

# HIGHLAND PARK HAPPENINGS

November 2023

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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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# ART



They are currently painting them and learning how to take care of their paintbrush.

First-grade students learned about different types of lines and then decorated Pattern Pumpkins using those lines!



Second graders learned the difference between warm and cool colors.



They created their own warm and cool colored fall leaves!





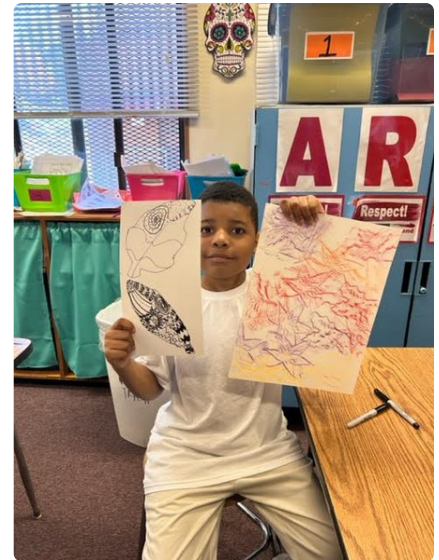
Third grade students learned about the famous artist, Kandinsky and his abstract color study.



They are working on painting their own color studies before adding a tree silhouette.

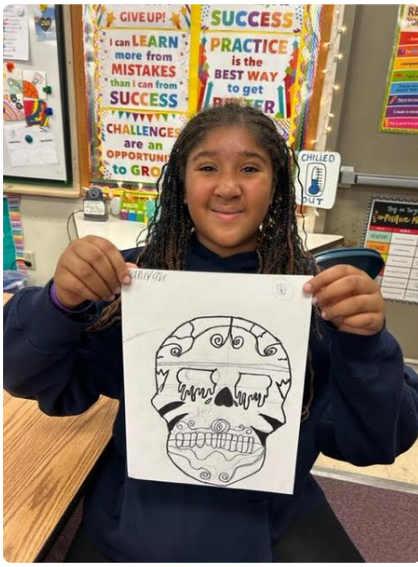


Fourth grade students learned about the difference between implied texture and real texture. They created implied texture leaf backgrounds

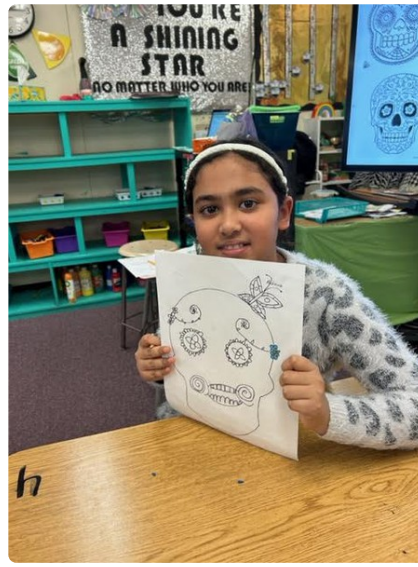


They are currently working on creating black and white patterned leaves to glue on top of the colorful background.





Fifth Grade!



Students learned about the traditions of the holiday Dia De Los Muertos.



They designed their own versions of Sugar Skulls, Marigold flowers, and/or Monarch butterflies.

## MUSIC



Students have been learning steady beats, rhythms, and time signatures.



We have been lucky to have a student teacher from West Chester University helping us!








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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Fitness Fun Friday! Students participate in fitness stations.



Some examples include Jump Rope, Hula Hoop, and Push Ups.



Always try your best! Be a good sport!

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## BAND





Highland Park band students are hard at work in their small group lessons.



Band is preparing for the upcoming Winter Concert.



They are looking forward to showing off their hard work and progress!

## ORCHESTRA



Third grade orchestra students started learning how to play their instruments!



They were very excited.



We can't wait to hear your perform at the Spring Concert.







# First Grade's Trip to the Philadelphia Zoo







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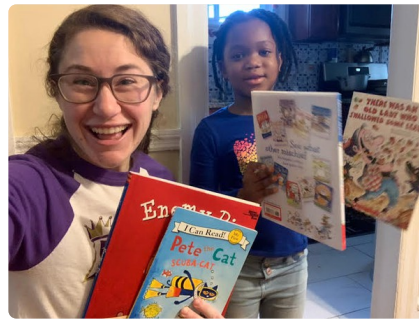
## T.E.A.C.H. Night







T.E.A.C.H is a Highland Park tradition.

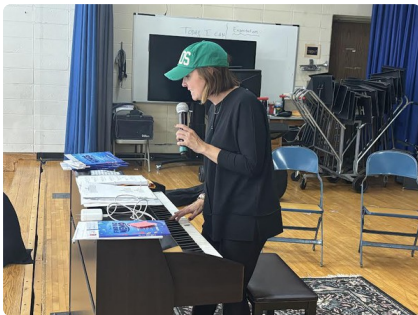


Teachers and staff visit first graders at their homes and read to/with them.



The students get to keep the books to help build a love of reading!

## Theater Arts



Mrs. Cleary started teaching the music to Finding Nemo.



Theater Arts Club members are practicing songs for their upcoming auditions.



## Student Council

Highland Park's Student Council includes students from each of our fifth grade homerooms. For their first meeting, they took a walking trip to the Upper Darby Food Bank, an organization Highland Park is proud to support every year. Student Council learned about the volunteers that help run the food bank, how it serves our community, and what the food bank needs to continue helping Upper Darby families. They proudly donated money from their Mum Sale Fundraiser held earlier in the school year.





## Fall Festival











## Student of the Month for October- Trustworthiness



Winners walked the red carpet!



Students posed for photos at the end of the assembly.



Congratulations to all of our winners!





## Dates to Remember!

Thursday, November 23, 2023: No School for Students and Staff

Friday, November 24, 2023: No School for Students and Staff



Friday, December 1, 2023: Early Dismissal at 12:10

Wednesday, December 6, 2023: Early Dismissal at 12:30

Thursday, December 7, 2023: Winter Concert at BHMS at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 13, 2023: Progress Reports

Monday, December 25, 2023 - Monday, January 1, 2023: No School for Winter Break

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## 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**

Stephanie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters