

Highland Highlights

Highland Park Elementary School
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Letter from the Principal, Hassan S. Robinson

Dear Highland Park Families,

I hope that everyone had a great September. We have had excellent New England weather!

October was filled with a lot of learning and fun. Academically, we have been focusing on reader's and writer's workshop, along with fact fluency in math. We had our first official Pep Rally, which focused on our schoolwide expected behaviors (Be Safe, Responsible, and Respectful). We also had our Fire Safety Protection Assembly, which reminded students on how to react in case of a fire and Earth Day Recycling Assembly. Please make sure to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences November 14-16th. Also, feel free to contact us if there is anything you would like to share or if there are any concerns. Thank you and enjoy November! **GO HUSKIES!!!**

Sincerely,

Mr. Robinson

Together Everyone Achieves More

Important Dates!

- November 3rd—Picture Make Up Day
- November 7th— Teacher Professional Development— No School for students
- November 10th— Veterans Day— No School
- November 14-16th- Parent/Teacher Conferences— Students Early Dismissal 1:17
- November 23-26th— Thanksgiving Break— No School

Important Contacts

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Husky Class Notes

First Grade

In reading we have been practicing good habits reading and utilizing multiple strategies to solve tricky words. Students are reading independently for 20 minutes, as well as, 20 minutes with a partner. In Writer's Workshop, students are adding more details to their small moments. We've begun to use dialogue and action words within our stories. Lastly, in math workshop, we are working through addition and subtraction strategies such as "add to" and "take apart."

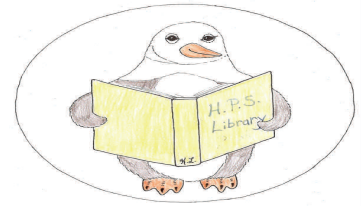


Fifth Grade



Congrats to Aliana Rosa, this year's Highland Park Kid Governor!

Library



Check it Out!

Thank you to all the HPS Huskies who decorated a book character pumpkin for our pumpkin patch. We had 27 pumpkins, including elephant and piggie, Pete the cat and Junie B to name a few.

We are still looking for a few stray books from those of you who took home the **summer bag of books**. Please make an extra effort to find them and bring them back to the library.

We have gotten more of the 2018 Nutmeg award books in the library. Grades 4 & 5 can read these ten books and vote for their favorite in May. Here is the link to see the list of the 10 titles. <http://www.nutmegaward.org/elementary/intermediate>

Check one out at the library!



Highland Park Family Resource Center

Are you a parent or grandparent of young children ages birth-5 years? Join us for a fun, educational playgroup! We have free play, art, songs, snacks and stories each week.

When: Every Friday when school is in session, beginning November 17th, from 10:00 am –11:00 am.

Where: Whiton Library, 100 North Main Street, Manchester, CT

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Physical Education

Students in PE took a break from the CT Physical Fitness Assessment (grades 3-5) and movement lessons (grades K-2) to visit the Haunted Apple Orchard. The Haunted Apple Orchard is a game involving scooters and a large tunnel made out of mats and parachutes. This game is a favorite among HP students and they look forward to it every October. The Haunted Apple Orchard practices the following skills: *core strength and balance *lower body strength *following rules of a game *fair play *sportsmanship *taking turns *teamwork and cooperation *body control *math skills.



Assemblies

Fire Prevention



Earth Day , Every Day



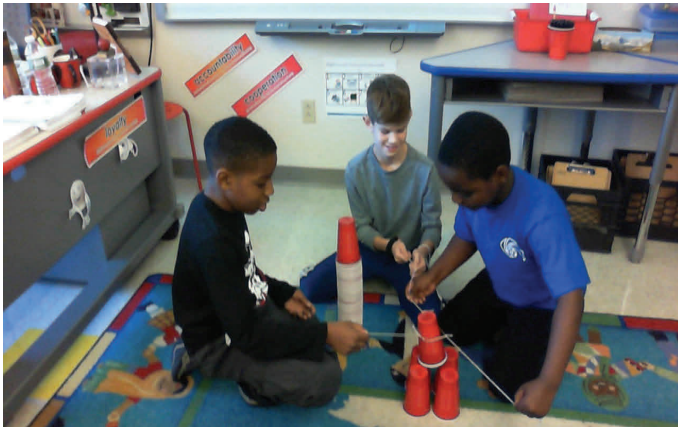
Husky Snapshots



Grade 2 Reading



Third grade field trip to Nathan Hale House



4th Grade Learning



Kindergarten Play



Running Club

PTA News – November 2017

November NEWS AND EVENTS

PTA Meeting: It's not too late to join the PTA! The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, November 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will discuss upcoming events and fundraisers, and hear an update from Principal Robinson.

Dine-out: Thanks for joining us at Lucky Taco! You helped raise nearly \$150.00 to support HPS teachers.

HPS Room Parents: Thanks to all who submitted a Room Parent request form. We had a huge response! Emails were sent to Room Parents and teachers this week, so if you were selected, please contact your student's teacher to see how you can help.

Lyman Orchards orders: Pick up your orders from Lyman Orchards on November 20th immediately after school. Pies need to be promptly placed in freezer.

HPS Run Club: This past Tuesday was the last day of running club this fall as the kids prepare for the Fun Run on Nov. 4. THANK YOU to the parent volunteers, and HPS teachers Ms. Carey, Ms. Narducci, and Ms. Palazzo for supporting this activity. And a special thank you to the event manager, Meghan McDowell-Vyse. We appreciate you!

HPS Fun Run: The HPS Fun Run is this Saturday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. For more information, email PTA Event Chair Jessica Scorso at jscorso@gmail.com.

HPS Book fair and dine-out on Monday, November 20: Save the date for our annual book fair at Barnes & Noble in the Buckland Hills Mall. Principal Robinson will read two books that evening, and you will have the opportunity to purchase a book from your teacher's wish list! Also you don't have to cook that night - join us next door at Bertucci's for dinner (dine in or take out!). More details to follow in the event flyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE!

- Nov. 4 - HPS Fun Run at 10 a.m.
- Nov. 14 - PTA Meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 20 - Pick up Lyman Orchards orders after school
- Nov. 20 - Dine-out night at Bertucci's - 5-9 p.m. (Buckland Hills Mall)
- Nov. 20 - HPS book fair at Barnes & Noble - 5-8 p.m. (Buckland Hills Mall)

COMMUNICATIONS

Join "Highland Park Families" Facebook page
Check out the PTA section of the HPS website for event updates and forms:

<http://publicschools.manchesterct.gov/page.cfm?p=610>

Email the HPS PTA at PTAhighlandpark2016@gmail.com

EASY WAYS TO EARN MONEY FOR HPS!

Box Tops: Clip the Box Tops you see on any products you purchase, and send them to school in an envelope marked "PTA-Box Tops." The more we collect, the more money we earn for HPS!

Stop and Shop Rewards: Each time you make a purchase with your registered Stop & Shop Card between Oct. 6, 2017 and March 15, 2018, you earn points for HPS. Register your Stop & Shop card online today! Visit www.stopandshop.com and select "Savings" then select "Rewards and Programs." School code: **09420**

ShopRite Rewards: Enroll your card between October 1, 2017 and April 26, 2018 to earn FREE classroom equipment for HPS. Visit www.shopriteforeducation.com and click on "PricePlus Card Registration" or sign up at ShopRite Customer Service Desk. School code: **18400**

AmazonSmile: Look for Highland Park PTA, Manchester, Connecticut.

“PAWSitive Pep Rally

Last Friday we held our first “PAWSitive” Pep Rally, which introduced our Expected Behaviors Incentives. Students were introduced and it was explained how they can earn incentives each month based on their behavior and going above and beyond with each month's theme (Safe, respectful, and Responsible). We had Henry at the pep rally, and a special guest....Chompers, from the Hartford Yardgoats!

