

# MARCH NEWSLETTER



## Highland Elementary School

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### PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION "PIQE"



Highland Elementary School is proud to announce our partnership with the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) that will bring parent engagement classes to our school! PIQE's mission is to educate, empower, and transform parents to actively engage in their child's education and strengthen parent-school collaboration in order to improve the academic achievement of students. Parents who are participating in the 6-week program will engage in sessions that focus on keeping their child in school, improving academic achievement, developing healthy relationships with school staff, and preparing their child for college and career. After the 6-week program, parents will participate in a principal dialogue session and a graduation ceremony. The program is offered in both English and Spanish on Wednesdays from 8:30am-10:00am or 6:00pm-7:30pm on the following dates: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup> with free child care provided for school-aged children in the evenings. We had 64 parents attend the information session that was held on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>! *If you are interested in joining the class, please be sure to attend the next meeting.*

### CAASPP TESTING: GIVE YOUR BEST AND EXPECT SUCCESS!

Highland's students in grades 3-6, along with other students throughout California will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test beginning in April. Below is the testing schedule for each grade level:

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: April 4 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: April 18 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: May 2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: April 16 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>



The CAASPP test will give parents, teachers and students more accurate and actionable information about what students are learning. The assessments are computer adaptive so they will also provide better information about the needs and successes of individual students. Parents play an important role in preparing their child for the test. In a collaborative effort, parents are asked to reinforce to their child the importance of doing his/her best by following directions, listening and staying focused during the test. **It is also important that students are not absent during the testing period.** A class party will be given to the class who has a 100% of students present during testing. Parents are encouraged to explore the practice tests with their child and discuss them with each other. To learn more visit the Smarter Balanced website: [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org).

### ANNOUNCEMENT

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Highland's 2016 spelling bee winners! These students will represent our school in the district's spelling bee:

**2016 Spelling Bee**



1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: Keylei Davis	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Jiannah Thorpe
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: Andrew Zamora	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Corey Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: Peace Adeyele	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: Mackenzie Johnson

### IMPORTANT DATES

**MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**PIQE program 8:30am-10:00am or 6:00pm-7:30pm**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>-2<sup>ND</sup>**

**VISION TO LEARN eye exams for students who returned consent form**

**MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**University of the West Field Trip for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

**MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**UCLA Music String Quartet Performance for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades**

**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**SSC Meeting #3**

**MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report Cards Sent Home with Students**

**MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup>**

**Spring Break**

**MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Assembly 1pm**

**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Assembly 1pm**

**MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Award Assembly 9am  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Assembly 1pm**

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**April 1<sup>st</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Award Assembly 9am & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Award Assembly 1pm**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>- Kinder Award Assembly 1pm**