

Highland Jr High School News

JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are excited for the New Year and all that 2023 will bring! We want to make you aware that Highland has been designated as a school for Comprehensive Support and Improvement by the USBE. This means we will have multiple visitors and educators in our building the next few years to help and support us in our mission to educate your students. We look forward to the process and to making Highland an even better place.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

As mentioned above, Highland is in working on school improvement measures with help from the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). With that, we are in need of a couple of parents who are willing to participate in 2 or 3 meetings over the next year with representatives from USBE with the purpose of finding ways to improve our school and student learning. Please contact the principal, Velden Wardle if you are willing to help.

He can be reached at (801)737-7702 or at wardlev@ogdensd.org

During the month of April, our students will be taking the RISE and Aspire+ tests. These are important tests that students work toward all year. Please help your student do their best and be at school each day during this important time.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Jan 13** - AT HOME LEARNING Day - students will not come to school
- **Jan 16** - MLK Day - NO SCHOOL
- **Jan 19** - End of 2nd Term - Minimum Day (school dismissed at 12:10)
- **Jan 20** - NO SCHOOL (teacher workday)
- **Jan 25** - Early Out (6th grades are visiting Highland in the afternoon)

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Attendance is SO important! Studies have shown that students who regularly attend school (absent less than 16 days during the school year) have:
- Better academic performance
- More work options and higher earnings
- Greater opportunities for Higher Education
- Higher civic involvement
- Better life skills

(From American University study, 2021)

