

FROM THE
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The Highland Avenue Newsletter



In the Newsletter:

Some things you may not know about at Highland:

- American Young Voices
- Student Council serves Hoboken homeless as part of their community service outreach.

More about the Highland Chorus:

- ◆ Chorus is part of the Highland Curriculum— all students must take chorus.
- ◆ Students will perform at 4 Winter and Spring concerts in their career.
- ◆ 6th graders create their own original promotion song every year to be sung at the 6th grade promotion ceremony.
- ◆ Every year Highland students have the opportunity to be the first to kick off the annual Midland Park Memorial Day parade and sing 'God Bless America' at the opening Flag raising.
- ◆ 6th Grade students interested in Chorus can sing at the MPHS winter concert in with the 7th and 8th grade students.
- ◆ Ms. Angulo-Pizarro is constantly looking for more select choral opportunities such as American Young Voices. Keep your ears open and pay attention in class for these events. We would love for more students to participate.

Highland School Participates in American Young Voices for the First Time

American Young Voices (AYV) is the biggest school concert in the world! Tens of thousands of students from New Jersey and the NYC metro area gather together for a one-day experience of music, fun, community and memories at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ. Highland School, for the first time ever, assembled its own chorus to take part in this exciting event.

Ten 5th and 6th grade students seized the opportunity to put in the extra work on their own time and practice after school with Ms. Angulo-Pizarro, the Highland Music Teacher. In order to participate, students had to rehearse songs that would become part of a choral ensemble of thousands of students that would be standing and singing in the Prudential Center. The Chorus was conducted by Francisco J. Nunez, an acclaimed composer and arranger of choral music. Nunez travels the world putting on these shows and currently over 2 million students have participated in this world-wide event.

Pictured below are the students who participated and the banner that they flew to represent Highland School. These ten students, Ms. Angulo-Pizarro, and Ms. Carr, the school librarian who chaperoned the trip, did not get home until close to 10pm— a very long day. But it was worth it— “The girls loved every minute of it.” said Ms. Angulo-Pizarro. We are certainly proud of them and would encourage other students to take opportunities like these that are offered at Highland School.



AYV Inside the Prudential Center (above)



Pictured from left to right:
Ms. Angulo-Pizarro, Ella Guarini, Megan Zamora, Sophia Torry, Makela Bouts, Julianna Quinn, Karleigh Detrick, Cienna Thimme, Anika Trommelen, and Ms. Carr.

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Other Way High-
land Helps:

[Annual Sock Drive](#)

[Candy for the
soldiers](#)

[Bag a lunch program
\(donated the most
lunches in Bergen
County](#)

[Soup-erbow!
Collection](#)

[Thanksgiving Day Food
Collection](#)

[Those who served
the Homeless -2019](#)

5th Grade

Riley Butler
Grace Vlacanich
Emma Van Kleek
Neil Dhalwani
Lilah Thompson

6th Grade

Olivia Schaefer
Gianna Tuosto
Lucas Trotta
Julia Henderson
Riley Ng-Knepper
Josie Marrone

Highland School Students Get Up Close & Personal to Make a Difference: ——Highland Feeds the Homeless

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” - Anne Frank

The Highland school student council supervised by Mrs. Lelinho has teamed up with the guidance department lead by Mrs. Scala to offer one of the best, most educational, most life changing trips in Highland School. 5th and 6th grade students who serve on the student council are afforded an annual volunteer opportunity to travel to the Hoboken Homeless Shelter. At the shelter, students will work together to prepare a meal and then serve the meal to the residents of the shelter. This year will mark the 3rd time students have served food at the shelter and each year the students, teachers, and the parent chaperones, think about life a little differently upon their return.



Highland School is always offering opportunities to serve the community. Most of these efforts take place in the comfort of Highland School like raising money for the bag a lunch program, donating socks, donating candy, donating shoes, etc, etc. However, Highland school is always making an effort to get students actually serving in the community. The Hoboken Shelter is one example, however another annual opportunity that is lead by Mrs. Scala, once again, are the student visits to Mill Gardens, a Senior Citizen Home right around the corner. Students, once a month, travel to the center by bus to spend time and talk to the senior residents. Opportunities like this are invaluable and we are continually looking for more safe, age appropriate ways to gets students up close and personal with changing the world they live in.