

FEBRUARY 2023

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There have been so many good things happening at Highland! Students have been actively engaged in so many learning opportunities and teachers have been so busy planning, organizing and teaching. It has been amazing to watch the growth in students. I have been impressed with the increase in reading levels that students have shown so far this year and am confident that similar increases will be evident as we take our end of year testing this year. We are all expecting great things from Highland this year!

PARENT/TEACHER CONF.

February 15th will be our final Parent-Teacher Conferences of the year. They will be held from 3:45 -7:00 PM in teacher classrooms.

We will also have an AVID open-house that evening along with several community groups here to share resources and after-school programs and opportunities. Come and see what they have to offer (and we will have free churros for those who do!).

We have really appreciated the support from parents as we have worked to improve things at Highland this year. Thank you!

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

- **Feb 10** School Valentine Dance, 4:00-5:00 PM
- **Feb 15** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45-7:00 PM + AVID Open House
- **Feb 17-20** - NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day Holiday
- **Mar 10** - Student of the Month Assembly
- **Mar 17** - At-Home-Learning Day
- **Mar 23** - End of Term 3
- **Mar 24** - NO SCHOOL for students

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)

