HIGHLAND ~ A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

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March 2025

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-7:30 | 6 PTO Play, 7:00 PM | 7 PTO Play, 7:00 PM |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 End of 3rd Quarter |
| 17 Family First Night | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Report Cards - PowerSchool |



March 24 - 28

REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be available on Friday, March 21st, through PowerSchool. Your student's report card can be viewed using the PowerSchool login: https://pshi.ohconnect.org/public/. If you access PowerSchool through your child's account, you must be logged in under his/her Chrome profile. If you need assistance, please submit a help ticket <a href="https://example.com/heres/h



Highland's program consists of an all-day, everyday model. In order to register, a child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2025. The following items will need to be uploaded to Final Forms: parent identification with a picture I.D., proof of residency, the child's original birth certificate or passport, the child's complete immunization records, and certified custody papers (if applicable).

Please register your child through FinalForms at: https://highlandmedina-oh.finalforms.com/.

If you are enrolling a child in Kindergarten, please review the Welcome to Kindergarten packet.

2025-2026 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION



We are accepting new student registration for the 2025-2026 school year. In order to register, Final Forms must be completed:

- 1. Go to www.highlandschools.org
- 2. Click on "New Students" in the top right corner to obtain registration information.
- 3. Select "FinalForms" on the right hand side of the page in order to create an account or log in to an existing account.

SHARON PTO PROUDLY PRESENTS



SHOWTIMES

March 6th & 7th @ 7:00 PM March 8th @ 2:00 PM

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:

101 Dalmatian Tickets

FAMILY FIRST NIGHT - MARCH 17



Highland Schools is pleased to offer the 8th Annual "Family First" Night on Monday, March 17th. This district-wide initiative is an opportunity for our Highland families to spend an uninterrupted evening together! In an effort to encourage a dedicated "family night," the school district is offering one night free from homework (with no tests on March 18th), athletic events or other extra-curricular activities so that families can connect and spend quality time together.

Enjoy your night together!

SHARON ART SHOW & BOOK FAIR



April 10, 2025 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sharon Elementary will host an art show open house on Thursday, April 10, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Students have been creating artwork all year. They are very excited to show off their artistic talent!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open from 5:00-7:00 in the library during the art show.





There's even more info on our school's Book Fair homepage: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sharonelementaryschool25

GRADES 3-5 STATE TESTING

3rd/4th/5th Grade: 4/9 & 4/10 - English Language Arts

4/15 & 4/16 - Math

5th Grade: 4/23 & 4/24 - Science

If you have questions about these assessments, please visit http://education.ohio.gov/.

HELPFUL HORNETS

"Buzzing To Better Our Community"



BUZZING IN... MARCH

Our 3RD GRADE students and families will be working this month to collect donations of TOILET PAPER & PAPER TOWELS. These donations will help support the MEDINA PERSONAL CARE PANTRY.

3RD GRADE FAMILIES:

Toilet Paper & Paper Towel donations may be sent to school with your child from **MARCH 3-7**.







We want our students to feel EMPOWERED by supporting their community through service projects that will provide items to various programs in Medina County. By serving others, giving generously, and showing RESPECT and COMPASSION to our community members in need, the students at Sharon Elementary will be ENGAGED in a positive experience that will transcend throughout their lives. We will form unity among our students and staff as we serve the Medina County community.



SPECIFIC DATES AND DETAILS WILL BE SHARED WITH FAMILIES EACH MONTH.

HELPFUL HORNETS - THANK YOU

Since 2013, the Medina Personal Care Pantry has been giving back to the Medina County community. On the first Saturday of each month, volunteers fill cars and deliver bags of essential personal care items. One item they frequently run short on is detergent.

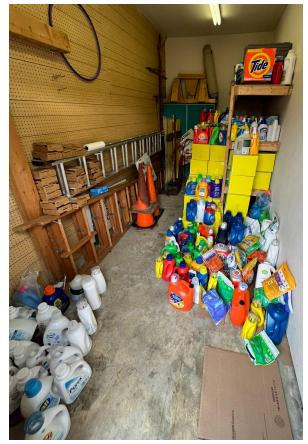
Inspired by Salva, the main character in *A Long Walk to Water*, who gave back to his community in Southern Sudan, we encouraged our fifth graders to make a difference in their own community as well.

For the third year in a row, our fifth graders organized a Detergent Drive—and we're thrilled to announce they donated **over 200 bottles of detergent**, the most any group has ever collected!

We couldn't be prouder of their generosity and dedication.







2024-2025 YEARBOOK



ORDER HERE: ybpay.com

Yearbook ID Code: 11582425

HIGHLAND BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAM



March

<u>March 6</u>: Nature's Brushstrokes - Paint nature coloring pages using watercolors made from natural soil pigments. While expressing your artistic talents, learn about soil colors and the importance of conserving soil and water (Grades 3-5). 3:30pm

<u>March 8</u>: Secret Library Tour - Explore secret, behind the scenes places, scan a book and play librarian.

11:00am

<u>March 22:</u> Popsicle Bridge Contest - Tweens will compete against one another to see who can build the strongest bridge out of popsicle sticks. (Grades 3-5)

April

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Lego Club - Come every Tuesday in April and build something based on prompts. Your creations will be displayed until the following week. (Grades 3-5)

April 3: Nature's Brushstrokes - Paint nature coloring pages

using watercolors made from natural soil pigments. While expressing your artistic talents, learn about soil colors and the importance of conserving soil and water (Grades 3-5). 3:30pm

April 12: Canape under the Canopy - Wear a bonnet or top hat as we hear stories and picnic outside. (Ages 3 and up) 11:00am.

May

May 2-3: \$3 Bag Book Sale, 10:00am - 4:00pm

May 5: Mother's Day Canvas Paint - Come and paint a canvas for Mom (ages 3 - 8). 6:00pm
 May 8: Ojo de Dios Craft - This craft originates from the Ojo de Dios (Eye of God) cultural symbol made by teh Huichol Indians of Mexico. (Grades 3-5) 6:00pm.

<u>May 24</u>: Chalk Day - Come and take part in turning Highland Library's sidewalk into a giant work of art with chalk, 11:30am.

Library Live opens up Registration for the Spring Programs on February 15th at 10am

Limited Space Available

Summer Reading Program: May 30th - August 23rd

SHARON LEADERSHIP



Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw ~ Balance is Best

- → I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting enough sleep.
- → I balance my time between school, extracurricular activities, family, and friends.
- → I am always learning how to become a better person.

HAZEL HEALTH



The Highland Local School District is pleased to partner with Hazel Health to provide telehealth counseling services to students. All students, including those who are insured through private insurance plans and Medicaid, can access free online counseling and therapy. Please note, these services are 100% confidential and will not be provided without guardian consent.

Through the program, your child can work one-on-one with a licensed therapist in weekly video telehealth sessions. The telehealth option is offered to help support the well-being of students in a manner that brings less disruption to their school day by not having to leave for appointments and parents not having to miss work.

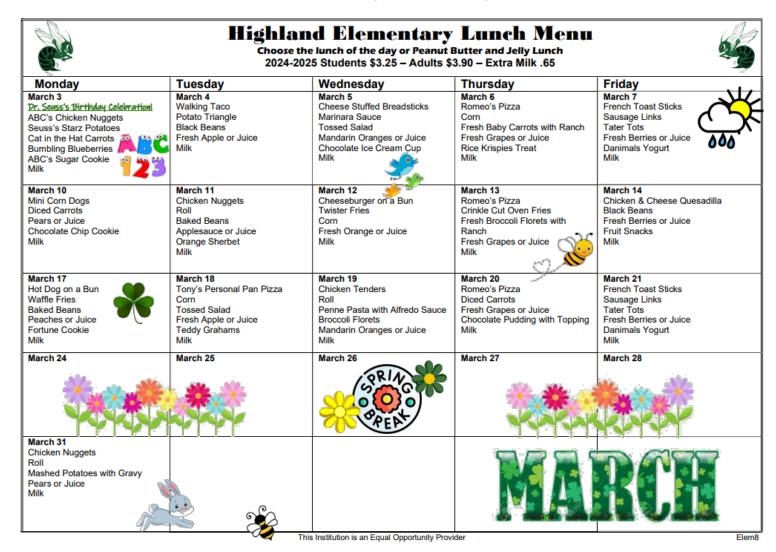
Students can see one of Hazel Health's therapists who specializes in supporting students who need short-term care and can help with the following:

- Mood & behavior changes, motivation, grief, loss
- Separation anxiety, worry, fears
- Social skills, bullying, peer & family relationships
- Academic stress

For more information or to enroll your child in online counseling services, please click <u>HERE</u>.

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Questions? Please contact the Highland Food Service Department at 330-239-1901, ext. 5512 or email emakarek@highlandschools.org.



SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

HIGHLAND HORNETS

All students at Sharon Elementary follow the same set of rules and expectations throughout all areas of the school including the bus.

ABSENCE REPORTING SAFE ARRIVAL



Highland Local School District has implemented new procedures to report the absence of your child from school through **SafeArrival**.

The new SafeArrival system helps improve efficiency by reducing the time it takes to verify student attendance - making it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- Using your mobile device, download and install the SM Home app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at home.schoolmessenger.com).
 The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Use the SafeArrival website <u>home.schoolmessenger.com</u>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
 - 3. Call the toll-free number at 1-855-677-8609 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website, or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

If your student will be out for a planned absence of three days or longer, please continue to complete the planned absence form that can be found on the Highland Local School District website under Quick Links on the webpage of your child's school building. You may also contact the school secretary for this form.

SHARON ELEMENTARY PTO



Sharon PTO Officers

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Treasurer: LeAnne Fuetter, lfuetter@truxandequipment.com

SAFE SCHOOLS SPEAK UP!



1.866.listen2me (1.866.547.8362)

Several years ago, the Highland Local Schools partnered with Public School Works to offer the "Stay Safe, Speak Up!" hotline. The purpose of this service is to report issues that affect safety and allows students, parents and staff to do their part to maintain a safe environment and promote a positive culture within our schools. Stay Safe, Speak Up! provides easy, private, confidential and anonymous reporting of concerns within the Highland Local Schools. The link is found on all pages (under Quick Links) of the district website. Remember, if you see something, say something. Immediately report any of the following concerns to a trusted adult or administrator, or feel free to use the hotline.

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Abuse

This service is available 24/7 to report matters that are serious in nature. Submitting a false report is not tolerated and punishable according to Board policy and state law.