

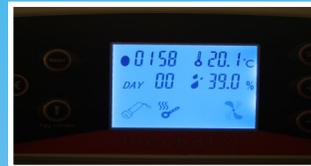
Highlander-April 2019

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Dollywood: Fourth and Fifth Grade students will be going to Dollywood on Monday, May 20th. The cost of the trip for students is \$45 (\$20 deposit due April 1 and \$25 due on April 26). The cost of the trip for parents is \$55, due in full on April 1st. On May 2nd, students will leave the school at 8 AM and return around 7 PM. Any adult attending, must drive separately. Unless their parent/guardian attends, students will be put in teacher-led groups. Only students in teacher-led groups will be allowed to ride the bus. Students will receive a meal voucher (\$5), but they can bring money for more food, games, etc.



Incubation in HAWKS: We will be incubating chicken eggs again this year in our HAWKS program in April. Mr. Chapman and students will be loading the incubator after Spring Break. Some of the incubation and hopefully the hatching, will be live streamed on Planet Estream. Dates and times will be announced via our web page and our Facebook page. If all goes well, the hatching should happen the last week of April.



10 Tips to Make your Child More Interested in Reading: Pay attention to what your child is interested in, and encourage him or her to read books on those subjects. Set aside time to read with your child every day. Spend time reading together just before bed and take turns reading out loud with younger children. Set time aside every week for family reading night. Make reading a daily part of life, including reading road signs, recipes and directions out loud. Make reading interactive - ask your children's opinions on what they are reading. Set goals, such as challenging your child to read three books over Christmas break. Ask older children to help younger ones with reading. This activity will boost older kids' confidence, in addition to providing important practice for younger children. Spend at least an hour a week at the library. Actively encourage children to read and congratulate them on their progress. Set an example—seeing you read will encourage your child to do the same! www.mercyhome.org

A Look Ahead:

April:

- 1—Dollywood Deposit due
- 2 -Spring and Group Pictures
- 4—Faculty Meeting- No HAWKS

4- 3rd Grade Morning at the Museum

8-12—Kindergarten Registration

18—Last Day of HAWKS

19- Good Friday- No Students

25—School Board Meeting

26 - 2nd Dollywood payment due

May:

20—4th & 5th Dollywood Trip

20-School Board Meeting

22 - Walk to School Day

22— Last Full Day of School

Student Screen Time: Parents should limit the time children spend online.

Rules for limiting screen time:

1. No screens right after you wake up.
2. Social gatherings are screen free.
3. Once a week or month is a screen free day.
4. Make the bedroom screen free.

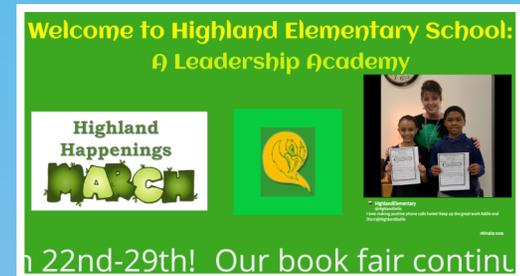
0-2 Years	0-1 hour/ day	How too much screen time can impact your child: * More distractibility
3-5 years	1hr per day	* Difficulty making friends
6-12 years	2 hours per day	* Less self-control
13-18	2 hours	* Higher anxiety and depression * More arguing between parents and children., etc.

Easter 2019 occurs on Sunday, April 21. The holiday celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead and is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a "moveable feast" because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as

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most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar. ~ history.com

Digital Sign: If you have been in the office lately, you have seen our digital sign on the wall, just above the sign-in. This is a great way for us to communicate information to you. This sign is available on our web page on the bottom of the drop down menu under the What's Happening tab. While it can be arranged in many formats with a lot of different information, we are currently looping the latest episode of our morning news on the left, a Twitter wall on the right (showing our latest school tweets), and a scrolling marquee on the bottom with the latest info you may need to know. Please go check it out and let us know what you think.



Deputy Commissioner of Education: On March 11th, we were visited by Tennessee's Deputy Commissioner of Education Dr. Lyle Ailshie. Dr. Ailshie visited with Mrs. Newland and toured the school, talking with teachers and students.

