

Highlander—February 2019

Book Fair February 27-March 1: We will be having our book fair on Wednesday, February 27th through March 1st. Scholastic is conducting our book fair again this year. As usual, students will make a list on the first day to bring home to their parents to decide what they may purchase. The book fair will be open during our Parent Reading Night on February 28th from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Parent Tech Blitz: We held our first Parent Tech Blitz last month where our staff showed off the technology we use at Highland. We used an Ed-camp format for the sessions. We hope everyone enjoyed the sessions they attended.



Clubs: Our Leader in Me Clubs started in January. One Friday per month students go to the club of their choice. Some clubs include, coding, sports, board games, reading and others.

A Look Ahead:

February: Black History Month
15 Professional Development Day—No Students
18 Mid-Winter Break
19 Professional Development Day—No Students
22 2nd Grade Caldecott Parade

27-28 Book Fair

28 Parent Reading Night—5:30-7:00 PM

March: Women's History Month

1 Read Across America
1 Book Fair
22 PD Day—No students
25-29 Spring Break

Mid-Winter Break:

February 15th –19th



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Attendance: We need parental help with an important goal for our school this year. We want to ensure that each child attends school every day. As a school, we receive a grade from the state for our attendance average. Any child missing 18 days out of the 180 days of school is labeled as chronically absent, whether the days missed are excused or unexcused. Attending school regularly has a significant, positive impact on your child's academic success— from kindergarten through high school. Help us by making sure your child is at school every day possible.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses. President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2013 theme, At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington, marks the 150th and 50th anniversaries of two pivotal events in African-American history. ~ <http://www.history.com>

Food City School Bucks: Register your value card to Highland school to help us earn money for our school. If your card has been registered with Highland, please do it again. It must be done annually.



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February 2nd is Groundhog Day!

The first Groundhog Day in the U.S. was celebrated in 1887 in Punxsatane, Pennsylvania. The legend of Groundhog Day says that if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of bad weather. Therefore if it is cloudy or overcast on Groundhog Day, Spring will arrive early.



Second Grade Caldecott Parade is Friday, February 22 at 2:35 PM. All classes will sit lining the hall as the 2nd graders show off their Caldecott paintings and march down the halls to the gym. Students in all grades and teachers may dress as their favorite book character. 2nd Grade parents will receive an invitation to attend.

