

The Black and Gold



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Superintendent's Section

Dear Highland Community,

The end of the year is upon us and I wanted to share with you some tips to prevent summer learning loss. Have your children make a summer reading pledge. Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is a program that allows kids to track their reading hours. Get your child to take the Summer Math Challenge, from MetaMetrics. You'll get daily emails with fun math activities and resources. Look into your local youth-serving organizations to see if they offer summer programs. Explore your local library's summer programs. Your local library may offer a wide range of programs from reading to teaching kids about other topics like using computers or bike and swimming safety. Contact your local museums and parks and recreation departments to find out about their free or low-cost summer programs for kids. Look into your local TV or radio station or post office, to see if they offer free or low-cost tours. Identify a local organization that provides short-term volunteer opportunities for the whole family.

**University of Minnesota Extension office*

I also wanted to thank all of the teachers, support personnel, maintenance and custodial staff, food service staff, office staff, parents and most of all STUDENTS for working together to have a great school year.

Enjoy your summer vacation, it is well deserved!

Jacob Gion - Superintendent



A Note from Mr. Fredrickson

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Dear Highland Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to share with you that I plan to retire on June 16 of this school year. I have served as the principal of Highland for the past 4 years and have enjoyed my time here at Highland. I have spent the past 30 plus years working in education in various roles and have found that being a principal at Highland has been the most rewarding.

During my time here, I have worked with the most amazing staff and students. The families I have gotten to know over the past 4 years have become a big part of my life and I appreciate all the kindness I have been shown. I have watched your children grow and become wonderful adults. There has been no greater professional gratification than to see this happen over the years.

Please know that Highland will always hold a special place in my heart and I will continue to keep in touch. It has been my honor to serve all of you.

All My Best,

Dennis Fredrickson

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PRIDE***



Give Summertime Reading a Try!

Summer vacation is a great time. It's a time to take a break from the school routine and maybe sleep in. A time to enjoy the outdoors. Go camping, go to the beach, go to the park, ride a bike, go to an amusement park, go fishing, go swimming - the ideas are endless. But the one thing students should not take a break from is reading. Reading is exercise for the mind. If it's not exercised over the summer, coming back to school in the fall can be more difficult for the mind to be ready to learn new things again.



Have your children join a summer reading program. Our community libraries in Craigmont and Winchester both have programs going on this summer. Check them out! The great thing about our community library is that the books are free! Encourage your kids to keep reading. Have them check out a bug book and go explore outside with it. Take a book to the beach and bask in the sun. Go to the ocean and take a book about marine life or sea shells. Maybe have them start a small book club with their friends. Find something that will interest them to learn more! Their teachers next year will thank you for it!



BPA



We had 6 students representing Highland at the National BPA Leadership Conference in Dallas Texas!

The students were able to visit the AT&T Stadium, the Dallas Arts District and the Downtown Dallas Farmers Market! Students participated in team building workshops and leadership meetings bringing back knowledge to share with the rest of the BPA members.



Graduating Class of 2022



Olivia Antone



Chani Brammer



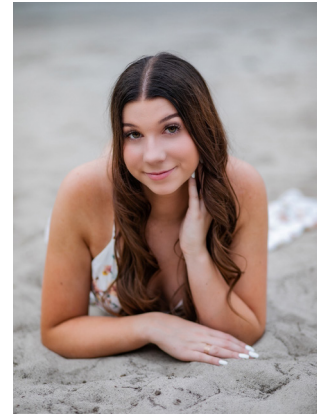
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Owen Case



Payton Crow



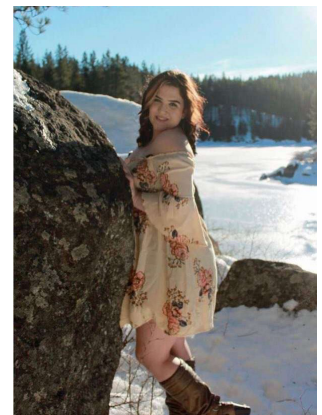
Emily Dau



*Emalissa
Espinosa*



*Katherine
Goeckner*



Jade Lomax





Saiban Palmer



*Caristae
Robinson*



Kalei Smith



Keira White



Husky Pride

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Community clean up day for our staff and students was Wednesday May 11. We are very proud of their dedication to our community!



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