



Orca Spout Out Newsletter

Dear Highland Terrace Orca Families,

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 am looking forward to our conversation.

- *Join Zoom Meeting:*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84217748962?pwd=RFdVMDhwMkdjdkFsYjFpbU1GSDN2QT09>
- *Meeting ID:* 842 1774 8962
- *Passcode:* 496614

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.

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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ATTENDANCE

Beginning on October 5, all schools in Washington will begin marking absences from remote learning as excused or unexcused in accordance with rules set by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). An absence can be excused for any previously allowable reason and any COVID-19 related circumstance with the student or family member. A student's parent/guardian can excuse an absence by calling or emailing our school attendance secretary within five (5) days of the absence. Our school's attendance secretary can be reached at ht.attendance@shorelineschools.org or 206.393.4342.

Below are two common questions and answers about how students can demonstrate attendance in the remote learning environment. You can also find more information [HERE](#). If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our attendance secretary.

Can a student demonstrate attendance before or after regular school hours?

Yes. OSPI recommends that school districts provide multiple methods for students to access learning, outside of and beyond participation in live synchronous lessons. Our school district will count a student present if they engage in asynchronous activities, in place of a live scheduled session. This can include a student attempts an assignment, logs on for a part of the class, or asynchronously demonstrates participation. Students are encouraged to watch live teaching when possible.

Can a student demonstrate attendance over the weekend for the previous week?

Yes. Our schools will provide flexibility for families unable to log into live sessions due to Internet access, bandwidth, access to childcare, other family obligations and work schedules.

If your child is not able engage on a daily basis, you should contact our office to share that information in order to develop a plan to track their attendance.

FROM OUR PTA

It's Socktober!!

This school district-wide challenge runs October 1-31. The district-wide goal is to collect 5000 pairs of socks for Shoreline families in need. It's a school vs. school challenge so let's do this Highland Terrace! Highland Terrace will start with a goal of 500 pair, but let's try to beat that :)

How to contribute:

Purchase socks from this Amazon wish list

(https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/ggTS7nl?ref_=wl_share). Choose "Kristie Timss' Gift Registry Address" (Kristie is the HTPTA Family and Community Services Chair). She will deliver all to The WORKS.

OR

Purchase socks, drop them off or mail them to The WORKS c/o Shoreline PTA Council 18560 1st Ave NE Shoreline 98155. Just add a note that it's from a Highland Terrace family.

Let's do this Orcas!

Highland Terrace PTA Needs your Support!

Let's get to our goal of \$10,000. We invite everyone who can to make a contribution today to help us reach our goal. Just \$20 per student gets us to our goal, and help 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. [Give Today](#)

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

Sign up for PTA membership!

Join this year to be a part of the PTA. Becoming a member helps grow our voice and our community.

<https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/highlandterracepta/2020-2021ptamembership>

What issues are most important to you?

Complete the HT PTA survey. It closes on 10/9

Your voice matters -- please take a few minutes and complete our Highland Terrace PTA e-survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K69HHT6>