

# Highland Park Happenings

March 2025

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## Highland Park Elementary School / Homepage

The Making a Difference feature recognizes students, teachers and staff who are truly "making a difference" in the lives of our students and impacting those around them with exceptional work and acts of support and care. Students, teachers, staff, Principals and Administrators are nominated by the peers for working to provide Opportunity, Excellence, and Unity for our students and in our District every day.

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February was another amazing month at Highland Park. Students celebrated the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl Win, had a PBIS dance party to celebrate the school's golden tickets in January, had PAC Nights (Parent and Child) for our families to come in and enjoy educational activities together, and Ms. Fox and Mrs. Beers hosted the Scholastic Book Fair.

Looking forward to great times in March!

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## Student Administrator Day

Fifth grades Chase Satchell and Malihah Harrow were Highland Park's Student Administrators. They are wonderful examples of following our B's and working hard in all of their classes. They are involved in school activities and have a positive impact at Highland Park. As Student Administrators, they spent the day with Mrs. DeVito, acting as student principals, walking around to classrooms, making announcements, and ended the day with a ceremony at Upper Darby High School.







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## First Grade

Our recent Parent and Child (PAC) Night was a fantastic success, bringing first-grade families together for a fun and interactive evening! Parents and students worked side by side to create an "All About Math" craft, exploring numbers, equations, and problem-solving in a hands-on way. It was a great opportunity for families to connect with teachers, strengthen math skills, and make lasting memories together!







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## Second Grade

Second graders just wrapped up their first science unit about gardening and pollination! Students put their creativity to the ultimate test while they made functional models demonstrating the process of pollination.

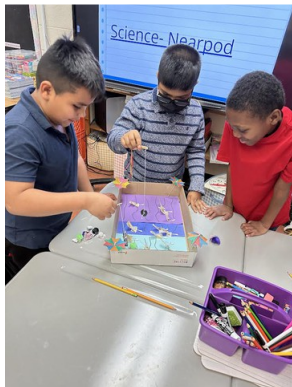
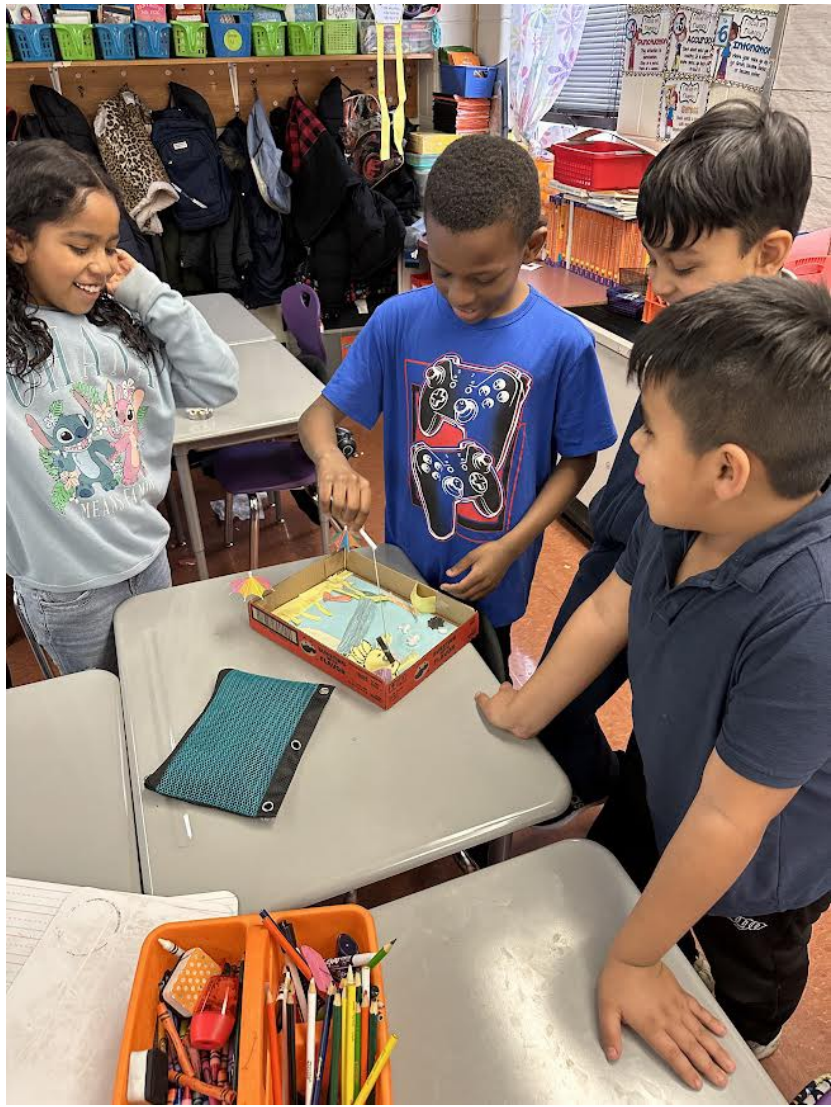


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## Third Grade

Third grade students put their creativity and problem solving skills to the test by designing and developing their own tabletop games from brainstorming ideas to creating board games and rules. They worked hard to bring their games to life after completing their projects. They had the exciting opportunity to visit a second grade classroom where they proudly shared their games.









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## Fourth Grade

Fourth graders got the chance to take a walking field trip to Observatory Field to view the new mural that has been painted there. Students spent time admiring the artwork as well as connecting the mural to our ELA module "Art Everywhere!" They were able to see firsthand how art enhances our community as well as point out their favorite elements of the mural.



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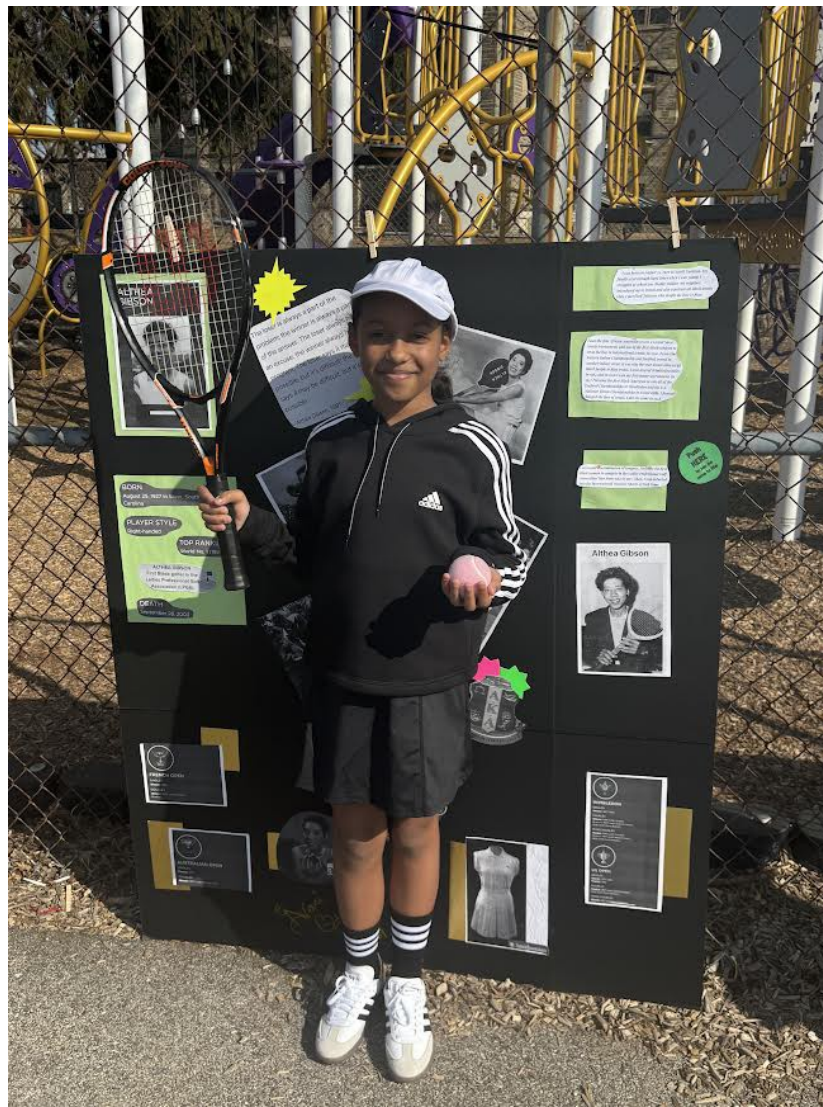
## Fifth Grade

Fifth graders participated in a Black History Month Wax Museum. Students researched a famous person (athletes, musicians, scientists, and more), created posters about their person, dressed as them, and performed a speech as the famous person. Other grades and classes visited the museum to learn about many people throughout history! Congratulations to all of the fifth graders that participated in such a wonderful event.









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## PBIS: Dance Party

In February, the students enjoyed a PBIS Dance Party that they earned in January!





# Special Student Highlight: Abdullahal

Fourth grader Abdullahal won FIRST PLACE in the Upper Darby Township Community Engagement Committee's Black History Month Poetry Contest. His poem "Acoustic" won first place, and he was recognized at the Upper Darby Township Meeting in February. Congratulations to Abdullahal... Highland Park is so proud of you!



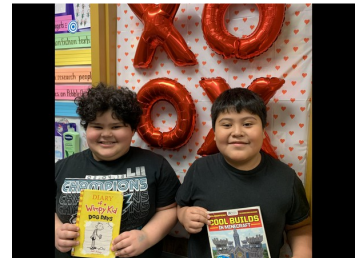




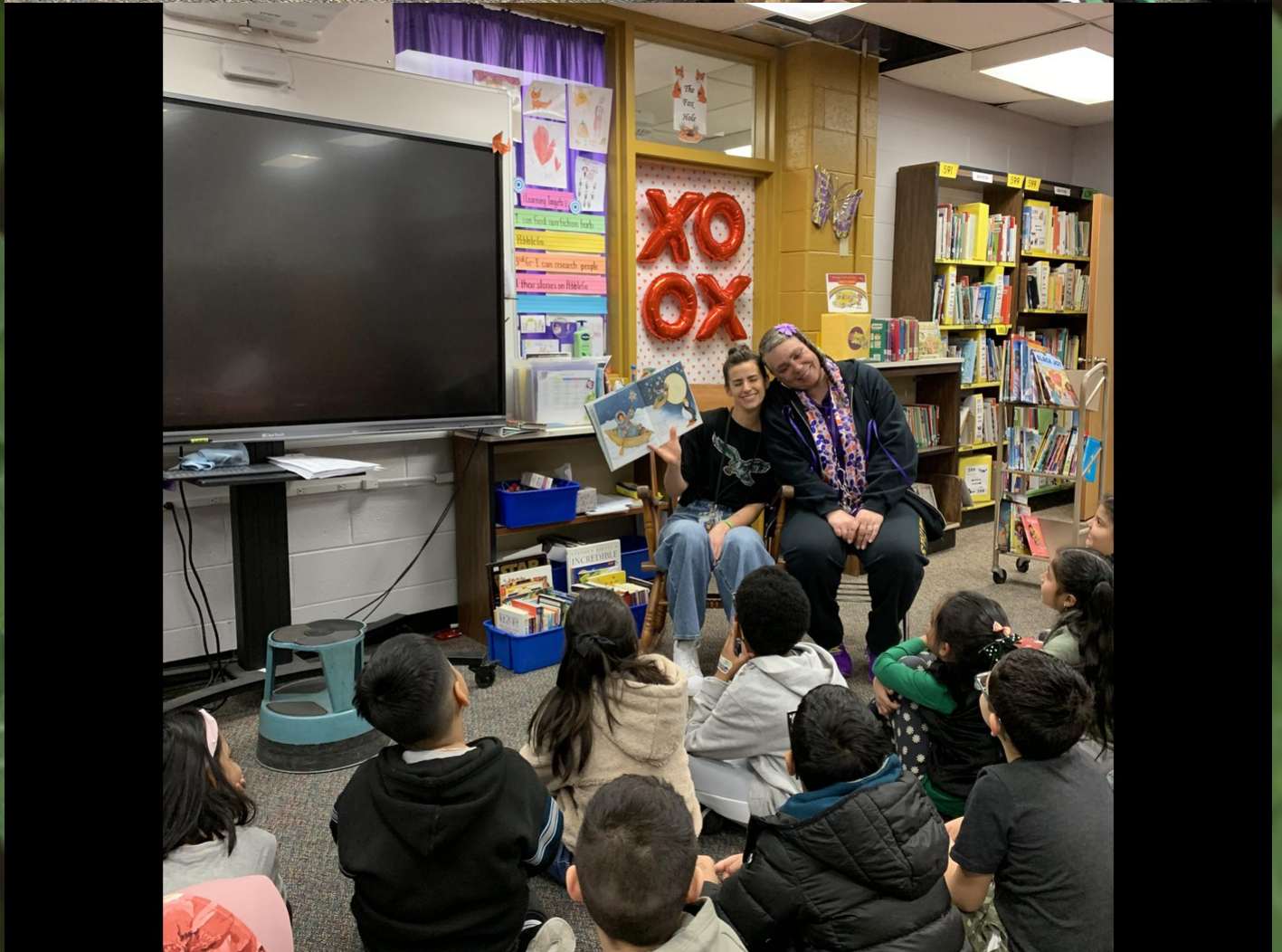
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## Library

The week before Valentines Day we celebrated all things love in the library! We enjoyed a day of guest readers reading books about love and Valentine's Day! Special shoutout to Savannah, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Jo, Mr. O'Sullivan, Sidratul, Ms. Mylotte and Mr. Williams for joining us as readers! We loved our time with you!









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# Student of the Month

The February theme for Student of the Month was Friendship. Highland Park reminded students all month to be a good friend: caring, honest, patient, and helpful.



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## March Sneak Peek:

Here is a sneak peek of our Read Across America fun in March. Wacky Wednesday was a fun day at Highland Park, with some of our wackiest outfits on display!





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## Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 10, 2025: Spring Concert at UDHS (student performers must be there at 5:30, the concert will begin at 6:30 PM)

Spring Break- SCHOOL IS CLOSED: Monday, April 14th - Friday, April 18th

Monday, April 21, 2025: School Resumes

### **PSSA Testing Dates for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders**

Tuesday, April 22 - Reading/ELA

Wednesday, April 23 - Reading/ELA

Thursday, April 24 - Reading/ELA

Monday, April 28 - Math

Tuesday, April 29 - Math

Wednesday, April 30 - Science (5th grade only)

Thursday, May 1 - Science (5th grade only)

\*\*\* Please get a good night's sleep, come to school ON TIME, and have a FULLY CHARGED Chromebook for EVERY DAY OF TESTING!

# Attendance

Reporting an absence

Please send an email to: [hpes-attendance@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:hpes-attendance@upperdarbysd.org)

School begins at 8:45 AM. There is no supervision outside before 8:30 AM.

School day ends at 3:15 PM on regular days.



**Stephanie Casey**

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