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Put Your Talons on This:

Use the QR code for information on how to register for a bus for the 2022-2023 school year.



Soaring to New Heights

This year at Highlands Elementary, we are soaring to new heights.

"You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great heights! You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights." -Dr Seuss.

At Highlands Elementary, we are soaring to new heights. Eagles are known to soar and rise above the rest. Eagles are known to rise above everything and fly with their head up high. It is in our nature to rise above our pain, our past, and problems.

Did you know?

The work has already begun. The 2022 school grade for Highlands Elementary was a **C**. The grade was earned from the hard work and dedication from all stakeholders. We take a moment to reflect on the vision set forth from our principal, the teachers who carried out the work, the students who made it happen, and the parents who supported every step of the way. The work that was done is a testament to the fact that Highlands is truly a team where together everyone achieves more. Now is not the time to rest on our perch. As eagles, we are never satisfied and always looking to take the next flight. This flight will have us reaching for even higher goals and ambitions. The time has come to spread our wings even further!

At Highlands, our school goals are to LEAD:

L: Lead in Literacy

E: Excel in Academics

A: Advance Social and Emotional Growth by Building and Sustaining Trust Based Relationships

D: Develop Independent Learners

At Highlands Elementary School we are intentional about academic achievement and social emotional growth, designed to propel eagle scholars into independent thinkers and learners ultimately producing global competitive citizens of society.



Assistant Principal
Mr. Jeremy Greene

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility
Leadership
Integrity Honest Communication Listening
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles



Boys & Girls Club @ Highlands Elementary

School dismissal starts at 2:50 and we fully understand that parents have to work. Wouldn't it be nice to have a place where the kids can stay after school and learn academically, socially, and emotionally while still being able to be a kid and have fun? The Boys & Girls Club is here for you at Highlands Elementary. This program after school is **FREE**! Sign up for the program immediately as the spots do tend to go quickly. See Mr. Thomas, our director for more details! Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

The Boys & Girls Club program will begin **August 22, 2022**.

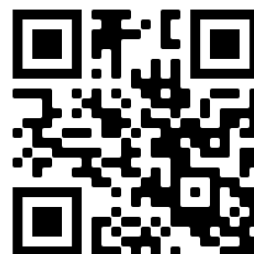
To complete an application go to [Online Application Form \(comet4children.com\)](https://comet4children.com) or use the QR code below.



Order your Uniform Today

Highlands Elementary is a uniform school. Students are strongly encouraged to wear uniforms daily.

Purchase your uniforms by using the QR code below.



CHECK THIS OUT!



Please make sure to get the school supplies that are listed for your child's grade level. We are asking that all school supplies be brought to orientation or Open House.

Important Reminders....

- ◆ The first day of school is August 15, 2022
- ◆ There are no student drop-offs before 8:00 am. Please don't allow students on campus before then. This is a safety issue!
- ◆ Breakfast is from 8:00-8:30 in the morning.
- ◆ Dismissal starts at 2:50 pm. Please plan accordingly.
- ◆ Only clear bookbags are allowed on campus to be used by the students. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Upcoming Events....



PTA®

Join PTA!

Please complete the PTA Interest Form! Use the QR Code



We are in need of at least 10 people interested in signing up to revitalize the PTA at Highlands. Three of those people would need to be willing to be nominated for president, secretary, or treasurer. We would love your support!!!

New B.E.S.T. Standards

Florida has fully adopted and will implement new standards for the 2022-2023 school year. These standards are known as the B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking). These B.E.S.T. were created by the teachers of Florida for the students of Florida. Academic instruction will be based upon these standards and the students will be assessed on their mastery through the new state assessment known as FAST (Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking). Highlands is ready for the work to start!

The B.E.S.T. Standards...

- ◆ Are content-rich
- ◆ Go back to building a foundation at the early grades
- ◆ Understandable for all
- ◆ Improves rigor across all grades

Math: [B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics \(fldoe.org\)](https://fldoe.org/standards/math)

Reading: [AccessPointsELA.pdf \(fldoe.org\)](https://fldoe.org/standards/reading)



Vote: You Have A Voice!

The Duval County School Board will ask voters to approve a 1 mill ad valorem tax. This money will be geared towards attracting and retaining our own highly-qualified teachers through more compensation and money geared towards the arts. This will also provide more funding to the charter school in our area as well.

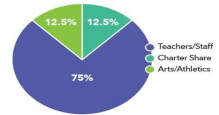
August 8-21 — Early voting for primary election

August 13 — Deadline to request a ballot to be mailed

August 23 — Voters decide whether to approve during the primary election



How Will It Be Spent?



Most of the money goes to increase compensation for teachers and staff. A smaller amount will be used to upgrade the arts and athletic equipment and facilities. Public charter schools get a proportionate share.

For more information and answers to questions, go to www.duvalschools.org/vote.

Extended Day???

At Highlands we understand that some parents have to work early and need a safe space for their child. Please complete the following form if you would be interested in having extended day in the morning at the school. <https://forms.office.com/r/0kkgcpWNbI>



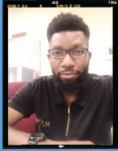
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Faculty & Staff
2022-2023



Mrs. Riechie Graham
Principal



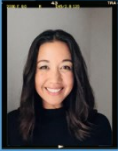
Mr. Greene
Assistant Principal



Ms. Teal
Bookkeeper/Secretary



Mrs. Vereen
Data Entry Clerk



Mrs. Rugland
CSS Site Coach



Mrs. Wells
Reading Coach



Mrs. Childs
Math Coach



Mrs. Thompkins
Math Int.



Mrs. Thorbs
Reading Int.



Ms. Hall
Kindergarten



Ms. Emmanuel
Kindergarten



Vacancy
Kindergarten



Ms. Pettway
1st Grade



Ms. Gattuccio
1st Grade



Ms. Allen
1st Grade



Ms. Harris
1st Grade



Mrs. Taylor
2nd Grade



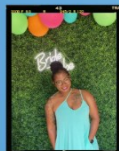
Mr. Pruitt
2nd Grade



Ms. Miller
2nd Grade



Mrs. Hammonds
3rd Math/Science



Ms. Hartsfield
3rd Math/Science



Ms. Badger
3rd Reading



Ms. Houston
3rd Reading



Mrs. Morter
4th Math



Ms. Williams
4th Reading



Mrs. Benjamin
5th Math



Mrs. Brandenburg
5th Reading



Ms. Lopez
CSS PK



Ms. Botkin
CSS K



Mrs. Vaughn
CSS AP



Mrs. Hubbard
CSS 3rd-5th



Mr. Gilbert CSS
Adaptive PE



Ms. Jones
CSS Para



Ms. Jordan
CSS Para



Ms. Hall
CSS Para



Mrs. Rolle
CSS Para

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Mrs. Thomas
CSS Para



Ms. Gaskins
CSS Para



Mrs. Steel
CSS Para



Ms. Reed
CSS Para



Mr. Kennedy
CSS Para



Mrs. J. Harbert
CSS Para



Ms. V. Harbert
CSS Para



Mrs. Morton
VE Teacher



Mrs. Skeels
PK Para



Ms. Lee
Para



Ms. Paye
ESOL Para



Mrs. Bolden
VE Teacher



Mrs. Franklin
CSS Para



Mr. Oglesby
Music



Mr. Holsbrook
P.E.



Mrs. Sandell
Art



Mr. Dunbar
Media



Ms. McKnight
Occu. Therapist



Ms. Richardson
School Health Aide



Mrs. Walker
E.S. Therapist



Mr. Thomas
B&G Director



Mrs. Chapman
PK



Ms. Q. Hall
PK



Mrs. Watkins
PK Para



Mrs. Mitchell
Speech Pathologist



Essential Eagles

