



Highland Magnet School at Kenwood

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Mr. Scott Edmondson, Principal

Greetings Highland Families!

As we are gearing up for another fantastic year of school at Highland with all of our different storylines planned for the year, I want to let everyone know that this will be an All School Storyline year. This means that for one of our storylines during the year all students will be participating in the same one at the same time! This will be my first experience with an All School Storyline and I can't wait to see it unfold for all our students and staff.

Here at Highland we put a huge emphasis on dignity and belonging. We want to respect everyone's dignity and work hard in each classroom and each area of the school for all our students to truly feel like they belong, are valued for who they are, and accepted by everyone.

Staff Updates:

Andrea Morgan is coming to us from Miller Elem and will be joining our 1st grade team.

Kassia Marcoulier is coming from Ensworth Elem and will be joining our 2nd/3rd grade team.

Katharine "Kat" Lemcke is coming from Redmond and will be joining our 4th/5th grade team.

Marie Ewing is coming from Pine Ridge and will be our new Office Manager.

Jessica Bentley is moving from Office Manager to Media Manager

Emily Abrea will be our new Speech and Language teacher

Jess Major will be our new ELL teacher

Class Updates: We know families are eager to learn teacher assignments for this school year. Teacher assignments for students will be available in ParentVUE on Wednesday, Aug 27th, by 4:00 PM. If you need help setting up your ParentVUE account, please contact the office at 541-355-1900.

Ice Cream Social: We are thrilled to invite you to our annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 28th, from 5:00-6:00 PM. This is a drop-in opportunity for your child to come see

their classroom and meet their teacher. We will have some cold treats on the front lawn before or after your classroom visit.

First Day of School: The first day of school is Wednesday, September 3rd for 1st-5th graders. Kindergarten families will receive a separate mailing explaining the “staggered start” scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of the first week of school.

School Hours: Gates and the cafeteria will again open at 7:30 AM, our first bell is at 7:40 AM for students to enter the building, and classes begin at the 7:45 AM bell. Any student arriving after 7:45 AM will need to access the front of the school to enter and get their late pass before heading to their classroom. If you are wanting your student to eat breakfast at school, please make sure to have them here at 7:30 so they have time to eat before the 7:40 bell rings.

School will dismiss at 2:15 PM, except for School Improvement Wednesdays (12:45 PM). The first day of school (Sept 3rd), and the last Wednesday of the school year (June 10th) are the only full Wednesdays on the school calendar. School Improvement Wednesdays provide incredibly valuable professional development time for teachers throughout the school year around Storyline design and implementation of our new Math curriculum adoption, and a variety of other trainings throughout the year.

Meals: Each Highland student is eligible for one free breakfast and one free lunch each day. If a student wants a second meal then they need to have money on their account to do so.

Visiting or Volunteering on Campus: Please remember all adults must check in through the office through our Raptor system before entering the school building. All volunteers need to re-apply every 2 years, so if you applied last year you don't need to apply again this year. Just a reminder, to help with field trips, help teachers in the classroom, or supervising/supporting any students, you must be on the approved volunteer list. **Change for this year...**visitors and volunteers will not be going out with students to the playground at recess.

On behalf of our amazing team of educators here at Highland Magnet School, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2025-26 school year. Let's make it the best one ever!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Scott Edmondson- Principal

Heidi Thomas-Assistant Principal