



HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

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PRESERVING VALUABLE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

One of our goals at Highland E.S. is to enable “teachers to teach, and students to learn.” In order to accomplish this goal, we strive to protect the valuable instructional time in the classroom from unnecessary interruptions. Parent requests to get messages to their child or the teacher during the instructional day causes a significant interruption of the teacher’s ability to keep a concentrated focus on instruction.

Additionally, it is important that every student arrive at school on time. When a student arrives late, he or she does not benefit from the important routines and work already in progress. Instruction is also interrupted when students arrive late to school.

We are asking for your help by making every effort to set your day’s plans with your children before sending them to school each day. The following are helpful ways you can assist us with ensuring that instructional time is maximized for all students.

- ⊗ Make sure your child is “on time” for school each day. Doors open at 8:25 a.m. Breakfast is served in the classroom at 8:40 a.m. Instruction begins promptly at 8:50a.m.
- ⊗ Please do not call the office to relay messages to your child unless it is an absolute emergency. Inform your child, before leaving for school in the morning, of any changes to regular plans for after school.
- ⊗ A note must be sent to your child’s teacher if there is a change from the normal routine. If you are going to pick your child up before his or her regular dismissal time or during the day for an appointment, please send a note for the teacher with the specific pick-up time. Then, come to the office at the designated time and sign out your child.

Finally, if you need to speak to your child’s teacher, please make arrangements in advance by requesting an appointment. “Drop-ins” cannot be honored as this can interrupt the teacher’s preparations for the day or instruction once the bell has rung.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to preserve valuable instructional time!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences are being scheduled for November 10th and 11th. These two days are early release days for students. **Students will be dismissed at 12:35.**

If you have not already done so, please contact your child’s teacher to schedule a time for this important meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the parent teacher conferences.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

With winter-like weather approaching, this is a good time to discuss procedures with your child about what to do if schools close early. Please have a plan in place if schools are closed early due to emergency weather conditions.

FLU CLINIC

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will conduct an after school flu vaccine clinic on November 11, 2010, for students enrolled at Highland.

To sign up for an appointment, please call the health room at 301-929-2040. A consent form was previously sent home with students. Please complete the form and bring it to the clinic on your scheduled day. Students will not be vaccinated unless they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or adult designated by the parent and bring the completed and signed Consent Form.

IMPORTANT DATES

11/10/11—Early Dismissal Day -
Parent Teacher Conferences—
Students dismissed at 12:35 p.m.

11/11/11—Early Dismissal Day -
Parent Teacher Conferences—
Students dismissed at 12:35 p.m.

11/11/11— School Based Flu
Vaccine Clinic (1:00-3:00) call
school for appointment

11/17/11 & 11/18/11—Hearing
and Vision Screening

11/23/11— Early Release Day—
Thanksgiving Holiday—Students
dismissed at 12:35 p.m.

11/24/11-11/25/11—No
School—Thanksgiving Holiday

12/6/11—PTA Meeting @ 9:00
a.m.

12/14/11—Winter Chorus Con-
cert @ 7:00 p.m.