



Highland View's Children — Soaring to New Heights!

Principal's Page

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Interims

Interim reports will be sent home Thursday, October 6, with every child in Grades 1-5 to inform parents of their children's progress so far this marking period. Please check your child's Thursday folder for his or her report. Parents should be aware that, in most elementary schools, interims are only required to be completed for students who are in danger of receiving a failing grade (or, later in the school year, those in danger of dropping two letter grades). However, in an effort to continue to build relationships with our families, and because we are truly committed to student success, **the staff at HVES has made a decision to provide feedback to all parents of students in first through fifth grades.** *Since interims are normally distributed to students who are not successfully meeting standards, please do not be disappointed if there is not a lot of information on your child's interim.* This is most likely an indication that your child is either meeting or exceeding the grade level academic or learning skills standards. You may also notice that your child may have an academic or learning skills area checked, but still be meeting grade level expectations. This is an indication that your child is doing well overall, but the checked area will continue to be an area of focus. Parents will be provided more detailed information at their November Parent-Teacher conference.

Halloween

On October 28, HVES will continue the annual tradition of hosting a Halloween parade and classroom parties. The parade will begin at 2:15 p.m. Parents who attend the classroom parties will be asked to sign in at a table in the school lobby. In terms of costumes, please discourage your child from wearing to school any costume that depicts violence. **Items that will not be permitted are those that resemble weapons.** This includes **metal fingers, knives, guns, etc. (even paper replicas).** This is in keeping with the MCPS weapons policy and with our goal of providing our children with an appropriate model of a safe school environment. Please remind your child that these items are not to be brought to school. This policy will be strictly enforced. **For children who do not celebrate Halloween, an alternate fun activity during the parade and parties will be held in the Media Center. If you would prefer for your child to participate in the alternate activity, please contact your child's teacher.** Many of our students are allergic to peanuts and/or nut products. Please do not bring in any snacks that have nut products in the ingredients. Read the ingredients carefully to ensure that the snacks provided are nut free! Thank you for your care and understanding!

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

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

October 25

HVES Reading Night @ 7p.m.

October 27

Cultural Arts Assembly—The Science Show

9:30-10:15 a.m.—K-2

10:30-11:15 a.m.—3-5

October 28

End of the First Marking Period
2:15 p.m. Halloween Parade & Classroom Parties

October 31

Professional Day—No School for Students

Annual HVES Book Fair !

November 1-3

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Evening Hours

Thurs., Nov. 3, 4:00-8:00 p.m.