurarse de que vean cantidades limitadas de televisión, y
- 5) asegúrese de que hagan mucho ejercicio.

Estos artículos son técnicas comprobadas para mejorar la función cerebral y las habilidades de pensamiento de alto nivel.

Gracias por tomarse el tiempo para apoyar y mantenerse involucrado en la educación de su estudiante. Esperamos con interés el resto del año escolar 2022-2023

Winter Intersession ~ MWC & TIS-Learning Fun!



1 & 2: Kindergartners learned about Sea Animals



3: Mrs. Hoffee's and Mrs. Biddick's classes made 'Ocean in a Bottle'.



4: Mrs. Borland's class studied and grew plants



5: Mrs. Larson's class made Ocean diorama's & habitats.



6-8: Mr. Farias' class experimented with different electrical circuits.



Don't miss Spring Intersession in May!!



Reminder from the School Nurse

Documentation of the Tdap vaccine or an exemption must be turned before your child can start 7th 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 Evette Wilson at MWC 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. Si tenga preguntas, habla con el enfermera Evette Wilson al MWC.

Message from the TIS Principal



Tieton Intermediate School Friends and Families, can you believe it is March already? Thank you all for your dedication and efforts.

Staff are working hard to meet the daily academic needs of our children. I want to encourage our parents to please continue to communicate with our office about your child being absent from school. Please do all you can to ensure that your child is at school. Every student, every day!

We just wrapped our second intercession February 13th through 17th. We averaged roughly 70 students each day. Thank you to all those that showed up every day and to our staff for providing cool hands-on experiences. Spring intercession is May 22nd through the 26th. Please stay tuned for more information.

March 27th through the 31st is Student Conference week. Parents, please connect with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

Spring Break is April 3rd through the 7th.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or stop by.

Respectfully,

Manuel Rangel, TIS Principal 509-678-8700



Amigos y familias de la Escuela Intermedia Tieton, ¿pueden creer que ya es marzo? Gracias a todos por su dedicación y esfuerzo.

Los maestros están trabajando arduamente para satisfacer las necesidades académicas diarias de nuestros niños. Quiero alentar a nuestros padres a que continúen comunicándose con nuestra oficina sobre la ausencia de su hijo a la escuela. Por favor, haga todo lo posible para asegurarse de que su hijo esté en la escuela. ¡Cada alumno, todos los días!

Acabamos de terminar nuestra segunda intercesión del 13 al 17 de febrero. Tuvimos un promedio de aproximadamente 70 estudiantes cada día. Gracias a todos los que se presentaron todos los días y a nuestro maestros por brindar experiencias prácticas geniales. La intercesión de primavera es del 22 al 26 de mayo. Estén atentos para más información.

Del 27 al 31 de marzo es la Conferencia Estudiantil. Padres, comuníquense con el maestro de su hijo. Esperamos verte.

Las vacaciones de primavera son del 3 al 7 de abril. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en llamar o pasar por aquí.

Respetuosamente,

Manuel Rangel
Director TIS
509-678-8700

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.

	HJH	Students	of the Month
<u>Math</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
	7th 8th	Aly Martin Javier Alvarado	Darwin Sandoval Jacuelin Maldonado
<u>Language Arts</u>	7th 8th	Roberto Ronquillo Fabiola Villegas	Athzirya Yañez David Barrales
	<u>Science</u>	7th 8th	Leanny Mendoza Baylee Davis
<u>Social Studies</u>	7th 8th	Aliyha Bahena Cesar Hernandez	Oscar Muñoz Kaylyn Cummings
	<u>Health/Fitness</u>	7th 8th	Isabella Gallardo Anahi Lamas
<u>Arts/Elective</u>	7th 8th	Christian Serna Julissa Gonzalez	Alondra Garcia Mauricio Vaca
		Malea Douglas	Albert Huerta Ryan Ellingson



Message from the HJH Principal

Hello from Highland Junior High!

Your Junior High Scotties have had a good start to the year. Overall, students are working hard academically, and we are seeing improvement with our Math and ELA scores. We look forward to performing at a high level on the Washington State Smarter Balanced Assessment this spring, which will take place from May 15 – June 10. It is important for students to be in school regularly, particularly to complete the state assessment on testing days.

The Junior High staff have worked hard to help students meet expectations this year as well. Our school core values are to Show Respect, Solve Your Problems, and Make Good Decisions. In addition to behavior expectations, this spring our staff is focused on helping students meet academic expectations of no missing assignments and a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Reminders:

- ⇒ Cellphones are not allowed during class learning time.
- ⇒ Cellphones are a privilege for students at school
 - If phones are used inappropriately or continue to be a problem, HJH may change its procedures and not allow students to have their phones out at all during the school day.
- ⇒ Attendance is important!
 - Students missing 2 or more absences a month may become off-track to graduate!
- ⇒ Spring is here – and our dress code expectations are the same!
 - No skin showing between mid-thigh (fingertips) and chest
 - No Hoods
 - Appropriate footwear at all times

Celebrations: Students are increasing scores on the STAR assessment each time we complete this assessment. The number of student with passing levels has gone up each time. Below shows the number of Level 3 & 4 student scores each assessment

~Don Strother, Principal
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~Don Strother, Director
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¡Hola desde Highland Junior High! Sus jóvenes escoceses han tenido un buen comienzo de año. En general, los estudiantes están trabajando duro académicamente, y estamos viendo una mejora con nuestros puntajes de Matemáticas y ELA. Esperamos tener un alto nivel en la Evaluación Smarter Balance del Estado de Washington esta primavera, que se llevará a cabo del 15 de mayo al 10 de junio. Es importante que los estudiantes asistan a la escuela regularmente, particularmente para completar la evaluación estatal en los días de prueba.

El personal de Junior High ha trabajado duro para ayudar a los estudiantes a cumplir con las expectativas este año también. Nuestros valores fundamentales de la escuela son mostrar respeto, resolver sus problemas y tomar buenas decisiones. Además de las expectativas de comportamiento, esta primavera nuestro personal se centra en ayudar a los estudiantes a cumplir con las expectativas académicas de no faltar tareas y un GPA de 3.0 o más.

Recordatorios:

- ⇒ Los teléfonos celulares no están permitidos durante el tiempo de aprendizaje de la clase.
- ⇒ Los teléfonos celulares son un privilegio para los estudiantes en la escuela
 - Si los teléfonos se usan inapropiadamente o continúan siendo un problema, HJH puede cambiar sus procedimientos y no permitir que los estudiantes tengan sus teléfonos durante el día escolar.
- ⇒ ¡La asistencia es importante!
 - ¡Los estudiantes que tienen 2 o más ausencias al mes podrán poner en riesgo su proceso de poder graduarse a tiempo!
- ⇒ La primavera está aquí, ¡y nuestras expectativas de código de vestimenta son las mismas!
 - No se muestra nada de piel entre la mitad del muslo (yemas de los dedos) y el pecho
 - No capuchas
 - Calzado apropiado en todo momento

Celebraciones: Los estudiantes aumentan sus puntajes en el examen STAR cada vez que completamos esta evaluación. El número de estudiantes con niveles de aprobación ha aumentado cada vez. A continuación, se muestra el número de puntuaciones de los alumnos de Nivel 3 y 4 en cada evaluación

	7th Math/ matemáticas	7th Reading/ lectura	8th Math/ matemáticas	8th Reading/ lectura
September/septiembre	8	9	24	28
October/octubre	9	14	33	33
January/enero	14	17	40	39

Message from the HHS Principal



I can't believe we are already talking about Spring, but it is just around the corner. Spring brings our second round of parent conferences, testing, and scheduling for next year. 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 afternoons and evenings the week of March 27-30. 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. If you feel there is a need to talk some more with teachers after conferences, please reach out to them. Early and ongoing communication is a key to deal with issues before they become more serious and help us be more proactive. Spring Break is April 3rd – 7th 2023.

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 10th grade students and 11th and 12th grade students that have yet to demonstrate proficiency will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in May 2023. [The tests include an ELA test \(English/Language Arts\) and a math test. A passing score on all these state tests meets the requirements of the new graduation pathways. The Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science \(WCAS\) will also be taken by all 11th grade students in May. As we finalize testing dates, we will communicate them with students and families.](#)

Also in May, Highland High School will provide an optional intersession week on May 22-26. 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 10 AM to 1:30 PM each day and transportation will be available. Breakfast and lunch will also be provided at no cost to the students.

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 High School



No puedo creer que ya estamos hablando de primavera, pero está a la vuelta de la esquina. La primavera trae nuestra segunda ronda de conferencias de padres, pruebas y programación para el próximo año. Para nuestras conferencias de primavera de este año, vamos con nuestro formato habitual en todo el distrito, lo que significa que tendremos medio día de escuela para acomodar conferencias durante la tarde y la noche de la semana del 27 al 30 de marzo. Estas conferencias están dirigidas por estudiantes. Durante las conferencias, podrá reunirse con el asesor de su estudiante para revisar su progreso académico hasta el momento y discutir las opciones de programación de su estudiante para el próximo año y su escuela secundaria y más allá de los planes. Agradecemos enormemente su asistencia a las conferencias. Refuerza su apoyo a la educación de su hijo. Su opinión nos ayuda a proporcionar las mejores oportunidades académicas para nuestros estudiantes. Las investigaciones muestran que el logro y el éxito de los estudiantes aumentan exponencialmente cuando los padres con frecuencia toman tiempo para hablar con sus estudiantes sobre lo que están aprendiendo, los alientan a dedicar tiempo a estudiar diariamente y comparten con ellos la importancia de una educación de calidad. Si usted siente que hay una necesidad de hablar más con los maestros después de las conferencias, por favor póngase en contacto con ellos. La comunicación temprana y continua es clave para tratar los problemas antes de que se vuelvan más serios y nos ayudan a ser más proactivos. Las vacaciones de primavera son el 3-7 de abril.

La primavera también significa que las pruebas estatales están en el horizonte. Si bien hay varias vías de graduación diferentes para ayudar a más estudiantes a cumplir con los requisitos de graduación, las pruebas estatales requeridas siguen siendo un componente principal para ayudar a los estudiantes a demostrar su aprendizaje y competencia. Todos los estudiantes de 10^o grado de Highland High School y los estudiantes de 11^o y 12^o grado que aún no han demostrado competencia tomarán la Evaluación Smarter Balanced (SBA) en mayo de 2023. Las pruebas incluyen una prueba ELA (Inglés / Artes del Lenguaje) y una prueba de matemáticas. Un puntaje de aprobación en todas estas pruebas estatales cumple con los requisitos de las nuevas vías de graduación. La Evaluación Integral de Ciencias de Washington (WCAS) también será tomada por todos los estudiantes de 11^o grado en mayo. A medida que finalizemos las fechas de las pruebas, lo comunicaremos con los estudiantes y las familias.

También en mayo, Highland High School proporcionará una semana de intersesión opcional del 22 al 26 de mayo. Esta es la tercera semana de intersesión que se celebra este año. Los estudiantes que se inscriben pueden elegir entre una variedad de oportunidades de enriquecimiento, electivas y recuperación de crédito enseñadas por los miembros de nuestro personal. Estas clases serán de 10 AM a 1:30 PM cada día y el transporte estará disponible. El desayuno y el almuerzo también se proporcionarán sin costo para los estudiantes.

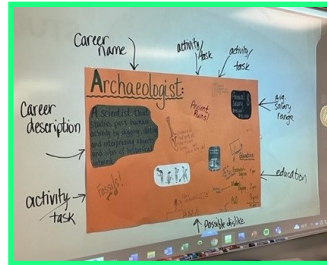
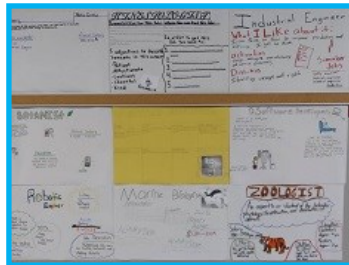
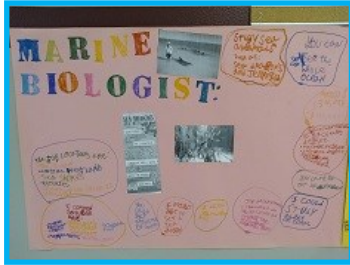
Agradezco la oportunidad de trabajar con sus estudiantes y los maravillosos maestros de Highland High School. ¡Esté orgulloso de ser un Scottie!

~Brandon Jensen, Director
Highland Senior High School

Can't get enough of Winter Intersession Fun!



Mrs. Brooks taught the students about making meals in a mug that require only a microwave .



Mrs. Matson's class made posters to show what they learned about different STEM Careers.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's students learned about careers in a variety of fields including science and athletics. After listening to a guest speaker, students spent time researching and presenting on a career of their choice explaining the job description, educational requirements, salaries, and growth rate.



HJH students visited CWU to learn about going to college.



Don't miss Spring Intersession in May!!

Seattle Repertory Theatre Experience



On March 16, Highland High School's College in the Classroom's English classes, CWU TH107 and CWU ENG105, plus the Highland High School Drama Class, all got to go to the Seattle Repertory Theatre! Thank you Highland School District for making the trip possible!



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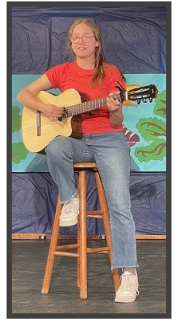


Congratulations to Vanessa Contreras, named Top Scot 2023 and presented with a \$1000 scholarship by GESA Credit Union. Lanessa Jones was named Miss Congeniality. The team raised over \$3,700 for services and programs to support our Children's Miracle Network here in Yakima.

Students had the opportunity to tour Children's Village, Memorial's NICU, and spend a Saturday playing basketball with kiddos through Children's Village.

Special thanks to judges Sharon Hill and Lizz Kramer, Brandon Jensen who volunteered as a fabulous fashion model, and the team of students who participated and planned for several months.

Advisor Stephani Kinney



Carol Govea

HHS-HJH Band Festivals



**HHS Band
at Band Festival
at Davis HS
March 9, 2023**

**HJH Band
at Band Festival
held at HHS
March 14, 2023**



DECA Sports & Entertainment Marketing Conference

In early February, four members of our Highland DECA chapter had the opportunity to attend Deca's Sports and Entertainment Marketing Conference in Orlando, Florida. The conference highlighted eight speakers who each shared their insights and experiences in the marketing world. The conference speakers are professionals in their field who experience the sports and entertainment marketing industry on a daily basis. They each shared their career paths and tips for success while getting into a marketing career. Thanks to these fantastic speakers, I learned that there are many different job opportunities and career paths in marketing that I hadn't expected. All the speakers who attended the conference had a background in marketing/business, most of whom work for Universal Orlando Resort. One of my favorite speakers was Ernest Wiggins II, owner, and founder of his two companies "Atlas Speed Training LLC" and "Chocolate Dolphin LLC". Wiggins also had the opportunity to run on the USA Track and Field team to represent the United States in many different races. Some of the most valuable advice he shared was to not get caught up in the competition. He referenced running a race and seeing how fast your competitors are going and letting that get to your head. Instead, he encouraged everyone to be patient. Not everyone's timeline will be the same and in order to achieve your goals, you need to be patient and get over the fear of failing.



Above: Ivan Rydberg, Mrs. Kinney, April Toledo, Samantha Jimenez, Rhiannon James



Another highlight from this conference was hearing from these marketing experts and then getting to experience for ourselves what that looks like while being in the theme parks. For example, each day of the conference there was a scavenger hunt to play while visiting the parks. Some questions included needing to find different marketing examples such as cross marketing, examples of products marketed towards gen z or gen y and finding any products that Universal provides special perks with. Through doing this scavenger hunt, it helped us to connect what the speakers were saying with real life examples in the theme parks. For example, when looking for a product that was aimed towards gen z guests, we saw that Universal has created many ways to appeal to all audiences but especially towards gen z with everything being online. Universal Studios has created an app where you can purchase an express pass, view the wait time for rides, purchase food, and plan out your day. This is mostly aimed at gen z guests as they are more likely to use their phones for everything while visiting the theme park. This is something that Universal's marketing team needs to keep in mind when creating these apps.

Overall, getting to attend DECA's Sports and Entertainment Marketing Conference was an experience I will never forget. I learned so much more than I could imagine and am grateful to have had the opportunity to hear from these marketing professionals about their own personal experiences. Attending this conference has been very beneficial and I will never forget the valuable information I have obtained.



~Rhiannon James



Annual FFA Plant Sale

May 6, 2023 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



Message from the Athletic Director



Greetings Scottie Sports Fans,

Before we get into spring sports, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our winter student-athletes not only on their successes on the court or the mats, but in the classroom. Statistics across the country show the positive impact athletics can have on the classroom and our winter student-athletes rose to the challenge in the classroom with an average GPA of 3.02. Junior wrestler, Yacir Perez was awarded as an Academic State Champion with a 3.97 GPA.

Spring student-athletes and coaches are in the full swing of things at Highland High School and Junior High. Unfortunately, we have not had much time outside because of the snow. However, we anticipate a competitive and exciting spring sports season. We have nearly 200 student-athletes participating in baseball, golf, boys soccer, tennis and track & field at the high school and junior high. The baseball team has a new coach in Brett Barnes and a good group of returning players to work with. Coach Richardson and the golf team are swinging away this season hoping to gain some valuable experience. Coach Wagner and the boys soccer team have high aspirations for their season coming off of a 4th place state trophy last year. The boys are favored to win the West and are optimistic about returning to compete for a state title. The tennis team also has a new coach in Highland Alumni, Anthony Solorio. Coach Solorio was an assistant last year, and is excited about the number of returning players. Coach Sleater and the track & field team are looking to build off last years' experience and success in hopes of qualifying more student-athletes for the post season. Junior High sports have just begun with baseball, girls soccer and track & field.

We will again be hosting numerous events this spring as long as the weather permits. We hope you take the opportunity to invest in our community and support our student-athletes in their competitive efforts.

All schedules can be found at www.goscottiesathletics.com.

Athletic Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be available on FinalForms beginning on June 1, 2023.

~Josh Borland,
Athletic Director/Dean of Students



Antes de entrar en los deportes de primavera, me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para felicitar a nuestros estudiantes atletas de invierno no solo por sus éxitos en la cancha o las colchonetas, sino también en el aula. Las estadísticas en todo el país muestran el impacto positivo que el atletismo puede tener en el aula y nuestros estudiantes-atletas de invierno se enfrentaron al desafío en el aula con un promedio de GPA de 3.02. El luchador del grado 11, Yacir Pérez fue galardonado como Campeón Académico del Estado con un GPA de 3.97.

Los estudiantes-atletas y entrenadores de primavera están en pleno apogeo de las cosas en Highland High School y Junior High. Por desgracia, no hemos tenido mucho tiempo fuera debido a la nieve. Sin embargo, anticipamos una temporada deportiva de primavera competitiva y emocionante. Tenemos cerca de 200 estudiantes-atletas participando en béisbol, golf, fútbol masculino, tenis y atletismo en la escuela secundaria (HHS) y junior High (HJH). El equipo de béisbol tiene un nuevo entrenador, Brett Barnes y un buen grupo de jugadores que regresan para trabajar. El entrenador Richardson y el equipo de golf se están lanzando esta temporada con la esperanza de ganar una experiencia valiosa. El entrenador Wagner y el equipo de fútbol masculino tienen grandes aspiraciones para su temporada después de un trofeo estatal de 4to lugar el año pasado. Los muchachos son favorecidos para ganar el Oeste y son optimistas acerca de volver a competir por un título estatal. El equipo de tenis también tiene un nuevo entrenador, exalumno de Highland, Anthony Solorio. El entrenador Solorio fue asistente el año pasado, y está entusiasmado con el número de jugadores que regresaron. El entrenador Sleater y el equipo de track & field buscan aprovechar la experiencia y el éxito de los últimos años con la esperanza de clasificar a más estudiantes atletas para la post temporada. Los deportes de Junior High acaban de comenzar con el béisbol, el fútbol femenino y track & field.

Volveremos a organizar numerosos eventos esta primavera siempre y cuando el clima lo permita. Esperamos que aproveche la oportunidad de invertir en nuestra comunidad y apoyar a nuestros estudiantes atletas en sus esfuerzos competitivos.

Todos los horarios están disponibles en www.scottiesathletics.com.

La inscripción deportiva para el año escolar 2023-2024 estará disponible en FinalForms a partir del 1 de junio de 2023.

~Josh Borland,
Athletic Director/Dean of Students

FINALFORMS



Yacir Pérez





HIGHLAND
Community Coalition

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.

Highland Community Coalition Updates:

National Take Back Day (April-22-2023)

We are hosting our next National Prescription Take Back Day on **April-22-2023 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm** at the **Highland Community Food Bank, 414 Maple St, Tieton**. Come and drop off your unused and unwanted medication. The first 25 people to show up will get a surprise box.

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 on educating our High School students about the risks and harms of Opioids.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs, you are welcome to attend our Coalition meetings. Our next Coalition meeting will be on April 10 from **4:00-6:00 pm**. We are meeting in person at the **Highland Jr/Sr High School library** and via Zoom. Join using the link:

<https://bit.ly/HighlandCoalition2022>

If you cannot attend, but you would like to stay in touch, please like/follow us in our social media pages and help us spread the words. We are better together.

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

Actualizaciones de la Coalición de Highland:

Día internacional de devolución de medicamentos (**Abril-22-2023**) La coalición de Highland será parte del día nacional de devolución de medicamentos. Este evento será el **22 de Abril** en el banco de comida de Highland de 10AM-2PM. La dirección es **414 Maple St, Tieton, WA 98947**. 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, está cordialmente invitado a nuestras juntas de coalición. Nuestra próxima Junta será 10 de abril de 4:00-6:00 pm. Nos reuniremos en persona en la escuela Highland Jr/Sr High biblioteca y por zoom. <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. Ayúdenos a comparti la infomation. ¡Somos mejor Juntos!



District Reminders



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](http://www.highland.wednet.edu/District%20Information/School%20Board%20and%20District%20Policies)**

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

~Courtney Sund

Director of Special Education, Social Emotional Learning & Inclusionary Practices

Highland Country Fair August 25-27, 2023 - Tieton, WA



COME ONE, COME ALL!

FUN FOR EVERYONE AT THE CITY SQUARE IN TIETON

- ◇ Street Dances Friday & Saturday Nights
- ◇ Parade Saturday Morning
- ◇ Pancake Feed Sunday Morning

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK



\$50
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OR SEE
MRS. KRAMER

21st Century Program News & Information

MWC

The after-school program at Marcus Whitman has spent time exploring a variety of artists as well as various activities. We also continue to offer help with homework as well as STEAM and literacy activities.

MWC-Site Director-Luann Anderson
landerson@highland.wednet.edu



TIS

The 21st Century program (Tartan Club) at Tieton Intermediate School continues to strive to make our students all that they can be through various activities offered after school. Just last year the students learned about gravity and Newton's Laws of Motion by demonstrating this through our egg-drop challenge. The students also were able to be NASA scientists by figuring out how to get their 2-liter bottle (shuttle) into space by finding the right air-to-fuel (water) mixture. Currently we are learning about Viva Frida, Yayoi Kusama and other artists who have a disability that have learned to adapt or overcome with the use of art. We are continuing to find new ways to challenge the future leaders of tomorrow in our 21st Century program.

Sincerely, Mr. Kranz TIS Site Coordinator
mkrantz@highland.wednet.edu

HJH ~ HHS

It has been an amazing first half of the school year and our 21st Century program. We currently have 70+ students enrolled, and although we gain/lose students due to sports, we have had a constant turnout. I've seen wonderful attributes among the kids such as older kids showing leadership and being courteous of those younger than they.

We have four clubs currently offered which are: jewelry, drones, board games/chess, and podcasting that the students really enjoy. We are now preparing for spring which comes with warmer weather and the implementation of new clubs.

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 would be more than happy to have them join our program.

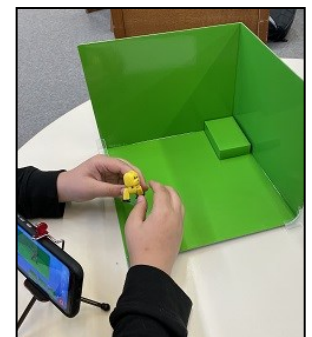
Fredy Marin-Site Director- fmarin@highland.wednet.edu



Student hand carved chess piece/set.



Student creating a video with a greenscreen.



Highland School District Report Card



Assessment

2021-2022 school year

- Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA): grades 3-8 and 10
- Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science: (WCAS): grades 5, 8, and 11
- Washington- Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM): for students in grades 3-11 with significant cognitive disabilities

General (SBA and WCAS)

All HSD Students:

ELA-43.2 %	Math 27.3 %	Science 35.7 %
Comparison to similar area districts, averaged:		
ELA-36.2%	Math 24.7%	Science 30.1%

Enrollment

2022-2023 school year

1,047

28.5 %	81.5%
English Learners	Low Income



Graduation



Class of 2022 94.8%

How engaged are our students?



71.3%

Have Regular Attendance

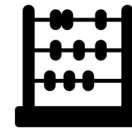
2021-22 school year



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

2020-2021 school year (most recent data available)



73

Number of Teachers

63.0%

Have Master's Degree or Higher

13.6

Average Years Experience

15 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://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

Finances

2021-22 school year

Instructional costs

\$11,889

Non-Instructional costs

\$4,800

Postal Customer

Important Dates This Spring

- ◆ April 3-7 Spring Break-Relax, refresh
- ◆ April 19 HSD Board Meeting
- ◆ May 17 HSD Board Meeting
- ◆ May 24 Kinder Orientation
- ◆ May 22-26 Spring Intersession-All about Transition!
- ◆ May SBAC Testing-Math-Watch for grade-level dates
- ◆ May 29 Memorial Day-No School
- ◆ June SBAC Testing-ELA-Watch for grade-level dates
- ◆ June 16 Early Release
- ◆ June 16 HHS Graduation
- ◆ June 19 Juneteenth-No School
- ◆ **June 23** LAST DAY of School –Early Release

March 13-17 Education Support Professionals Week

During the week of March 13-17, Highland celebrated our Education Support Professionals. This is a statewide celebration, started in 1975 by PSE to recognize the contributions of these professionals and the difference they make in the public school system.

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 8-12 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, although this year it is during the second 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, Coviche WA 98923, (509) 678-8800, bjensen@highland.wednet.edu. Section 504/ADA coordinator: Courtney Sund, Director of Special Education and Social Emotional Learning & Inclusionary Practices, 17000 Summitview Rd, Coviche, WA 98923, (509) 678-8772, csund@highland.wednet.edu. Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB) Coordinator: Don Strother, Highland Jr High Principal, 17000 Summitview Rd, Coviche, WA 98923, (509) 678-8800, 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, Coviche WA 98923, (509) 678-88-00, bjensen@highland.wednet.edu. Coordinador de la sección 504/ADA: Courtney Sund, Directora de Educación Especial y Aprendizaje Emocional Social & Practicas Inclusivas, 17000 Summitview Rd, Coviche, WA 98923, (509) 678-87-72, csund@highland.wednet.edu. Coordinador de Acoso y Intimidación: Don Strother, Director de Highland Jr High, 17000 Summitview Rd, Coviche, WA 98923, (509) 678-88-00, 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 Garcia, Secretaria de Servicios Estudiantil.