



HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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The Highlands Highway

November 2021

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.

November is Kindness and Gratitude Month at Highlands Elementary School. Students will participate in class and school activities throughout the month to demonstrate kindness and gratitude.

Congratulations to Kinsley Ward! Kinsley's artwork was the winning entry for the entire Wiregrass 334 Prevention Project for the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest for the Grades 4 – 7 Division!

November has many fun events scheduled. **November 4th** is our first annual chili cook-off and silent auction. Autographed footballs (Alabama, Auburn, and Troy!) ~ including one by a former Auburn player who is now playing in the NFL ~ will be auctioned! The auction will include: award-winning cakes baked by teachers!; classroom-themed baskets of goodies; and other items. There will be door prizes ~ an exciting time for all! **PLEASE attend this event to support Highlands Elementary School!**

Highlands Clubs Start on **Friday, November 5th**. Students have a variety of options at each grade level from puzzles to trivia team to book club to archery to art to choir to sign language the list goes on! Ask your child about her/his club!

Thursday, November 11th is Marcos Pizza Night. Please order a pizza and indicate your teacher(s) – one class with the highest sales is selected for a class pizza party!

November 12th is our first annual Veteran's Day Parade/Drive-through! Students will honor our Veterans with their posters, flag-waving, and cheers! November 12th is also popcorn day – please send \$1 with your child for the popcorn.

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.

November has several dates where school will **not** be in session: Veteran's Day is observed on *Thursday, Nov. 11th* and Thanksgiving Week: *Wednesday, November 24 – Friday, November 26. Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 23rd!*

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.

Safety and consistency are critical for school arrival and dismissal. Please be *respectful and responsible* with your driving and the student exiting car process. Review your Highlands Elementary School Parent – Student Handbook for carpool procedures. Parking in the middle of a road or lane is *not* allowed. Blocking the entire lane is prohibited. Drive in the correct direction as indicated. Use the drop-off lanes and procedures. Children are not to cross the street on their own without supervision. If you park your car on the grass area, you must exit the car and escort your child to the school entrance (carpool area). Parking on the street in areas with "No Parking" signs is not allowed. Parking in the entrance area – circle drive-way is *not* allowed – this is a safety issue. We realize the traffic flow is an issue and have Central Office working with us to improve this matter. Thank you for your attention to this most important message.

Highlands Elementary 2021-2022 t-shirts are available for \$15.00 and sweatshirts for \$20. Again, thank you to Highlands Elementary Parent Organization for making this happen! Remember, students are to follow the DCS Dress Code as outlined in the DCS Code of Conduct.

Snacks are no longer sold by the school beginning Monday, November 1st. If you send a snack with your child, please make sure it is a healthy choice to support our 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. ***We appreciate your support with providing healthy snacks for your child.***

Your child's school year will be full of adventure and wonder as they experience exciting and interesting active learning opportunities. We look forward to sharing this year together.