

## 2024-2025 School Year

Hello Kinder Families,

**I hope you are having a terrific summer...**

**Topic Tonight: A little about Ms. Hayden**



I grew up in Arizona, attended ASU, married a USAFA graduate and toured the US and the world. Together we raised two amazing daughters, Emily and Maddie, who I could not be more proud of. We lived in 10 different houses, on 2 continents, in 6 different states (Arizona 3 times), and the girls both went to 6 different elementary schools, 2 different Junior Highs and thankfully, 1 high school and 1 University. We now have perfected the art of packing, moving and making friends quickly. For the past nine years, we have “grown roots” back home in Arizona, enjoying being close family and forever friends. I have transitioned from yearly military moves to redecorating our classroom often.

## My daughters are my joy

Emily graduated in May 2023 with her BSN from the University of Alabama and worked at Birmingham Children's Hospital in their Oncology and Hemoglobin Department. She is moving this summer to Charleston to begin working in their Children's Hospital in their Hematology Oncology Unit.



Maddie, my spunky redhead, is now a Senior at The University of Alabama; a Marketing Major with an International Business Minor, as well as an Accounting Major. This Summer she is working in Washington DC with a BIG 4 Accounting Firm KPMG and spending her weekends visiting the once dreadful monuments as she said in her preteen era. She is a member the her sorority, Tri-Delta and serves on their Leadership Team. She loves photography, cooking and planning upcoming vacation destination trips.



## **My family unit is extremely tight.**

We get together as often as we can. My nieces and nephews are my favorite free time activity, although they live in Colorado and Boston.



## **My School Family**

This is my 9th year at Highland Lakes School. I have loved every minute of it. If this is your first experience with Highland Lakes, I hope you will feel like this is your home. We are truly a family that loves each other.



Teachers here are interwoven together with our whole community to create the best education and experience for your child.

From our maintenance team who keep our classrooms clean and in working order, to our cafeteria staff who creates delicious brain food, to our specialist who educate not only your child, but the teachers as well, to our nurse who cares for every injury and ill Patient, to the whole office staff who keep our school running safe.



I hope you will see that this is not merely a place for your children a few hours a day, but a place where you and your family want to be a part of. I hope that it is a place where you feel comfortable and confident and your voice is heard. I have never felt more sure of that than I do today.

Connection here at HLS can be as simple as a hello in the parking lot, to creating play dates and dinners with new found friends. Our PTSO is perfect for making connections here and outside of our school.

However, I love it most when I see my families connecting before and after school at the park near school.

As I was always the new person on campus, please take the initiative and introduce yourself to those you don't know. Inclusion is our motto and we don't want anyone to feel left out. I met my favorite Florida family this way-they had just moved from Oklahoma and to this day we vacation with them every summer.



(Left: Dress like Ms. Hayden Day during Sprit Week)  
(Right: Ms. Hayden and past Kinder student Emory Wiberg now in 6th Grade met up in Hawaii while Ms. Hayden was visiting for her 50th Bday)



I take pleasure in fostering friendships,

Besides connecting others and building relationships, I do dabble in a few other hobbies.

I love to decorate, organize, party plan and occasionally hike when I can pull myself away from the real world. I love girls night with my fab 5 girls who I have done life with starting in preschool to middle school with. Afternoons hanging with friends is the best medicine.



I enjoy bike riding along the beach, grabbing chips and salsa with my besties, planning and exploring new areas with my girls, or cruising around Lake with friends.



I am a huge Disney fanatic and enjoy the parks yearly, cruises with Mikey and an occasional run or two in a marathon or Dopey Race.



I love anything Country, however Taylor Swift remains at the top of my playlist. My favorite drink is soda water and White Monster and my favorite snack remains chips and salsa. I

love Friday Nights relaxing on the couch or in the backyard,  
watching the sun set against the mountains.

I hope this gives you a little insight into who I am. I am a  
child of God, a mom to two mini adults, a best friend to all  
and THE BIGGEST cheerleader and advocate for your child.

Until We meet soon ...

Many Hugs,

Jenn Hayden