

Home & School Connection

Working together for school success

Highlands Elementary School

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January is Respect Month at Highlands! We are grateful for our parents and guardians at Highlands Elementary!

This monthly newsletter will provide information to parents and families regarding current events and activities at Highlands Elementary School. Please contact me with questions or ideas at 334-794-1459 or gamelton@dothan.k12.al.us.

Standardized Testing begins. The district academic assessment of students, MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) will begin the first week of January. Below are a few Test Taking Tips for Parents:

1. Make sure your child gets an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before the test.
2. Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when the testing will take place and plan your preparations.
3. If your child eats breakfast at home, the student should eat a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar cereals which can make the student hyper and/or unfocused.
4. Make sure the student is on time on the day of testing
5. If your child is sick please contact the school immediately to inform them.

Remember:

The school no longer sells snacks, so if you send a snack to school for your child, please make sure it is a healthy item.

Did you know?

Research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement. Research shows that the more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This holds true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all types and ages of students. There are strong indications that the most effective forms of active parent involvement are those that engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities in the home. Reading with your child, supporting their work on homework assignments, or tutoring them, show particularly impressive results. Research shows that the earlier in a child's educational process that parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects will be. Educators frequently point out the critical role of the home and family environment in determining children's school success, and it appears that the earlier this influence is 'harnessed', the greater the likelihood of higher student achievement.

Important Dates in January:

MAP Testing – January 5 and 7 – ALL
MAP Testing – January 10- 11 Grades K-2
MAP Testing Make-ups – January 12 - 14
Science Fair – January 6
Report Cards – January 19
District Science Fair – January 28
Yearbook Sales Final Date – January 31

I am Mr. Kamryn Melton, the Parent Involvement Specialist for Highlands Elementary School. I will be working with the school community to serve as a liaison between student, home, school, and community resources. I will be working with professional personnel, students, and parents to help students be successful in school by making available information and resources to assist families, as well as planning and providing activities related to parent involvement and engagement that are designed to enhance the school community. I also support parents regarding ways in which they can help their children achieve challenging state standards.

Remember: Highlands Proud! Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be a Good Citizen!

