

# The Husky Howl



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## Principal's Piece

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Hello Highland Families!!

I can't believe we are already a full quarter into the school year! Time is flying by but I am enjoying every minute I have with our students! It is fun to see them in the classroom engaged in learning and enriching activities. On the sports front, we are wrapping up our fall season. Other activities include FFA qualifying for State Soils, and BPA ramping up for a great year. I also want to acknowledge and congratulate our 4H and FFA members on another successful year at the Nez Perce and Lewis County Fairs! I am always impressed with how involved our student body is in extra activities. Their involvement helps create well rounded individuals!

I want to remind all families that attendance really does matter! Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 14 days in our district, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's less than two days a month! We understand not all absences can be avoided, and we do not encourage students to come if they are too ill. I also want to make clear that even excused absences count toward your child's attendance record and you may receive a letter if your student misses more than 5 days of school in one semester. The letter is intended to make you aware of your student's standing. After 7 absences in one semester your student will be referred to the attendance committee. The attendance committee's job is to look over absence reports and if deemed necessary, refer to the superintendent, who then may refer to the school board. Notifying the school, sending doctor's notes and pre-arranging absences are all encouraged.

Another thing to remember is that parent teacher conferences are here! Elementary conferences have been scheduled for November 1-3 and Junior High and High School Conferences will be held in the gym November 1st and 2nd from 4-7 pm. We hope to see everyone there!

As always, thank you for being part of the Highland family! Please contact me if you have questions or concerns!

Sincerely,  
Becky Finnell

# Mass Band Event



Highland, Nezperce, Prairie, CV, Grangeville, and Orofino Junior high bands came together to play 3 different songs.

They played 12 the Clock Strikes, African Journey, and Antagonist. The entire Elementary student body attended the performance. It was an opportunity for all area school bands to get together to play some music together and have some fun.



# Pep Assemblies

On the 27th of October we had two pep assemblies! One for the High School and one for our Elementary students. Mrs. Finnell congratulated the students with perfect attendance. The students of the month were recognized along with the Hyper Husky. There is no better way to close off a successful month of school, than to reward the hardworking kids who deserve it.



# Teacher Talk

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This edition's 'Teacher of the Month' is our newly hired Math teacher, Mr. William McFall! He teaches Junior High Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry and Pre-Calculus. He is one busy guy! We appreciate him and all of his hard work to make sure that Highland High School gets caught up on our Mathematic skill levels.

Why did you want to become a teacher?

"When I graduated from university, I was older than my classmates. I needed a PHD in order to work in Fish and Wildlife. From there, I decided to look at another route using my previous education. I talked to the University of Idaho, and decided to get my masters and a certification in education. It has been a wild ride ever since."

What brought you to Highland?

"There was a Math position open and I did not want to work in Grangeville. Highland is a small school, and I love the four day weeks."

What's your favorite thing about teaching?

"My favorite thing right now is watching my student's eyes light up when they begin to understand mathematics."

How many years have you been teaching?

"This year is my 16th year teaching. I have done 14 years teaching and two years in administration."

Is Math truly your favorite subject?

"I have two favorites that go hand in hand. Mathematics and sciences."

Did you do any sports in high school?

"I participated in Track and Baseball, and also marching band if you include that."

Sweet or savory food?

"Honestly, I would say sweet."

Favorite movie?

"My favorite movies are Grown-Ups one and two."

Be honest, do you like teaching?

"Yes, I do."



"My one piece of advice for my students is very simple, but you would be surprised on how many students don't take it. Just try."

Interview conducted by Kaylee Owens

# Sports Snippets

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Volleyball season is coming to an end, the Highland team just played their last home game (senior night and pink out night) on October 11th. The team will move on to play Nezperce in the district tournament on Saturday the 15th. Check out what the team has to say about the 2022 volleyball season.

What do you do outside of volleyball with the team to bond?

“Coaches and parents on the team host team dinners to help us bond with each other outside of practice and school.” -Greta Watson

What are your team goals?

“A team goal is to be better than we were before, also beat Nezperce at districts on Saturday.” -Kindle Thomason

How has the team improved?

“The team has improved a lot in our teamwork and our ability to talk to each other. I think we understand each other a little bit better each day.”  
-Hannah Smith

If you had the opportunity to add one new skill or strategy to your team, what would it be?

“I think I would like to add a little bit more serve-receive skills to our team.”  
-Carol Lanz

What is your favorite part of Volleyball Season?

“My favorite part of our volleyball season are the game days.” -Kaylee Owens

The Highland cross country team is preparing for districts in Lewiston this year. The team has been successful this season even with only two runners. Here is some insight on the team’s goals and thoughts about the season.

How have you improved?

“We have improved because our times are getting better since the beginning of the season.” -Jackson Smith

What are you looking forward to?

“We are looking forward to running in districts and even possibly making it to state.” -Aaron Kinzer

What are some team goals?

“Some team goals are to get a faster time each meet so we can keep improving.”  
-Jackson Smith

Interviews conducted by Hannah Smith

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# Fabulous Fourth Graders

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The fourth-grade class got to have some scientific fun this month! They got to join in on a Chemistry class experiment. In this experiment they attempted to make elephant toothpaste!

We are so proud of them for doing their best. The fourth-graders had so much fun, even though making elephant toothpaste was tedious.

A big thank you to Ms. Horrocks, we are so glad that you gave us this opportunity to use what we have learnt in your class!

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## Hyper Husky

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Our school's Hyper Husky of the month is Isaac Moddrell! He was a fantastic supporter for our Highland volleyball senior and Pink Out night against the Kendrick Tigers. He wore a vibrant pink wig, just perfect for the occasion! Thanks again Isaac.

Do you want to win this award? Then come to one of your local Huskies/Eagles games and bring your school pride! Winning this award includes a Hyper Husky t-shirt and a \$5 concessions gift certificate. School spirit is so important to us at Highland and we enjoy seeing all of the ways YOU can show your school pride!

# Students of The Month

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Congratulations to our Highland October students of the month! We are all so proud of these individuals and can't wait to see how they continue to grow throughout the school year!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
-Nelson Mandela



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Daxton Stevens is our Primary Student of The Month!

His favorite color is green, and his favorite food is chicken nuggets!

3rd - 5th

Wyatt Bigsby is our Intermediate Student of The Month!

His favorite color is green and his favorite food is french toast!



6th - 8th

Emily Dugdale is our Junior High School Student of The Month!

Her favorite food is spaghetti, and her favorite sport is volleyball.

9th - 12th

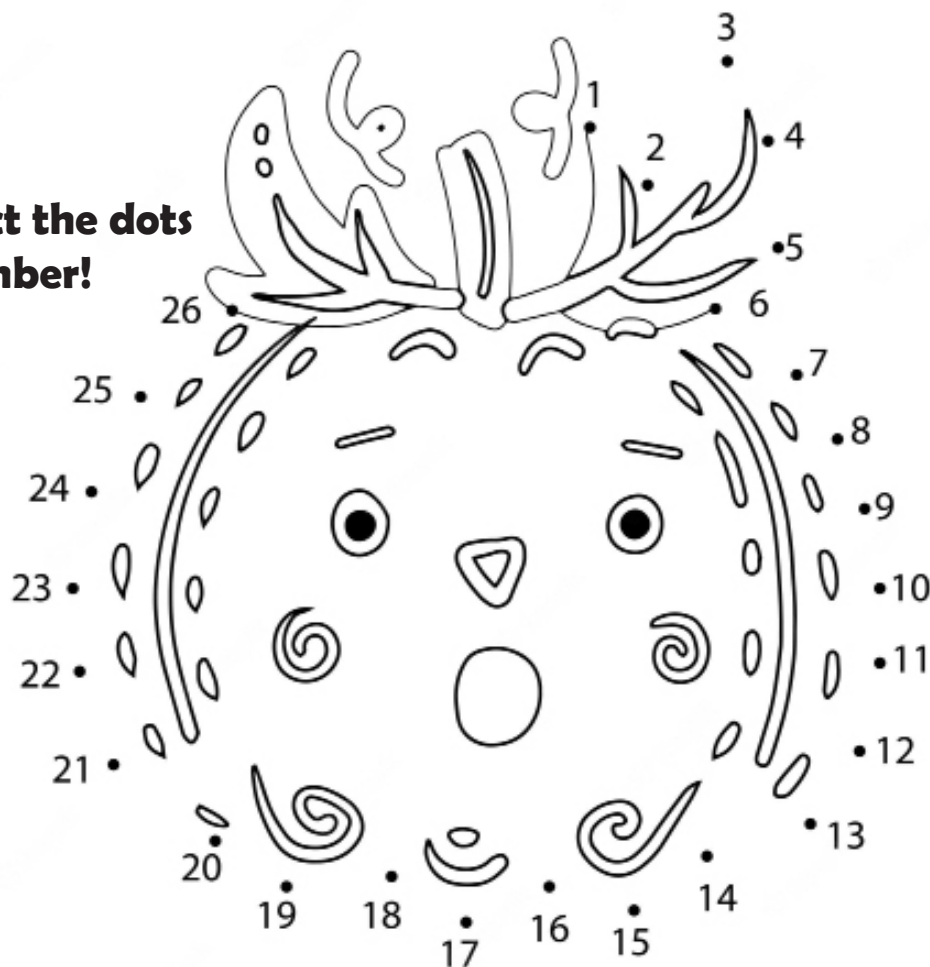
Clay Buchanan is our Senior High School Student of The Month!

His favorite food is a bacon cheese burger and his favorite sport is football.



# Activity Page

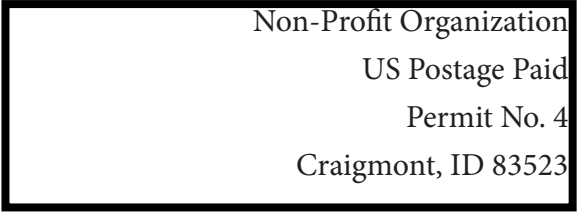
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**Color the doodles!**



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