

HIGHLAND PARK HAPPENINGS

May 2023

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Mrs. Joanne
DeVito,
Principal**

**Mr. Terrance
Williams,
Assistant
Principal**

Student of the Month

Students were recognized by their teachers as Students of the Month for April!

| 1st Grade | 2nd Grade | 3rd Grade | 4th Grade | 5th Grade |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| 101 - Maliha Labibah 105 - Nolan Homer 106 - Christien Fennell 107 - Edgar Arias 108 - Agah Yasar 109 - Safeena Shah 110 - Alia Vasquez Bravo | 208 - Seilus Jarmon 209 - Abdullahal Tayeb 210 - Amirah Dowling 213 - Dior Burton 214 - Shantay Lisbon 215 - Jamill Garrison | 200 - John Morris 201 - Mariam Sheikh 202 - Pari Shrestha 205 - Ariana Suarez Morales 206 - Marlin Cordon 207 - Salwa Elhaddioui | 300 - Martin Ascencio 301 - Alisson Fuentes 302 - Fahmi Hossain 305 - Eliza Krikorian 306 - Arham Hossain 307 - Tasnim Isra | 308 - Darely Arias 309 - Zayd Alkhatib 310 - Menyam Awa 313 - Najeeba Khan 314 - Sasha Montesdeoca 315 - Logan Conix |
| Music - Tahnaya Jones (309) Physical Education - Penuel Njefenjou (205) | | | Art - Aiden Cody Adams (110) Library - Ryan Chann (314) | |





March Student of the Month

Students recognized for Student of the Month in March. The student names are listed in last month's newsletter [here](#).

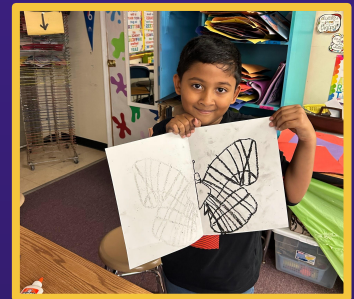
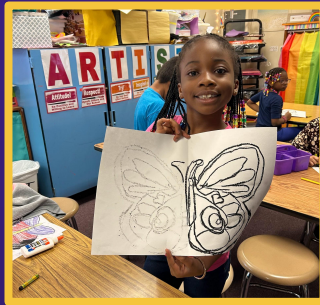
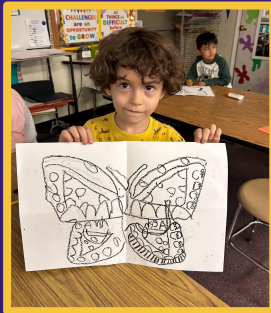
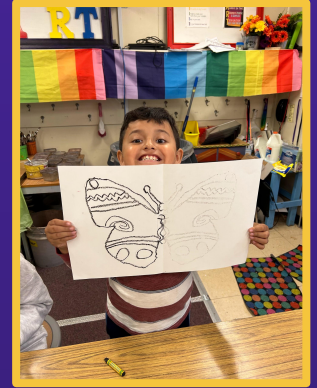
Horticulture Club

This year, Highland Park is offering a new after-school club... the horticulture club! In the horticulture club, students are given the opportunity to learn more about how plants grow. So far, students have learned about horticulture, photosynthesis, and hydroponic gardens. They have also engaged in activities such as flower pressing and building their own hydroponic systems. In May, the club will be taking a closer look at different types of trees and carnivorous plants!



Art

First grade students learned about symmetry. They used oil pastels to make a ghost print to create their symmetry butterflies.



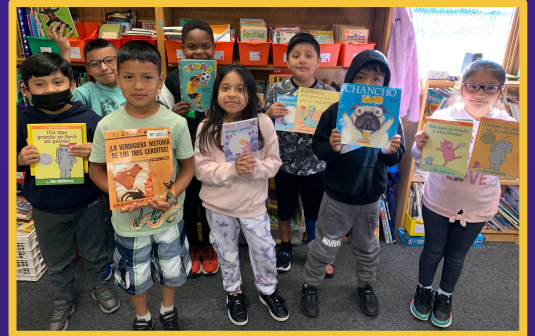
First Grade

First Grade was excited to participate in Minute to Win it Challenges! The competition was tough but we all won in the end!



ELL

In April, the ELL students received 55 Spanish language books from a grant given by the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Miss Farley applied for, and was awarded, the grant earlier this year. She received the monetary gift this month and purchased books so that children could borrow them from the ELL library. As you can see by the pictures, the students LOVED the books! Thanks FMFCU grant program for your generosity!!!



Spring Concert

The 4th and 5th graders did an amazing job in the HP Spring Concert, A World of Music! The concert took place on April 18th at Beverly Hills Middle School. The concert featured performances by the orchestra, band, 4th grade chorus, HP Singers and 5th grade chorus. Thank you to all of the families and teachers that came out to support the HP music program!





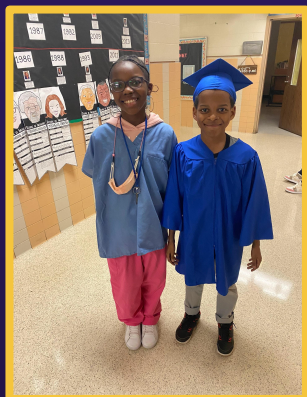
5th Grade

5th grade spent their PSSA afternoons doing some fun team building activities together.



Get Ready for PSSA Spirit Week

Our student council sponsored a spirit week right before PSSA tests. Activities included crazy hair, dress like your favorite teacher or staff member, dress like your dream job, and wear your favorite sports team/jersey!

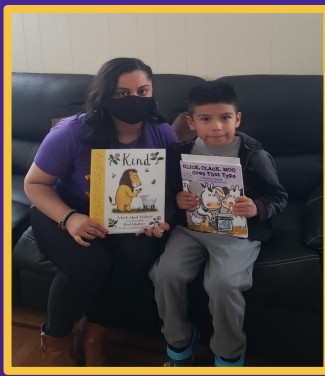




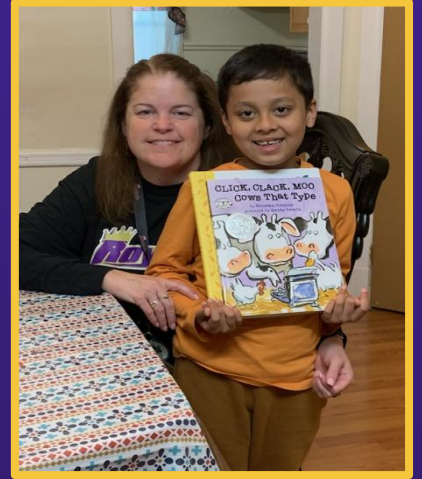
PBIS Reward: Minute to Win It Games

The entire school earned a total of 2,400 golden tickets in the month of March, earning the reward of Minute to Win It Games! Students did the Face Cookie Challenge, Noodling Around, and more! A fun time was had by all. Many thanks to the PBIS team for making it such a fun reward!





TEACH Night



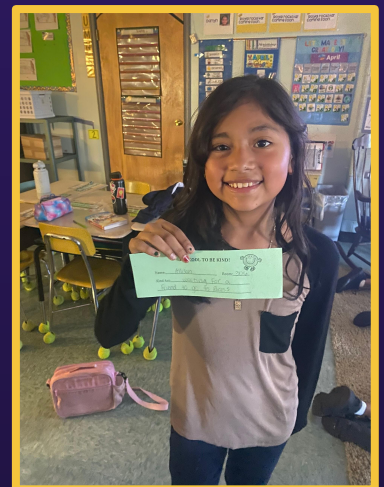
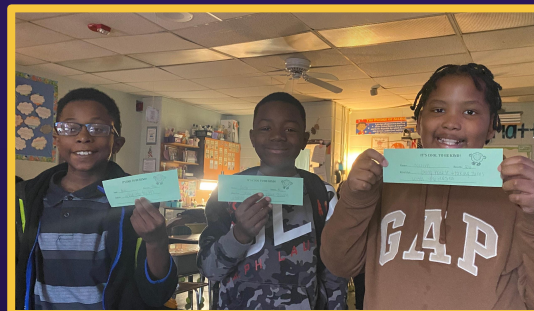
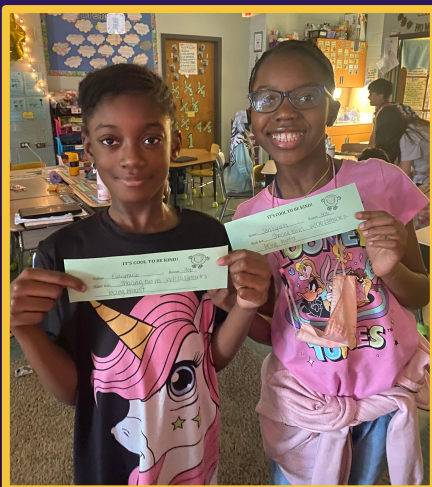
2nd Grade

Second Grade was excited to participate in Minute to Win it Challenges!



4th Grade

Mr. Fortna sharing his love of chess with 4th Grader, Amari.



Cool-to-be-Kind Recipients
It is always cool to be kind!



3rd Grade

Our Third Grade students were busy this month preparing for the PSSA exam! We earned this month's school wide golden ticket incentive and played "Minute to Win it" games in the gym. In Reading, we studied how one person can make a meaningful difference in their local or global community. In Math, we learned how to tell time and measure mass and volume. In Social Studies, we learned about economics and how to spend money wisely. All third graders should be practicing their math facts and reading fluency every night!



PBIS Incentive: Scented Chalk

Students across all grade levels reached their goal of 2,200 golden tickets over the month of April to earn an extra recess with scented chalk! Students are working towards a new goal of Golden Tickets in May for a bouncy house!



Upcoming Dates

- ★ Tuesday, May 16: No School for Students
- ★ Wednesday, May 17: Home & School Meeting at 6:30 PM
- ★ Saturday, May 20: Brad Schoener Music Man 5K Walk & Run 8:30 AM Arlington Cemetery
- ★ Friday, May 26: No School - Contract Inservice
- ★ Monday, May 29: No School - Memorial Day
- ★ Friday, June 2: Royals (Purple & Gold) Day
- ★ Monday, June 5: Royals Day Rain Date
- ★ Tuesday, June 6: Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony at 9:30 AM
- ★ Friday, June 9: Early Dismissal at 12:05 PM
- ★ Tuesday, June 13: Last Day of School for Students / Early Dismissal at 12:25 PM
- ★ Monday, June 19: UDSD Offices Closed
- ★ Friday, June 16 - August 18: UDSD Offices Closed Every Friday
- ★ Wednesday, August 23: Meet & Greet in HP School Yard
- ★ Monday, August 28: First Day of School for Students