



HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best, and build their emotional, social, and physical well-being to equip them with the skills and mindset to thrive and then take on the world.

## *The Highlands Highway*

**December 2021**

December is *Sharing and Caring Month* at Highlands Elementary School. Students will participate in class and school activities throughout the month to demonstrate sharing and caring.

We are most grateful to our supportive community, our PTO, and our anonymous donor for the fantastic Thanksgiving luncheon provided for our staff. Again, thank you!

The Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction were a major success! The winners of both blue ribbons for *Best Chili* and *People's Choice* were Mike Johnson and Brad Buchanan. Thank you all who participated in the festivities. A special thank you to Elvis for making a rare public appearance.

### ***Important Information:***

Attendance and On-time Arrival to school are very important to the success of your child's education. Be sure to notify your child's teacher and the office if your child is absent.

Exciting events are planned for December! Classroom spelling bees occur **Thursday, Dec. 2**, and the finalists will participate in the school spelling bee held **Monday, December 13**. **Thursday, December 9 is Marcos Pizza Night at Highlands – be sure to order a pizza and indicate your child's classroom.** Each month, the classroom with the greatest sales receives a classroom pizza party! Mrs. Hogan's classroom won for November and Mrs. Spitler's classroom won for October. Who will win the classroom pizza party for December?!

The Music Showcase will be presented **Monday, Dec. 6** for grades K, 1 and 2, 6 – 7 PM, and **Thursday, Dec. 9**, 6 – 7 PM. The holiday music showcase will be presented at Dothan First Assembly, Hwy. 84 (next to Bondy's Nissan).

Students in grades K, 1, 2, and 3 have a field trip to visit the Santa's Workshop performance on **Friday, Dec. 3**, with a cost of \$15. The field trip to enjoy the Nutcracker will occur on **Friday, Dec. 10** for students in grades 4 and 5 with a cost of \$5.

**Friday, December 17**, offers another exciting day at Highlands Elementary! The Grinch will be visiting the school and offering a photo with him for \$1! Classrooms will have their celebrations this day. The safety and health of our students, staff, and families are most important. *Visitors are limited to the front entrance and are required to follow the building guidelines when entering the building.*

**Winter Break begins on December 17 with an 11:30 AM dismissal for students. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 4.**

Highlands Elementary School parents and guardians represent a wealth of resources that enrich the school. The School Improvement Committee and Parent-Teacher Organization are excellent ways for parents to become involved with the school. *The School Improvement Leadership Committee will meet **Tuesday, December 14**, 3 PM in the Media Center.*

We continue to implement our new snack program "*Healthy Food for a Happy World*" to address childhood nutrition through a Healthy Food Initiative and the DCS Wellness Policy for Snacks and Special Events.

*Your child's school year will be full of adventure and wonder as they experience exciting and interesting active learning opportunities. Have a wonderful winter break and see you next year!*