

Orca Spout Out Newsletter

Dear Highland Terrace Orca Families,

School Improvement Process & Input:

Each year, all schools work through a process to review data, identify areas of success and opportunity, and develop areas of school-wide focus. Those plans are then presented and approved by the School Board.

Our Highland Terrace staff has identified the below vision and goals and want to make sure all families have an opportunity to review and provide input on our goals for the year.

- **Vision:** To embrace each student's racial, gender, family, economic, and neurodiversity while educating and imparting the necessary academic rigor, social emotional and work life skills necessary to maximize each student's individual potential.
- **Goals:** Our goals will continue to focus on increasing academic performance, building positive relationships, and creating a community of inclusion and partnership.
- **Mantra:** *Set the Example - Be the Change*
- **[HT Goals 2020-2021 Community](#)** is a one-page overview of the goals, data we will use to measure progress, and action steps we will take to meet our goals.
- **[HT Family Reflections & Questions Goals 2020-2021](#)** is where you can share your input and hopes. We value hearing your perspectives.

Principal Conversation (Tuesday, October 6 from 6:30-7:15 pm)

This is an opportunity for me to highlight our goals and areas of focus for the year and to hear from you. Families will have the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and discuss together topics of importance. These conversations have been very helpful over the last two years and I value listening and learning from you. *I will send the Zoom meeting link the morning of Tuesday, October 6.*

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 -STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

Reminder Family Access Login information was mailed out to families. Please use the information to login to your Family Access Account, review and complete your 2020-21 Student Information Form by Friday, October 2nd. Only 45 of our 380 families have completed the forms.

If you have any questions please reach out to Kristie @ 206.393.4342
or Kristie.brown@shorelineschools.org

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION 2020-21

Thank you to the families contacting the attendance office. Reminder schools must take attendance during remote learning.

Similar to in person attendance, if your child will be absent, I 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 send an email to ht.attendance@shorelineschools.org or call the attendance line (206) 393.4342 available 24 hours. In your email or message please include the date, student name, teacher or room number and the reason for the absence.

Reminder to families about the OSPI attendance rule change beginning Monday, October 5th.
Students can be marked unexcused and referred to truancy after October 4th if the school is unable to locate or contact the family using regular or alternative outreach methods.

FROM OUR PTA

Welcome Back to School!

Have you checked everything off your **Back to School Checklist**? Visit the PTA Website, www.highlandterracepta.org

- * **Sign up for PTA membership**
- * **Donate** to our fall fundraising goal. Every bit helps get us closer to our Goal!
- * **Sign up to Volunteer**: Look for new opportunities as we navigate the new normal.
- * **Update your information** for the School Directory.

Adding your name to the PTA membership helps grow our voice. Join tens of thousands across Washington and millions across the US to advocate for Every Child.

REFLECTIONS

Celebrate your child's artistic side!

Reflections is a national arts event that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas.

Encourage your student to create and submit original works of art in relation to a specific theme. This year's theme is "I Matter Because..."

For more program info: <https://www.pta.org/reflections>

Email questions to: htptareflections@gmail.com

Let's stay connected, even while apart!

Don't miss out on news, meetings and events.

- Website for all of your PTA information: <https://highlandterracepta.org/>
- Facebook for the latest PTA updates: <https://www.facebook.com/highlandterracepta>
- Orca Tales eNewsletter: sign up <https://shorelineschools.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9137148d91ee0ab16aaaef74c&id=82f41a7c63>

Highland Terrace PTA Needs your Support!

We have reached 25% of our fundraising goal of \$10,000. We invite everyone who can to make a contribution today to help us reach our goal. Just \$20 per student is all we need to continue our great PTA programs. We know this school year is off to a different start and to honor everyone's time and commitments we are excited to extend the Annual Give to October 15th. Thank you for your support of Every Child, Family, Teachers and Staff at Highland Terrace Elementary.



ORCA PRIDE ANNUAL GIVE

GOING ON NOW THROUGH
OCTOBER 15TH!

ANY AMOUNT HELPS SUPPORT
THE PTA AND ITS PROGRAMS!

www.highlandterracepta.org/orca-give
Or text ORCAPRIDE to 44-321