



HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

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PARCC SCORES

The PARCC assessment system is the product of a unique partnership between local educators and states working together to develop the next generation of testing. Most states voluntarily adopted new, more rigorous academic standards in 2010 and 2011 and teachers have been using them since then in their daily instruction. As a result, states needed high-quality assessments aligned to those standards that would test students of all achievement levels on what they are learning. Many of the old state tests measured only lower-level skills. The new assessments measure students' current performance, and point the way to what students need to learn by graduation so they are ready for college and/or a career. Individual student reports for our current Grade 4 and 5 students were sent home last week. Please see the website for more information <http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/index.aspx?K=150774>. Listed below are the performance results from Highland ES the past two years.

	Grade 3 Math		Grade 4 Math		Grade 5 Math	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Level 1 Not met target	6%	3%	4%	11%	7%	6%
Level 2 Partially met target	23%	18%	34%	20%	23%	28%
Level 3 Approached target	26%	33%	34%	32%	26%	31%
Level 4 Met target	37%	36%	26%	34%	38%	30%
Level 5 Exceeded target	8%	10%	2%	4%	7%	5%

	Grade 3 Reading		Grade 4 Reading		Grade 5 Reading	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Level 1 Not met target	18%	12%	11%	8%	10%	13%
Level 2 Partially met target	20%	19%	28%	17%	21%	21%
Level 3 Approached target	27%	33%	20%	41%	26%	28%
Level 4 Met target	34%	33%	33%	31%	37%	35%
Level 5 Exceeded target	1%	3%	8%	4%	6%	4%

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE CENTERS OF ENRICHED STUDIES

(formerly Center Program for Highly Gifted) - All Grade 3 students will be centrally reviewed for potential candidacy for the CES rather than parents submitting an application. Students who demonstrate an overall above average academic profile will be considered for one of the seats in the CES and will be assessed in February 2018. Once the review is conducted, parents will receive a letter (early February) indicating that their child will be considered for the CES and take an assessment of their child's needs can be at their local school. Parents may then accept the status, decline consideration, or request consideration for the CES. More information will be coming home in early October.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Each year schools are required to update the emergency/crisis plan and practice fire evacuation drills and Lockdown and Shelter-in-Place drills. In the event of an evacuation on-site, students will be directed to the back playground. In the event we need to evacuate off-site, we will report to **St. Catherine's School**. Our alternate site is Einstein H.S. Our parent/reunification (PCR) is a systematic process we use during an emergency to assist us in reuniting students with their parents. During this process, parents will need to report to the All Purpose Room and bring identification. If you have any questions about our emergency plan, please contact the school.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Parents we kindly remind you to wait in an orderly line during arrival and dismissal. Recently it has been brought to our attention, that some parents have not been waiting in line and entering in the building at will. This behavior is not only inconsiderate but it is not modeling the behavior we expect for our children. Thank you for being positive role models for all of our students.

IMPORTANT DATES

10/3/17— Workshop— Understanding your child's report card @ 9:00 AM

10/3/17—PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM

10/4/17—National Walk & Bike to School Day

10/6/17—Early Release Day; Students dismissed at 12:55 PM

10/12/17—No PRE-K Classes

10/16-10/20—PTA Book Fair

10/19/17—No Head Start classes

10/31/17—Fall Festival 2:00-3:15 PM

11/2/17—PreK and Head Start Field trip to Clark's Farm

11/2 & 11/3—Hearing and Vision Screening

11/7/17—PTA Meeting @ 9:00 AM

11/10/17— Early Dismissal @ 12:55 PM— Parent Teacher Conferences

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**DON'T FORGET TO
SIGN UP FOR
PARENT-CONFERENCES**