



Highland View's Children — Soaring to New Heights!

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Our school year is off to a fantastic start! Despite an earthquake and a hurricane, everything has been progressing smoothly and successfully! I have been visiting classrooms regularly, and it is evident our students are already into the school routine and working hard on curriculum-related objectives. We already have several classes that have earned Big Eagles! I truly believe our students are glad to be back in school. It is evident by looking at their excited faces and joyful smiles as they enter the building each day! And our staff is equally excited about working with our students. Thank you to everyone who helped get us off to a great start — staff, parents and students!

Back to School Night

Our Back to School Night took place on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, and it was a tremendous success! Before visiting the classrooms for the teacher presentations, parents reported to the gym for a brief parent meeting to kick off the new year and to view a slide show of pictures chronicling our first few weeks of school. Many parents expressed very positive comments about the evening and felt they learned a great deal about the learning objectives that had been set for their children this year. We sincerely thank all those who attended. If you were unable to attend, the teachers will be sending the handouts home with your child in his or her backpack.

George B. Thomas Learning Academy (Saturday School)

The core program of the George B. Thomas, Sr., Learning Academy, Saturday School offers tutoring and mentoring in reading/language arts, mathematics, and test-taking skills for students in grades 1-12. It takes place Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at 12 high school centers, the closest one to HVES being Blair HS. I strongly encourage parents who are looking for additional academic support for their children to consider this program. The registration fee is \$40 for families that qualify for Free and Reduced Meals and \$50 for families that do not qualify. Families interested in requesting registration fee financial assistance from HVES should contact Ms. Dardarian directly. Registration is occurring this Saturday, September 24, at all academy sites. Parents must register their children in person and bring a copy of the student's most recent report card. More information is available at: www.saturdayschool.org. Registration forms and additional information are also available at the school.

Annual Open House

Mark your calendar! Highland View's Parent Visitation/Open House is scheduled on Columbus Day, October 10, 2011. Parents/guardians/grandparents are invited to visit the children's classrooms starting at 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.



IMPORTANT DATES

September 28
Early Release Day—Students dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

September 29
No School—Rosh Hashanah

October 3
 Fall Individual Student Pictures

October 4
 PTA Meeting 7:15 p.m.

October 5
 National Walk to School Day

October 6
 Interims distributed for students in grades 1-5.

October 10
 Open House from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (See above)

October 12
 Grade 5 Field Trip to Strathmore Hall

October 21
No School—MSTA Conference