

Highland Happenings

April 2024

News from the Principal

Happy April and Happy Spring! What an exciting month April is shaping up to be. We begin with our Spring Break and run right into a once in a lifetime solar eclipse. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we will have clear skies. The students have all been sent home with a pair of their own eclipse glasses provided by the district and a fun fact sheet as well. I hope everyone gets a chance to experience the eclipse. Towards the end of the month we will be looking forward to the District Art Show at Suncliff again. It was a great time last year!

If you know of families that have yet to register their little one for kindergarten next year, let them know that now is the time! We also have a kindergarten information night for NEW, INCOMING kindergarten families on April 18th at 6pm. It will be held at JTW this year.

As we start to move into warmer weather, the kids will be spending more time outside. With Spring comes mud...and all of our students are masters at finding even the smallest puddles of mud to jump/fall/roll into. If you don't already, it's a good idea to make sure there is a spare change of clothes in your child's back pack, including socks and shoes. We don't have extra clothes to give due to mud.

New York State tests for grades 3-5 are also coming up. ELA is April 23rd-24th, Math is April 30th-May 1st, and the new 5th grade Science test is May 7th. These give us a snapshot of students' skills. The daily skill building, learning, benchmarking, and assessments, along with snapshots like these tests, help to give us a whole picture. We use the results here to find where we are doing well and also what gaps we may have and how to best improve them. The tests do not factor into student grades or placements – they are simply a snapshot.

Wishing all a wonderful holiday and safe Spring Break!

-Mrs. Politowski ☺

From The Health Office – Mrs. Majkut, 926-2465

Parents and Guardians: Please remember to call the health office if your child is going to be out sick. Don't forget to send in an excuse note for their absence when they return.

If your child has borrowed clothes from the nurse's office, please make sure that you wash and return it.