

HIGHLAND PARK

HAPPENINGS

October 2022



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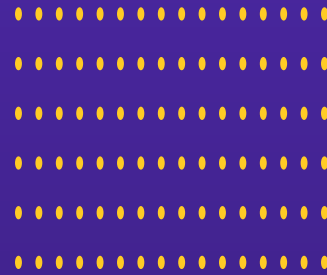
**Mrs. Joanne
DeVito,
Principal**

**Mr. Terrance
Williams,
Assistant
Principal**



UPPER DARBY
HIGHLAND PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Introducing...



Ms. Erin Rodenbaugh, 2nd Grade Teacher

- ❖ My name is Erin Rodenbaugh and I am the new 2nd grade teacher, room 209! This is my third year teaching. I came from Chester Community Charter School where I taught 4th grade for one year and 2nd grade for one year! I graduated from Kutztown University in 2020. I am currently finishing up my final class for my masters in curriculum and instruction. I am most excited to make fun and meaningful relationships with my new students and staff! I love anything to do with being outdoors and spending time with family & friends! My guilty pleasure is spending half of my paychecks at Target and TJ Maxx. I am so excited to be a part of the Highland Park family!



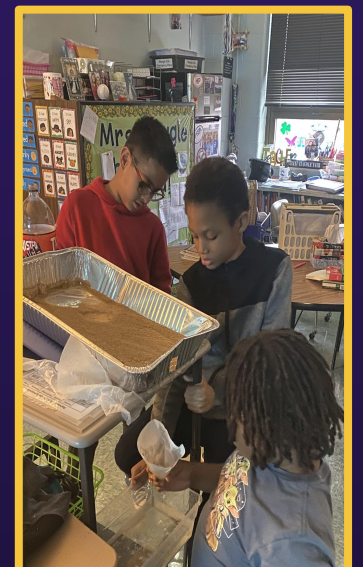
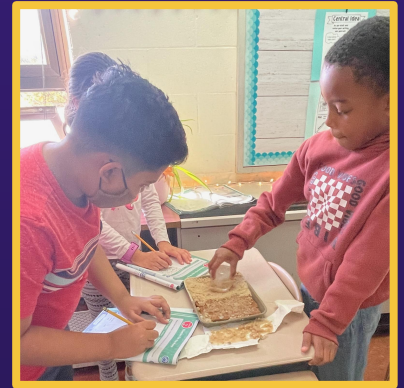
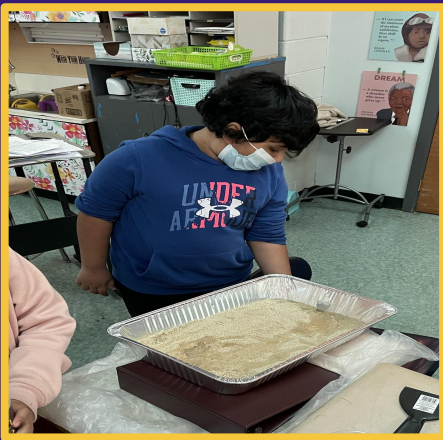
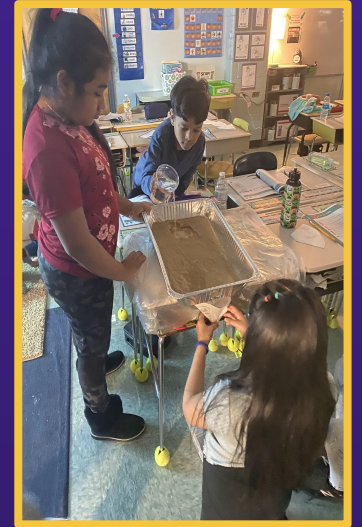
Ms. Malina Mastrocola, School Counselor

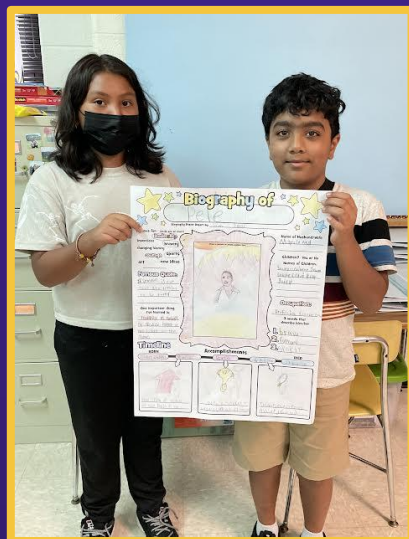
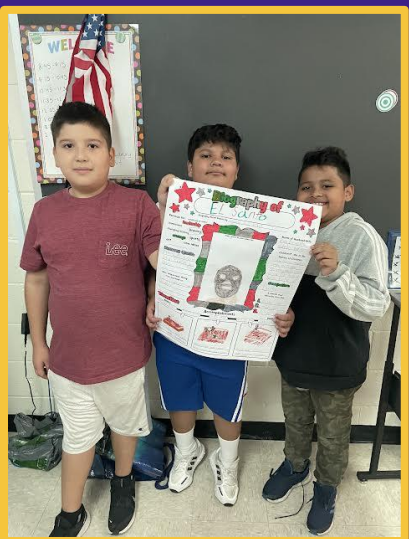
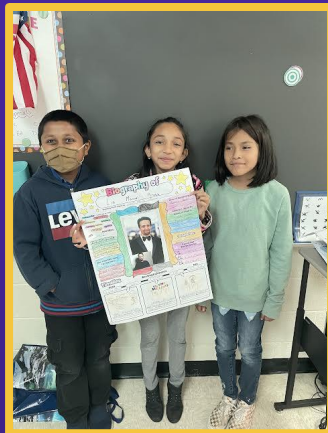
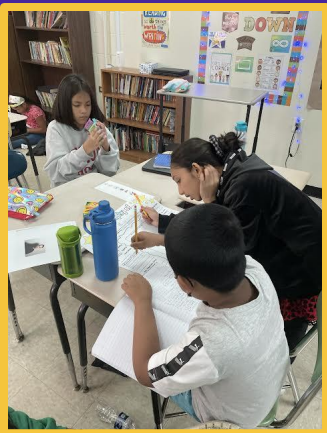
- ❖ Hi Everyone! My name is Malina Mastrocola and I am the new School Counselor for Highland Park. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Psychology at Pennsylvania State University (We Are!). In addition, I earned my Master's degree in School Counseling and License in Professional Counseling from Rosemont College. In my freetime, I enjoy reading, baking, and gardening. I am excited to get to know all of the students, their families, and the staff of HP this year.



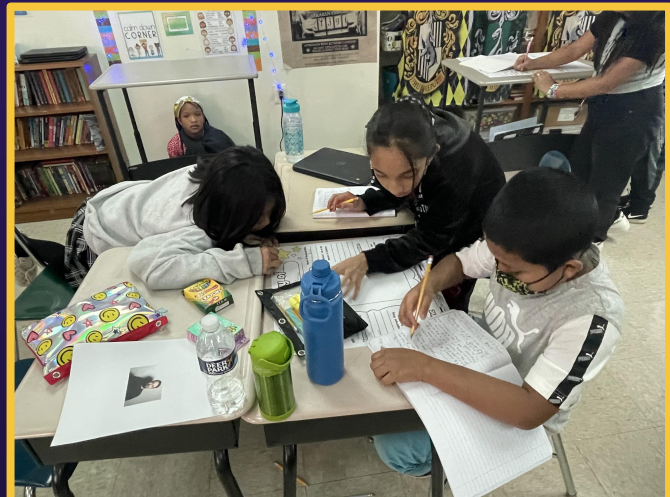
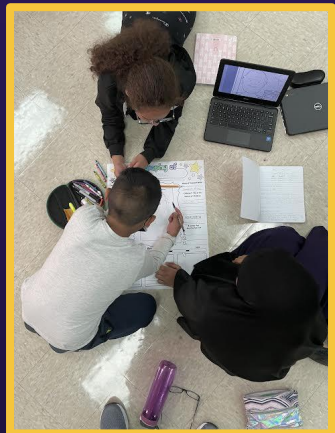
4th Grade

Fourth Graders created stream trays in Science and explore how water can change the land. They also used ice blocks, clay, and sand to model the movement of glaciers on land.



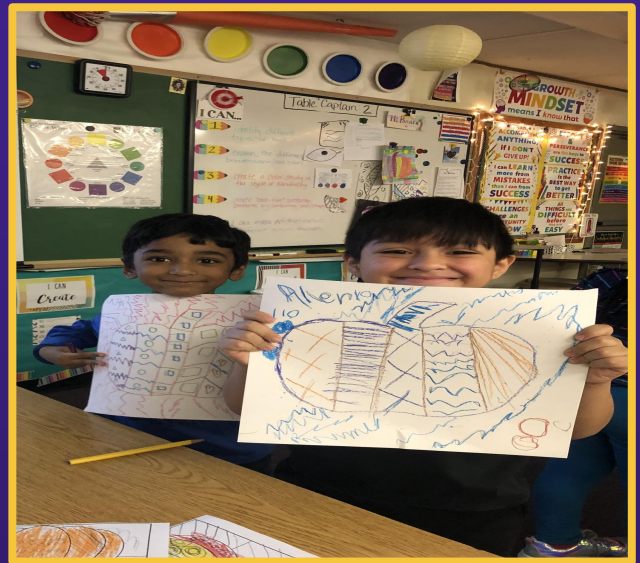
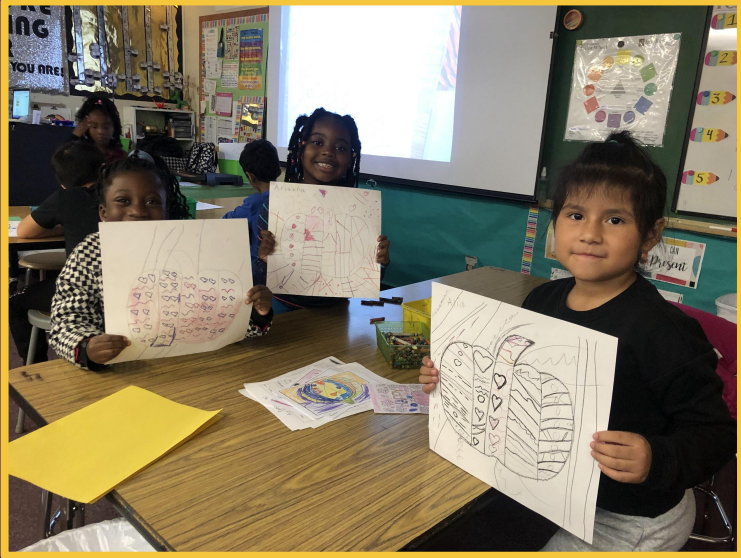


5th Grade
The fifth grade collaborated on researching and creating posters to honor a variety of people for Hispanic Heritage Month, including artists, activists, musicians, actors, athletes, and scientists. The posters hang proudly in the fifth grade hallway for everyone to see!



Art

First graders learned about different types of lines and how to create patterns with these lines to decorate their own pattern pumpkins!



First Grade

First grade is into the swing of the new school year by practicing their 5 B's and making new friends!

Attendance Reminders

You are encouraged to report absences via email at

hpes-attendance@upperdarbysd.org.

If you have a doctor's note, you can send a picture or a screen shot to the attendance email address. Please make sure you include your child's name and grade & HR number in your email.

Absences become truancies if notes (via email or handwritten) are not provided within two days of the absence.

Absences should not exceed 10 days in the school year. Please refer to the District Policy for more information on the UDSD website.

Parent Volunteer Information

We at Highland Park are always looking for volunteers, especially for the hours of 10:45 AM - 1:45 PM .

Please follow the guidelines to be a volunteer:

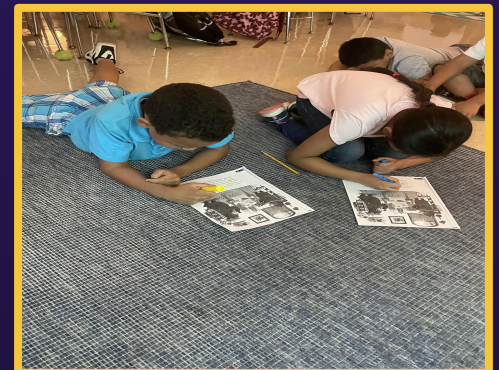
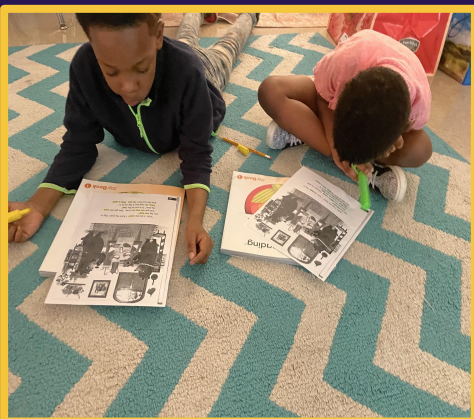
UDSD VOLUNTEER INFO



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2nd Grade
Second grade worked with partners to find short vowels in a reading!



ELL

Our Highland Park ELL classes are in full bloom! Our second graders are showing off their "all about me" flowers as we learn more about one another. With a record number of ELL students this year, (152 and counting), our ELL garden is overflowing with beautiful blooms!



Hello Highland Park Family,



I am very excited to be with you all for another school year. This is my 3rd year serving the Highland Park community and my 9th year overall in the Upper Darby School District. Although my title has changed from Lead Teacher to Assistant Principal, I will still continue to meet the needs of our students, staff, and families as safety is my number one priority. I wish everyone a great school year. Let's be Royal!

Mr. Terrance Williams
Assistant Principal

Cool to be Kind
Winners
9/9, 9/16, and 9/23



Upcoming Dates

- ★ Friday, October 14: School Picture Day
- ★ Friday, October 14: Home & School & UD Township Movie Night - 7:00 PM at Observatory Field: *The Rise of Gru*
Click here for the flyer in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#)
- ★ Wednesday, October 19: Home and School Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM
- ★ Monday, October 24: No School - Diwali
- ★ Monday, October 31: Fall Parade 2:00-3:00
- ★ Wednesday, November 2: Early Dismissal at 12:25 pm