

# Highland Park Happenings

February 2020



Highland Park students and staff collected money, toiletries, and non-perishable goods to be donated to the local homeless shelter, The Life Center.

Homerooms kept track of their donations and competed to see what homeroom could make the most donations! The top three classes earned a pizza party! Multiple trips had to be made to The Life Center in order to get all of the donations there! Thanks so much to the wonderful 5th grade students that helped make the deliveries! What a wonderful way to start the new year!





## Fly Eagles Fly

Students and staff celebrated the Eagles making the playoffs with an Eagles day. We started our morning off by singing the Eagles fight song!



## Highland Park Royals

We loved celebrating Royals day with all of our purple and gold attire!





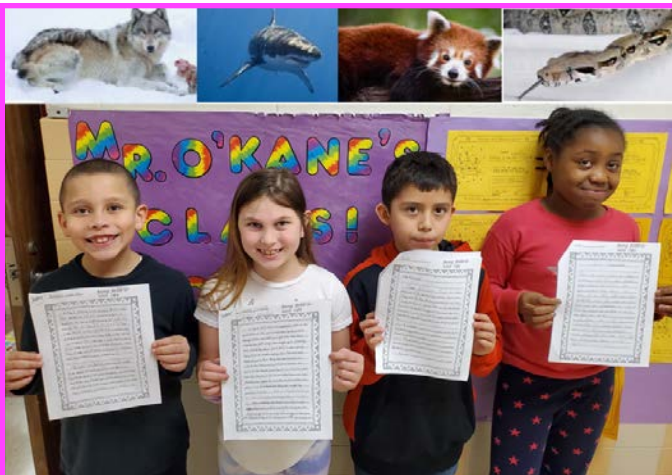
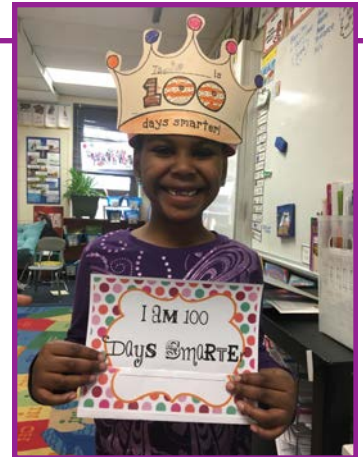
This January the first graders celebrated the 100th day of school! We had a blast doing all sorts of activities that involved counting to 100!



Second graders also celebrated the 100th day of school! They did math centers using 100 math manipulatives. Students also used 100 cubes, pattern blocks, and base-ten blocks to create different structures.



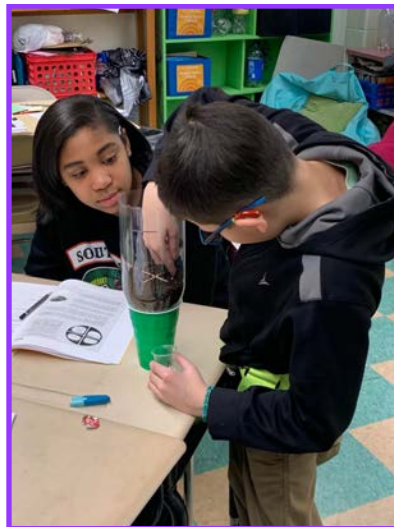
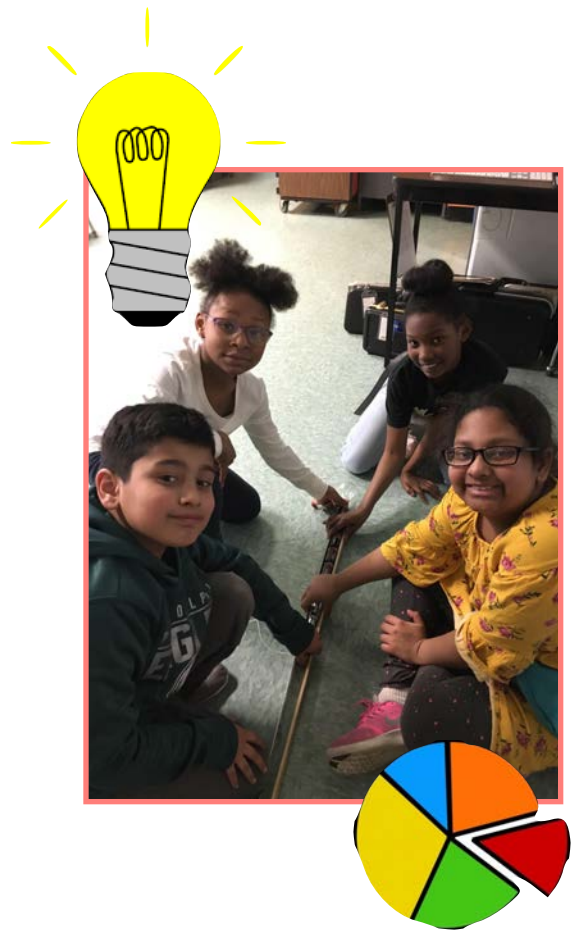
Even Mrs. DeVito enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school by dressing up and visiting the first grade classrooms!



Third grade spent the month researching their favorite animal. We had a couple of scary beasts among us! We also began learning Social Studies. We spent Chapter One and Two learning about our location in the world. We learned we are in the Western Hemisphere, on the continent of North America, in the country of the United States, in the state of Pennsylvania, and the town of Upper Darby. A great place to live!

Fourth grade is finishing up their final science units. Half of the students are developing their electrical skills, while the other 3/6 are solving storm management problems in the Land & Water unit. All 162/162 are getting acquainted with fractions in math class ;) In ELA we are writing letters to experts about Natural Wonders that intrigue us. We are certainly 100 days smarter and still going strong!

Pictured: (L to R) Mateen Butt, Vanessa Vinegar, Samiyah Brooks, and Affa Rahman all from room 306, are showing us how to light a really big light bulb using batteries and a wire. Bright kids!



Fifth grade began the second half of the year with the Science curriculum. Students started building terrariums, and are looking forward to building aquariums and filling both with live specimens.





In January, all of the ELL students had to take an online test called the ACCESS 2.0 Test for ELLs. The test measures English skills in four areas: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. The student's must use a computer and headphones with a microphone to take the test. All of the students worked very hard to do their best on the test and we couldn't be prouder of them. We are glad the test will end in early February so that we can go back to having our usual groups during the day.



We are doing our annual Jump Rope Championships here at Highland Park for each grade. In January, we held the 1st Grade Jump Rope Championships. The following students were champions of their class & represented them in the championship:

- 105- Juan Pablo Espinosa
- 106- Donna Hoang
- 107- Tyler Mitchell
- 108- Olivia Cisco
- 109- Kevice Thomas
- 110- Allure Jamel

Congratulations to all of all competitors, especially to Olivia Cisco from Room 108 who became the champion in first grade!