

# Highlander—October 2018

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## PowerSchool Parent Portal—

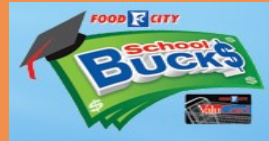
Parents of students in 3rd, 4th or 5th grades can see their child's grades at anytime via the Parent Portal. There is a link from our website or you can go directly at <https://powerschool.gcschools.net/public>. You will need a username and password to access the grades. Please contact Julie Fannon at Central Office for this information [fannonj@gcschools.net](mailto:fannonj@gcschools.net)

**Fall Break—** School will be closed October 8-12 for Fall break.



**Morning Opening—** Due to not having morning HAWKS, our doors will now open at 7:30 AM.

**Food City School Bucks—** Please connect your Food City Card to Highland to help us earn money for our GSIA/school.



HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY  
School PLU# 40488



**Reading—** As you know, Literacy is our focus at Highland. As we work with our students to improve reading skills, we will be sharing information about reading. The Importance of Reading with Young Children: 1. Reading to young children sets them up to succeed. 2. Reading develops language skills. 3. Exposure to reading exercises your child's brain. 4. Reading enhances a child's concentration. 5. Reading together encourages a thirst for knowledge. 6. A range of books teaches children about different topics. 7. Reading develops a child's imagination and creativity. 8. Reading

books with children helps to develop empathy. 9 Books are a form of entertainment. 10. Reading together creates a bond.

**Attendance—** All School systems in the state of Tennessee are being held accountable for student attendance rates by measuring the number of students classified as Chronically absent. The state of Tennessee considers your child to be Chronically Absent when they are absent 10% of instructional days. This equates to 18 total days for the school year, regardless if the absences are excused or unexcused. We realize some absences are unavoidable, due to health problems or other circumstances. We also know that when students miss too much school it can cause them to fall behind academically, regardless of the reason. Attending school regularly has a significant, positive impact on your child's academic success throughout their school career.

## October:

- 1 Picture money Due
- 4 Farm Day
- 5 Kindergarten to Pumpkin patch
- 8-12 Fall Break
- 18 Student flu shots (8:00-9:00 AM)
- 31 Halloween

- 2 Grades K-5 to NPAC to see Charlotte's Web.
- 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 Election Day
- 16 Thanksgiving Day at Highland
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break

## November:



**Fall Break Family Project**— Mr. Chapman has a fun project you can complete with your child during our Fall Break, if you so choose. We need shh pictures for our morning news, so Mr. Chapman would like for you to take these during Fall Break. Your child should be the focus of the picture with their right index finger in front of their lips in the shhh position (if you need to see some examples, check out our morning news on our webpage <http://highland.gcschools.net> ). If you are traveling during Fall Break, we would love these to be taken in front of something scenic or well known, but if you are staying at home, local pictures are great, too. If you take these pictures please e mail them to Mr. Chapman at [chapmanj@gcschools.net](mailto:chapmanj@gcschools.net). We hope to use them on our morning news in late October and November.

## School Wide Reading Goal This Year: 6,000 Books!

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expert in  
anything  
was  
once a  
beginner.

**Picture money is due Monday, October  
1st, 2018**

**Student Screen Time**— Your child's screen time should be limited to 30 min to 1 hour each afternoon.



**Is your child getting enough sleep?**



Age	Wake-up Time						
	6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM
	Bedtime						
5	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:45 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM
6	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:45 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM
7	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:45 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM
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9	7:45 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM
10	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM
11	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM	9:45 PM
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