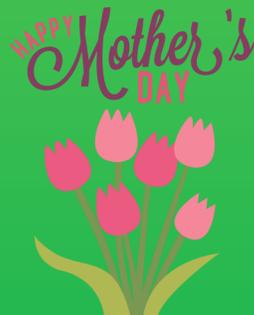


Highlander - May 2019

Mother's Day—

Sunday, May 12th

The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.—
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School-Wide WIG

Our school-wide WIG (Wildly Important Goal) was to read 6,000 books by the end of May. We had completed that by mid March. We have adjusted our WIG up to 10,000 books by the end of May. We are well on our way.



SIT: If any parent / guardian is interested in serving on the GSIA School Improvement Team, please call Mrs. Newland at 423.638.3341.

Student of the day: During most of May, we will announce two students of the day on the morning news.

4th and 5th Grade Trip to Dollywood

On May 20th, the 4th and 5th grade students will be taking their annual trip to Dollywood. This trip is a lot of fun for our students. Here are some pictures from last year's trip.

A Look Ahead:

May:

- 1- All Materials due in Library
- 2— Faculty Meeting
4. Star Wars Day
- 5—Cinco de Mayo
- 6—National Nurse's Day
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8—Intermediate Grades to Musical in Morristown
- 10—Field Day at Tusculum
- 13 Teacher of the Month
- 17- Awards day for PK-1 12:30-1:30, Grades 2-4 1:45-2:45
- 20—4th & 5th Dollywood Trip
- 20-School Board Meeting
- 21—Awards Day for 5th Grade 1:30-3:00
- 22 - Walk to School Day
- 22— Last Full Day of School
- 27—Memorial day

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Field Day

Mr. Barnett and our students have worked hard preparing and qualifying for this year's Field Day. Students will attend Field Day at Tusculum University on Friday, May 10th. There is no rain date. Parents are welcome to drop by Tusculum that day to watch their child participate.

Reading

We have completely surpassed our WIG of reading 6,000 books and increased that goal to 10,000 books for this year by the end of May, so we still have a few weeks to go on this one. Students have also checked out 2848 books from our library this year. What a great year of reading!



Walk to School Day! Our annual Walk to School Day will be on the last day of school, May 22nd. Students riding the bus will be dropped off at the NPAC that morning. Parents dropping students off, need to drop them off at the NPAC before 8 AM. Students and teachers will walk from the NPAC to school. We have a lot of outdoor activities planned including an inflatable water slide. Here are some pictures from last year's event.



Using Hashtags

Most everyone knows what hashtags are in 2019. However, not everyone knows how to use hashtags well. When used properly, hashtags (# signs that help categorize social media content) make it easier for users to find related content. They can help increase the visibility of your messages and boost your social shares. When used inappropriately, however, they can negatively impact your credibility on social media. This can have the inverse effect of decreasing your social activity. We have three registered hashtags for Highland. The general one is #HITLIM19 (The 19 will become 20 next school year). Our HAWKS Program has one hashtag. #HIHAWKS19. We have one for the butterfly garden. #hibutterflygarden Try Googling #hibutterflygarden to see tweets and Facebook posts about our journey with our garden.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2019 occurs on Monday, May 27. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.—
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