

Highlander—March 2020

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Attendance: Your child's attendance at school is very important. Not only must they be present to learn, repeated absences must be reported to truancy court. Tennessee schools are graded on their students' good or bad attendance. If your child misses 10% of the school year or 18 days, they are considered chronically absent and we must get the courts involved to guarantee their attendance improves. This can best be avoided by making sure your child is in school every day and limiting any appointments during school hours. We appreciate your support.

Primary Election: Due to the fact that some of the city schools are polling places, all schools will be closed March 3rd for the Presidential Primary Election. Make sure to go vote!



Parenting Classes: Highland Elementary is offering free parenting classes to any interested parent. Topics will include regulation, behavior, discipline, life changes, and other relevant topics. First time attendees should arrive 20 minutes early at the front office. Classes will be from 4 -5pm on the following Mondays: January 13 & 27, February 3, 10, & 24, March 2, 9, 23, & 30, and April 6, 13, & 27. Other opportunities may be available if needed. Child-care is not offered. Snacks will be provided.

Caldecott Parade: Our 2nd graders had their annual Caldecott Parade on Wednesday, February 19th. The students learned about illustrators and the Caldecott award in their library classes, wrote a summary of their book in their journal writing in class, then learned the basics of painting in Art class, to develop a final product of their favorite Caldecott Award winning picture from a library book. As the entire school lined the halls, the students paraded from their class down to their waiting parents in the gym with their paintings. Parents moved around the room asking students questions about their art work, which gave the students the opportunity to practice their speaking skills.



The Leader in Me Activity:

Complete the Leader in Me activity on the other side of the newsletter with your child(ren). Take a picture with your phone and comment with the picture on the Habit 7 post on Highland's Facebook page on March 4th and your child will get 3 points for their house.

A Look Ahead:

March:

- 2 Read Across America
- 3 Primary Election Day (no Class)
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 16-20 Spring Break

19 First Day of Spring

25 Boys to Men Trip

April:

- 10 Good Friday—No Students
- 12 Easter

May:

- 19 Walk to School Day
- 19 Last Full Day of school for students.

*** We should have the date and times for awards day included in next month's newsletter.**

The Leader in Me Corner

Do not come to school sick. You can help boost your immune system with Habit 7 and eat healthy.



Habit 7

Sharpen the Body

Sharpen the Saw

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw means keeping your body, brain, heart, and soul "sharp."

Eating right is one way to sharpen the body. It gives you energy and helps you stay healthy.



Eating Healthy
Circle your five favorite healthy foods.

First Day of Spring: The Northern Hemisphere marks the spring equinox (vernal equinox) on Wednesday, March 19, 2020. Astronomically speaking, the equinox (March 19 or 20 every year) marks spring's beginning in the Northern Hemisphere (whereas it announces fall's arrival in the Southern Hemisphere). The equinox happens at the same moment worldwide, even if our clock times reflect a different time zone. - www.almanac.com

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is March 2nd. We celebrate this with NEA's Read Across America.



St. Patrick's Day: St. Patrick's Day, March 17, marks the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the 5th Century. Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with parades and meals of Irish bacon and cabbage.



Women's History Month: Women's History Month in the United States grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa. A few years later, the idea had caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. www.history.com

