

HIGHLAND TERRACE ELEMENTARY



Orca Spout Out Newsletter

September 15, 2020

Dear Highland Terrace Orca Families,

As a way to bring our community together around our school goals and motto we created this video [HT Opening Messages 2020](#). It includes staff sharing about our school goals and what our motto means to them. Classrooms are watching the video together and students are engaging in reflection and conversations about what the goals and motto mean to them.



September 17: Elementary Curriculum Night

Below is our schedule for the evening. We are looking forward to seeing families and being able to share information about the classroom and learning.

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| <p>5:30- 6:15</p> | <p>Grades K-2 & Blended Classrooms & 5th Grade Walk to Math</p> <p>Meet virtually via classroom Zoom meeting links. Teachers will send the link.</p> |
| <p>6:15- 6:45</p> | <p>Join us! Highland Terrace PTA General Membership Meeting</p> <p>Please join us for the first of three PTA General Membership meetings this year. Learn about what PTA is and what it does for Every Child and Family at Highland Terrace. We will be approving updates to our Standing Rules, Goals and Objectives and the revisions to the 2020-2021 Budget. Find out how we will work together to create community among our families and provide Enriched Learning opportunities for Every Child during this unusual school year.</p> <p>Link for this Zoom meeting will be sent via email Thursday morning.</p> <p>Visit www.highlandterracepta.org for more information about our PTA and how you can get involved! See you Thursday!</p> |
| <p>6:45- 7:30</p> | <p>Grades 3-5</p> <p>Meet virtually via classroom Zoom meeting links. Teachers will send the link.</p> |



September 22: Health Curriculum Night Webinar

The District Health Curriculum Night Webinar is on September 22, 2020, from 6-7 pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about our health curriculum, ask questions and receive opt-out information.

[Registration is required](#). A recording will also be posted on our website for those unable to attend. [Learn more and register here](#).



District Assessments Beginning

In the fall, assessments are given to students at each grade level to understand what students know and can do in specific skill areas. These assessments help teachers plan instruction for the whole class and small groups of students. We will be having students engage in assessments during remote learning. Teachers will start to communicate about the specific grade level assessments over the next week or two.

Our Learning Assistance Program staff (Mrs. Hoffman and Ms. Cornell) will also be visiting 1st-4th grade breakout rooms in the next few weeks and administering some reading screeners to determine your student's needs. These tasks will take about 10-15 minutes.

To help prepare your student(s) for the **assessments**, encourage them to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush. This is not for a grade and will help our teachers give your student the instruction that best meets their needs.
- Help your child find a quiet space and have them work independently.

Know that we will do what we can to provide your student with a smooth testing experience. If there are technical issues, we may stop testing and take some time to troubleshoot.

If you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher, to a member of the office staff, or to me.

Sincerely,

Lara Drew

Principal | Highland Terrace

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FAMILY ACCESS LOGIN INFORMATION & STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS

Family Access login information is being mailed out this week to all families. Please login to Family Access and review your Student Information Form.

Once you have successfully logged in you should see the 20-21 Student Information Button in the upper left corner. Select and complete each step.

If you have any questions please reach out to Kristie at Kristie.brown@shorelineschools.org



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR 2020-21 REMOTE LEARNING

Hello Highland Terrace Families! Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has updated its rules for attendance and truancy during remote learning for the 2020-21 year.

Schools must take daily attendance during remote hybrid learning. Students will be counted as present in remote learning with time spent synchronous or asynchronous.

Participation can be demonstrated through daily log-ins on learning management systems (Seesaw, Canvas). Daily interactions with staff to acknowledge attendance, with evidence of participation on tasks or assignments or other factors determined by school staff. A student is absent when they **do not** participate in planned class activities on a remote learning day.

A remote learning absence can be excused for the same reasons in-person learning were excused (illness, appointment, etc.) and any COVID-19 related circumstances affecting a student or family member. The school principal has the authority to determine if an absence meets the criteria for an excused absence.

Teachers have 24 hours to record attendance. With the new timeline for teachers to submit attendance, I will contact families the day following any reported absence. Any absence from the beginning of School 9/2/20 to 10/4/20 will be coded as a "Non Truancy Remote Learning Absence." **After October 4th students can be marked unexcused and referred to truancy.** Similar to in person attendance if your child will be absent we must speak to, or receive an email from a parent or guardian with the reason for the absence.

If your child(ren) will be absent please send an email to ht.attendance@shorelineschools.org or call the attendance line (206) 393-4342 available 24 hours; leave a message including the date, student name, teacher or room number and the reason for the absence.

If you have questions please let me know.

Thank you,

Kristie Brown

Registrar/Secretary Highland Terrace

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KEEP YOUR KIDS AND YOURSELF SAFE WHILE WILDFIRE SMOKE IS IN THE AREA

With your kids at home, we all need to be aware of our outside environment and how it may affect their health. In Western Washington right now, our air quality is classified as “Very Unhealthy”. To keep everyone safe, stay indoors if possible, and avoid exercise or heavy breathing outside if you do go out. For more tips on how to stay safe, click on the link below.

<https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/how-smoke-fires-can-affect-your-health>

You can monitor air quality at the website below or with the weather app on your smart phone.
www.airnow.gov



REMOTE LEARNING CAMPS

The City of Shoreline is offering weekly Remote Learning Camps this fall for students in the Shoreline School District in grades K-5th, Middle School, and High School (free for all high school students). The camps are free for those who qualify and they are offering payment plans.

Camps are following the Shoreline School District's remote learning schedule and include activities during non-learning times. For more information please visit <https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services/recreation-programs/camps/remote-learning>

If you need assistance applying for free camps, please contact your school's [family advocate](#).

Grades K-5

Location: Spartan Recreation Center – 202 NE 185th St. Shoreline

M,Tu,Th,F – 8:30am – 5:00pm

Wed. – 8:30am – 2:00pm

Camp S.L.A.M. Grades 6-12

(Support for Learning Activities & Movement) is a safe, fun, and enriching camp designed to let your tween or teen get their schoolwork done and engage in some social interaction. Each day offers distance-learning support from staff as well as group sports, games, art, and activities.

Middle School S.L.A.M. (6th-8th grade)

Location: Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, 16554 Fremont Ave. N.

Cost: \$50.00 per week or *FREE to qualifying Shoreline residents

Schedule:

M,Tu,Th – 1:00pm-5:30pm

Wed – 11:00am-5:30pm

High School S.L.A.M. (9th-12th grade)

Location: Richmond Highlands Recreation Center, 16554 Fremont Ave. N.

Cost: FREE for all students 9th-12th grade in Shoreline Schools

Schedule:

M,Tu,F – 1:00pm-5:30pm

Wed – 11:00am-5:30pm



THE WORKS

If families were not able to attend the Back to School event, they can sign up for an appointment at The WORKS where they can shop for free clothing and get school supplies while they last. The appointment sign up is here: <https://tinyurl.com/works2020>