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Coding: Our Intermediate students have been coding (programming) using the Hour of Code at code.org and our robots, Dot, Dash and Cue. On the Hour of Code, they string together blocks of code to make characters on a web page do what they want them to. With our robots, they use iPads to string together code to control their robot. This is a great learning opportunity for our students and a lot of fun.



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 now 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, try to make those afterschool.

Social Media: Follow or Like us on the following social media:

Facebook: 134089813296366
 Twitter: @HighlandGville
 Hashtags: School—#HITLIM19
 HAWKS-#HIHAWKS19



When posting about our school, please use the registered hashtags.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is March 2nd. We celebrate this with NEA's Read Across America on March 1st this year.



A Look Ahead: 25-29 Spring Break

March: Women's History Month

20— 1st Day of Spring
 21—Science Alliance at HH
 22 —Professional Learning Day—No students

April:

4—Faculty Meeting- No HAWKS
 19- Good Friday- No Students
 25—School Board Meeting

May:

20—4th & 5th Dollywood Trip
 20-School Board Meeting
 22 - Walk to School Day
 22— Last Full Day of School



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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

First Day of Spring: The Northern Hemisphere marks the spring equinox (vernal equinox) on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at exactly 5:58 P.M EDT. 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



Read to Your Child:

Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop

language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. When the rhythm and melody of language become a part of a child's life, learning to read will be as natural as learning to walk and talk.

Even after children learn to

read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch young readers' understanding and motivate them to improve their skills. www.readingrockets.org

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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.

