

Highland Happenings - September 2019

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Student Computers: We are very fortunate at Highland to have a 1 to 1 ratio of student to computer at all grade levels. Intermediate students, grades 3-5, will be able to take their computers home once we have completed an online cyber safety course. If you do not want your child bringing his computer home, please send a note to the school for him to be a day user. Just like textbooks and library books, the computer is school property the students use as a tool. Anytime a student damages their computer, they and parents are responsible for paying for that damage. A broken screen can cost as much as \$65. We do offer a protection plan that covers most damage for \$30 per year. If you decide you want this protection, you can send in a note that you want it and send the \$30.



HAWKS Program: Our HAWKS Program begins on September 4th right after school. Our parent night will be at 5:00 PM on the 4th. The HAWKS Program operates from 3:15 to 5:15 PM after school Monday-Thursday and mornings Monday-Friday for grades 2-5. This program is paid for with a grant from the 21st Century Learning Center Grant. If you have not enrolled your child and would like to, check with Mrs. Boegemann.

Back to School Bash: On August 15th, we held our first Back to School Bash. We had a DJ and the GHS Band. The book bus was here. Creamy cup was selling ice cream and we also had pizza by the slice, chips and drinks for sale. Student lighthouse members gave tours of the school. We had a lot of fun.



A Look Ahead:

September:

2—Labor Day

6— Grandparents Day Picnic

9-23 –FunFestival Wristband & ticket Sales

27—FunFestival for Education

October:

7-14 Fall Break

14 Teacher PD Day

21-23 Fall Book Fair

22 STEM Parent Night

November:

27-29—Thanksgiving Break

December:

3-13—Yearbook Sales

9– Christmas Program 6:30 PM

18-31—Christmas Break

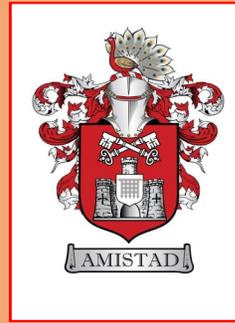
Ron Clark House System

The **house system** is an idea adopted from **Ron Clark Academy** to give students the opportunity to connect with students across classes and grades that they may not normally have a chance to interact with. This helps students gain more friendships and create a family-like culture at our school. Students in grades K-5 and all staff were randomly sorted into houses. Students can earn points for their house through good behavior and actions. We will celebrate the house with the most points at the end of the year. We are working on getting sponsors to get each student and staff member a shirt for their house. Each house meets on Friday at 2:30 PM.

Isibindi (the Green House): The Green house is the house of courage. The ancient Zulu axe, pairs shrews thought with the power to stand firm in the name of protecting land, people and spirit. Living in a pride, dedicated to family, the lion is revered throughout the world for his enviable strength and courage. Isibindi means courage in the language of the Zulu. The African ebony tree pays homage to the awe inspiring beauty of the continent of our heritage. At the top of our crest is the mute swan, its beauty speaking volumes and its discernment a reflection of the storied tradition of Zulu leadership—astudte, compelling and unwavering.



Amistad (the Red House): The Red house is the house of friendship. The peacock is our symbolic animal, representing the heart's desire to love and protect a friend. The peacock has a persevering spirit that never quits and never dies, just like us. The knight is the symbol of the protector. While the peacock sits quietly on top, the knight sows what a fierceness lies within. The name Amistad is Spanish for friendship. We are the house of Friendship. The castle at the center, represents our foundation of power and protection through comradery. The crossed arms symbolize the keys to unlock the gateway to friendship.



Altruismo (the Black House): The Black house is the house of givers. The crest of the black house displays the house animal, the Griffin. The Griffin is known for its grace and strength. Altruismo is Portuguese for altruism or the givers. The diamond on the shield on the crest represents the importance of protecting others with unity and wisdom. The heart sits at the top of the crest because the heart is where kindness, generosity and purity are born.



Reveur (the Blue House): The Blue house is the house of dreamers. The crescent moon symbolizes new beginnings and the making of dreams into reality. The moon also represents our symbolic animal, because when the moon comes out, the wolves come out. Reveur is French for dreamer or idealist. The unicorn is our spirit animal due to it being a symbol of freedom, healing and beauty. The unicorn's powers are both magical and mystical. The open-visored helmet facing forward is typically reserved for the highest nobility. The knight is facing forward to symbolize having dreams and letting nothing stand in your way.

