

The Highland School

31 Highland Avenue
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Highland School Weekly Updates

September 22, 2023

Highland School Clubs:

Last year, we offered 15 clubs to our students. Clubs are limited at the 3rd grade level as our youngest students get accustomed to the school, but as they get older they will have access to more and more. Clubs typically meet twice a month for about 45 minutes. Clubs will be advertised in October and students can then sign up. Unfortunately, if clubs do not gain enough membership during sign ups, they will not run for the year. We are solidifying the clubs now, but if interested to see what we ran **last year** please go to *The Highland Website* → *Clubs and Activities Dropdown* → *Club Descriptions* or click this link: [Highland Club Descriptions Page](#). Please keep in mind, we are adding new clubs this year based on interest surveys from last year so this list will change a little.

- To sign up for a club, students should not do anything now. In October, Clubs will be advertised on the morning show, over announcements, and also shared with parents on the October Parent Update. Students signups will be then.

Grade 3 Community Service Project: (From the grade 3 team)

At Highland School, we feel it is important to educate our students on the importance of helping those less fortunate. Paterson Public Schools has a wonderful program where students can shop for free in a Confidence Closet. A Confidence Closet is where students can get basic supplies that they need--items that many of us take for granted. The third-grade team has selected the Confidence Closet as their service project for the year. We would like to ask for your help in this new endeavor of supplying basic necessities to students in Paterson.

During the week of September 26th, the third-grade students will be collecting and organizing supplies and the teachers will deliver them. We will be collecting items until October 3rd.

We will be collecting items such as:

- *toothpaste*
- *hand soaps*
- *deodorant*
- *shampoo*
- *toothbrushes*
- *lotion*
- *body washes*
- *dental floss*
- *Feminine Hygiene*

Students can drop off these supplies in boxes located near the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Ackerman at Aackerman@mpnj.org. Thanks for supporting us as we learn about helping others!

Media Center Resources:

Ms. Carr has set up a wealth of resources for students on her Media Center Website. Some of the resources include; online encyclopedias, E-books, and Digital Audio Books (highly recommended). Students can access these resources with their passwords.

- [Media Center Resources Web Page](#)

The Birthday Book Club:

The Birthday Book Club is a program that allows a parent or guardian to celebrate their child's birthday by donating a book to our school library. Week after week the child will choose who will bring home their special birthday book. Click the link below for more details, the donation form and the link to the Amazon wish list compiled by Ms. Christine Carr, our K to 6 librarian.

- [Birthday Book Club Information](#)
- Please email Ms. Carr with any questions: ccarr@mpsnj.org

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Back to School Night Change:

On the originally scheduled Back-to-School Night of 9/28, unfortunately, there is a conflict in the Municipal Parking lot and we do not want to interfere with the Town Council meeting. Please mark your calendars; **Highland Back-to-School Night (BTSN) will now take place on Wednesday October 4th at 6:30pm.** More specific information will come out as we get closer to the date including a schedule of the night.

MPHS Music in the Park 2023: Sunday October 8, 2023

Support the Midland Park Marching Band in their Annual Music in the Park Event. Please click the link for more detail: [Music in the Park 2023.pdf](#)

Upcoming Events:

9/25 – No School: Yom Kippur

9/26 – MPEPTA General Meeting; 7:30pm in the Highland Media Center

10/4 – Highland Back to School Night: 6:30pm in the Highland Gymnasium with classroom presentations to follow (More information to come next week)

10/5 – Highland School Picture Day

10/9 – Half Day for Students – 12:30pm dismissal: Teacher Professional Development

10/10 – PTA Pumpkin Patch: During School Day

10/13 – PTA Harvest Festival: 3:00pm – 7:00pm on the Highland Field

Old but always relevant information:

Nurses Contact:

Mrs. Patty Trava has returned as the Highland School nurse. Should you have any student related health questions, or need to submit vaccinations, and/or doctor's notes, please contact Mrs. Trava at HLNurse@mpsni.org.

Highland School Student/Parent Handbook:

Every year the Student/Parent Handbook is embedded into the student academic planner that the PTA so graciously provides. In the handbook is information related to the school, i.e. code of conduct, absences, bell schedules, and other important information. It is also posted under resources on the Highland homepage. Please use this as a resource prior to calling the main office.

- [Highland School Parent Handbook 2023-2024](#)

Sincerely,

Peter Galasso, Principal

