



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

March 2024

March has arrived and with it comes new learning opportunities for our students! Highlands Elementary is dedicating a focus for March as Reading Month.

We will participate in and celebrate *Read Across America Week*, March 4 - 8. A special **thank you** to Mrs. Emily Dean for coordinating this special week. Our book character parade will occur Thursday, March 7, 1 PM. This is an outside event, and we encourage you to attend!

Literacy and Lunch – Family Picnics! – are scheduled for the week of March 18. The Book Fair is returning for this week – so, you are invited to eat lunch with your child and then take a short visit to the Book Fair. More info will be sent home (soon) and posted on social media with a schedule of times and dates.

Congratulations to the Highlands Elementary Archery Teams! **Archery Tournament** in Troy results are in – Highlands swept the event! For the first time in Highlands Elementary School's history, our teams won both the elementary division and the middle school division! Congratulations to our Archery Team, and a special thank you to Coach Thompson! *Highlands Proud!*

The **Wiregrass Science Fair at the Dothan Civic Center** on Feb. 21 resulted in 7 projects moving forward to the Regional Science Fair in Auburn on March 11. Noah Creel & Collier Nowell- 1st Place Material Science & Energy: Sustainable Materials and Design; Emmalyn Sutton- 2nd Place Engineering Technology: Statistics & Dynamics; Egan Sullivan- 3rd Place Engineering Technology: Statistics & Dynamics; Charlotte Logsdon & Kalli Smith- 2nd Place Chemistry; Shafia Khan- 2nd Place Earth & Environmental Services: Environmental Engineering; Charlotte Rushing- 3rd Place Earth & Environmental Services: Environmental Engineering; Dawson DeLoney & Mac Steltenpohl- 3rd Place Behavioral & Social Science

Students explored **Black History Month** in February. Students recognized for outstanding work were: Mrs. Hogan's K Class; Mrs. Mathis' K Class; Mrs. Spears' K Class; Molly Burgess; Emily von Entress Larmay; Evelyn Dahlquist; Greyson Logan; Claire Steltenpohl; Ellie Harris; Bella Tran; Katelyn Wooten; Hadley Brooks; Noa Reed; Grant Nahrebne; Ava Branham; Olivia Mitchell; Phenix Jacobo; Arya Morse; John Hayes Tiner; Mila Sonnier; Hadley Blankenship; Ellie Odegard; Isabella Kim; Makayla Gullledge; Auden Cain.

More great news to celebrate - Congratulations to those selected for the 2023 Youth Art Month Exhibition! K: Laura Lane King, Brantley Todd; 1: Vivienne Bradley, Mary Chase Ellis, Kaydee Messer; 2: Emily Benak, Molly Miner; 4: Zoey Olive; 6: Alayna Money

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. School starts promptly at 7:40 AM. Students can arrive beginning 7:15 AM.

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. We appreciate your support by providing healthy snacks for your child.

Marcos Pizza Night is March 19 ~ be sure to order your pizza and provide the teacher's name so that your child's class is entered in the drawing for a class pizza party! February's pizza party went to Ms. Mathis' kindergarten classroom – for a second time of winning!

Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 13. **Note: Check often the Highlands Facebook page and Highlands Instagram for updated news, events, and activities!** Please remember that students do not attend school the week of Spring Break: March 25-April 2.