

The Husky Howl



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Superintendent's Section

Out with the Old in with the New... Sort of

We have had a great start to the second semester of a school year that seems to be flying by much too quickly. Our staff are working hard to ensure they are providing the skills students need to be successful academically, socially, mentally, and physically. This is the time of the year when students show a lot of growth. By now most students are familiar with their teachers and they have a good understanding of what is expected; they can focus on their learning and putting the skills they have learned to work. Students have had the opportunity to take normed referenced tests, so they, and their teachers, know their areas of strength, and what they need to work on to achieve their yearly learning goals. During the long span of time between now and Spring Break in March, teachers will have a significant amount of uninterrupted time to teach and support students in their learning.

It is our goal to support all of our students and ensure they have what they need to be successful. If students are struggling there are numerous opportunities to receive additional support. Through the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) process elementary students have the opportunity to work in learning groups to receive one on one assistance in math and ELA. In these groups staff members are able to offer students direct instruction in the areas where the student may need additional help. In our Jr. and Sr. High school's students can receive additional support during Advisory, which they attend every day. Arrangements can be made for a struggling student go to the classroom of the teacher that teaches a specific subject where individual instruction can be provided. If you see that your child needs some additional help, please reach out to their teachers. Our staff is there and willing to help in whatever way they can.

We have some amazing students and a great staff who truly give of themselves to ensure our students succeed. While they do the heavy lifting here on a daily basis we couldn't do it without you. I want to thank you for your support of Highland Joint School District. As they say "It takes a village..."

Sincerely,
Tana Kellogg

BPA

On December 13th, the Highland-Craigmont BPA Team traveled to the University of Idaho campus for our regional event. We had 11 students who competed in different events.

This year, we had two news broadcast teams that had to do a 5-minute news broadcast that contained one local story and one national story. Those students competing as the 208 News Team are: Noah Watson, Ty Hambly, Tj Feters, and Ty Goeckner. The CRW news team consisted of Hannah Smith, Carol Lanz, and Greta Watson. The CRW News Team finished second and will compete in the state leadership competition. The 208 News team finished fourth. We had two competitors in the graphic design promotion event: Kindle Thomason, who took 2nd and advances to state, and Hannah Smith, who took 5th. Eryn Thomas, Kindle Thomason, and Kaylee Owens made up the video production team that came in fourth. Sydney Trueblood took second in interview skills and also advanced in state.

State will be held in Boise from February 22 to February 25. I am so proud of all their hard work and can't wait to see what our members do at state.



NHS

On February 2, 2023, Highland High School will be initiating new members into the William Craig Chapter of the National Honor Society at 7:00 p.m. in the Highland Gymnasium.



In order to be accepted into the National Honor Society, students must meet a minimum requirement of a 3.25 GPA, show school and community involvement, and show excellent service and leadership qualities. Applications were sent to students who have met the GPA requirement, and their membership is pending until a panel of judges reviews their overall application to ensure they are the best fit for this prestigious organization.

At a recent meeting, the current members elected new officers, who are as follows: Kadence Beck serves as president, Kindle Thomason serves as vice president, Allison Kinzer serves as secretary, and Eryn Thomas serves as treasurer. We are excited to welcome new members, and we hope that our much-loved community members will come show their support for our studious Highland Husky Scholars.

Sports Snippets

This edition, we have a pre-season interview with our Lady Huskies basketball coach, Mathu Thomason. This is his first year coaching for Highland, but he is no stranger to our school. He was a student here for 13 years, and graduated from Highland in 1998. During his time here, he played basketball and baseball as a Husky. It is a pleasure to have him guide our team; thank you for everything coach!

How many players do you have on the team?

"We have 10 players on the team this year."

What's a goal you have for yourself as a coach?

"I hope to get to know each of the players and to help them grow in ways that make them not just better basketball players, but better people as well."

What are some goals you have for the team?

"I want us to be a team that plays together, a team that always hustles, plays tough defense, and hopefully a team that no one looks forward to playing against."

What's something you are looking forward to this season?

"I'm looking forward to getting to know each of the girls, and really coming together as a team as the season progresses."

How many years have you been coaching?

"I first starting coaching when I was 16 (Little League Baseball), and have been coaching on and off since then. Most of my coaching experience is in working with individuals on skill development in the sport of basketball."

Why did you decide to coach this team?

"There was a need and I love the idea of getting to spend more time with my daughter, Kindle."

How would you like to improve the team?

"We're a young team that hasn't played together at all, so just getting us to play together as a team and to understand each other's strengths and weaknesses will be a big improvement."

What's your favorite thing about coaching?

"Spending time with the team, and getting to watch individuals grow on a daily basis."

Do you have any advice for your players?

"Focus on improving everyday and you'll be shocked where you end up. Also, don't listen to the haters."

Interview conducted by Kaylee Owens

Thriving Third Graders



The third grade spent some time learning about different types of communities last month. They created a triorama, a pyramid shaped diorama created with four different sections. Each section included a different community including a rural, suburban, and urban community.

The fourth section is saved to compare the communities. The third grade class gets a lot of joy from creating these communities and they are really able to see the similarities and differences as they build. I also enjoy watching the third graders help each other figure out how to make 3D shapes and pop-up additions to an other-wise flat landscape. It's amazing how they become little engineers when given a task and some open opportunity.

Hyper Husky



Our school's Hyper Husky of the month is Kash Stamper! He is a continuous supporter for our Highland Husky home basketball games. He always joins in on the chants, showing his true school spirit! Thanks for the support Kash.

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

Congratulations to our Highland December 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!

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

- Theodore Roosevelt.



K - 5th

Kohen Stratton is our Elementary School Student of The Month!

His favorite color is lime green, and his favorite food is pizza!

6th - 8th

Ty Uhlenkott is our Junior High School Student of The Month!

His favorite book is 'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen, and his favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.



9th - 12th

Faith Hill is our Senior High School Student of The Month!

Her favorite sport is volleyball and her favorite clubs are National Honors Society and FFA.

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