



UPPER DARBY
HIGHLAND PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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HAPPENINGS

September 2020

Together, we
can do
virtually
anything!

Highland Park Events

September

MAP Testing

9/21: 4th and 5th Grade *ELA*

9/22: 4th and 5th Grade *Math*

9/23: 1st Grade *ELA*

9/24: 2nd and 3rd Grade *ELA*

9/25: 2nd and 3rd Grade *Math*

9/30: 1st Grade *Math*

September

9/24:

Home and School
Schooly/Technology
Help

4:30pm-6:00pm

October

10/12:

No School - Columbus
Day

10/17: Home and School
Family Walk

10/21: Home and School
Meeting @ 6:30pm

Welcome to Our ROYAL New Staff!

Ms. DePietro

Hi! My name is Olivia DePietro and I am very excited to be part of the first grade team!

I grew up in Havertown, where I still live, and went to Haverford High School. From there I went to West Chester University where I graduated in May 2020 with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Special Education. Last Spring, while attending WCU, I student taught in fourth grade and in a learning support class at Highland Park where I fell in love with the school!

In my spare time I love going to the beach, watching movies, snuggling with my dogs, and spending time with family and friends!



Miss. McKnight

Hi my name is Miss. McKnight and I will be teaching third grade this year! I was lucky enough to spend most of last year as a long term substitute teacher in the same third grade classroom. I am thrilled to be back in room 201! Before joining the Highland Park family, I was a student at East Stroudsburg University where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I was also a member of the Women's Basketball team while at East Stroudsburg. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love to be active and spend time at the beach. I am so excited to officially be a Royal and look forward to an awesome year!



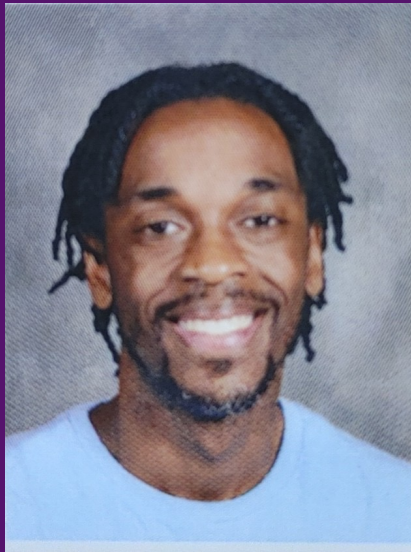
Dr. Knapper

Hi! My name is Dr. Veronica Knapper and I am very excited to be a new member of the Highland Park Family! I have been employed in education for 20 years! Currently, I am the School Psychologist at Highland Park and I also have experience as a General Education Teacher and Special Education Administrator. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, dining out and spending time with family, friends and my cat! I am looking forward to a wonderful school year and am thankful to be in such a fantastic school district!



Mrs. Palkovics

Hello, I am so excited to be joining the Highland Park family. I am Ms. Palkovics the new librarian. I taught many years as a classroom teacher, but switched to library about 4 years ago. I graduated from Immaculata University and received my masters at Chestnut Hill College. I have a full house with 4 wonderful kids, 2 dogs and a cat. In my free time I like to surf and paddleboard with my children, and of course I LOVE to read. I am excited for a fun year!



Mr. Williams

My name is Terrance Williams, I am currently in the role as Lead Teacher at Highland Park Elementary School. I previously worked as a 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Bywood Elementary from 2014-20. Prior to that, I taught on the elementary and middle school level in the School District of Philadelphia for 6 years. I earned my Bachelor's Degree from Gettysburg College in 2005 and a Master's Degree from Holy Family University in 2008. I am currently enrolled in a Master's Degree program at Saint Joseph's University. I am a resident of Upper Darby and I look forward to providing support to the children, families, and staff of Highland Park.

A Look Inside our Virtual Classrooms

3rd Grade: Ms.
Gallagher's
Friends

Room 202



The start of first grade looks a little different this year: new school, new classrooms, new teachers, and a new way of learning! One thing that hasn't changed is our ROYAL PRIDE. First graders learned what it means to be a Highland Park Royal by making royal crowns. We had so much fun putting them together and discussing the 3 B's.



In the first week of school, the boys and girls in Room 210 read "Our Class is a Family" and celebrated by taking a family picture. Every day, Miss Hartigan includes the pictures as part of our daily schedule to remind the students in each cohort that we are one family who supports one another through our second grade year together.



4th Graders Are Ready to Change the World

The Fourth Grade teachers are excited to work with this year's students. We applaud you for attending your virtual classes on time, for your participation during live sessions and for the great questions you are asking. The teachers are impressed with your hard work and enthusiasm and cannot wait until you return to school in person. Unit then, know that this bulletin board is waiting for you. You will personalize it with pictures of yourself and adjectives that describe you. It is going to be a great year!



Music class is off to a great start! The students have been finding their classes and settling into a routine. The 2nd graders will begin learning two songs for their 2nd grade show in November. The 4th and 5th graders will also begin working on music for their winter concert in December. Both of these performances will be virtual. Welcome back!

Highland Park teachers can't
~~mask~~ their excitement for
this year!!