Highlands Middle School

SCOTTIE NEWSLETTER

December 2022



Principal Message

Why is it important to know the lingo and applications students may be using? With many students having access to the internet, social media and texting, some have managed to create their own lingo, slang or code to communicate. Our educators at Highlands have received information about the ever-changing lingo used in today's social media. It is important for us as educators and parents to learn about what applications are trending, what students may be communicating to each other in order to keep them safe and healthy- and not to mention it helps to take an interest in their world too! We have included resource links to videos, articles and quizzes about apps, lingo, codes and more!

https://gamequitters.com/teen-slang-meanings/ https://www.verywellfamily.com/a-teen-slang-dictionary-2610994 https://smartsocial.com/teen-slang-emojis-hashtags-list https://www.dictionary.com/games/quizzes/quiz-yourself-on-gen-z-slang-that-slaps

https://peatc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Apps-Parents-Should-Know-About-A-Resource-Document-Aug-2020.pdf

Highlands Highlights

Grade Level Competitions

Our grade levels are competing in a challenge to see which grade level can maintain the best behavior and grades for the rest of the semester. The winning grade levels will earn a reward.

Student Showcase

Students had a successful showcase conference this past November. Students got to invite their families to share their accomplishments, goals, class work and projects.



HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

425 S. Tweedt St. Kennewick, WA 99336 (509) 222-6700

AT HIGHLANDS WE OFFER:

Tutoring in all subject areas through
Varsity Tutors (FREE)
21st Century Extended Day Program
M-Th from 2:45-5pm

IMPORTANT Events

WINTER II SPORTS - Jan. 4th

CANDY CANE GRAMS / WEB Club-Dec. 14 &15

Drama Performance Dec.19th & 20th

Buddy Club (New)

Leadership Student of the Month

Orchestra / Band Preformances -Dec. 14th

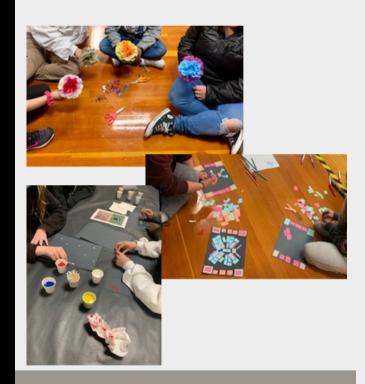
Upcoming Yogurt Beach and MOD Pizza Fundraiser in January



ART AROUND THE WORLD PROJECT

Highlands WEB Club introduced art projects from around the world in the month of November at lunch time. Students got to learn that art is fluid; it transforms when it travels from one place to another, and how everything around the world is linked to art in some form!

Mexican Paper Flowers
Australian Indigenous Art- Aboriginal Dot
Painting
Japanese Fans
Islamic Art - Moroccan mosaic



Connecting home and schools for student success.

HIGHLAND'S STUDENT OF THE MONTH

STUDENT OF THE MONTH Nominations and Awards

Highlands leadership class is continuing with SEL opportunities to recognize students. This year, the leadership class is working on Student of the Month Awards! Teachers have the opportunity to choose a student to be recognized for their effort, academics, athletics, character, and other categories. Students will receive a postcard home from the teacher and a prize for their positive efforts.





One focus that we have had at Highlands Middle School this year is to increase our school pride. One of our 8th Grade students showed a lot of initiative and designed multiple flags for our school. He presented these ideas to our ASB and then created a form to have students and staff members vote on which flag they would like to have represent Highlands Middle School.





After the votes were tallied, Ayden sent the design to a company and got the flag made for our school. While presenting the idea to our Highlands ASB, Ayden explained:

"This topic originally sprung in my head when I had to do a Genius Hour, a project where you study and make something based on whatever topic you want to do. I chose this topic because I was fascinated with flag making, and how every flag has a meaning behind it. An example of this is the official 50 stars and 13 stripes. The 50 stars represent our modern 50 states, and the 13 stripes mean the 13 original colonies."

Thank you Ayden for your efforts and creativity. The flag that you designed will fly proudly at Highlands for years to come.

We wish you and your family a fantastic Winter Break! The last day of school for 2022 is Wednesday, December 21st. We are excited to see our students back in school Wednesday, January 4th 2023 for the start of a great new year!

