

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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THE NEW CALIFORNIA STATE TEST RESULTS HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED!

Last spring, students all across California in grades 3-8 and 11 took a new state test that was created by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium and is referred to as the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress). The CAASPP focuses on skills students need most, like critical thinking and problem solving. In English language arts, students are expected to show evidence from what they are reading to support their conclusions. In math, they're asked to solve real-world problems and explain their thinking. These skills build on each other in successive grades to ensure students are prepared for college and career.

The students here at Highland worked hard, tried their best and had fantastic attendance during testing. The teachers also worked hard to prepare students for this rigorous test by having high expectations and teaching lessons that aligned to the new common core state standards. I am happy to announce that the results are in and our students did an AMAZING job on this new test! The staff and I are working to analyze our results to identify the strengths and the areas that we will target for improvement. Individual student reports will be sent home shortly and I will be discussing the test results and how to understand the student report at our upcoming **Coffee with the Principal meeting on Friday, October 16th**.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)



Please mark your calendar to join us for the first PTA meeting of the school year, which will be held on **Thursday, October 15th at 5pm** inside the cafeteria. During this meeting, you will be able to meet the new officers, learn how you can join PTA, and hear about all of the wonderful possibilities PTA has planned for this school year. We

truly need your support and your attendance is appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Breakfast- Breakfast is now served inside the cafeteria everyday from 7:45am-8:05am. If you would like your child to eat breakfast, please be sure that he or she arrives early to have enough time to eat.

Emergency Cards- If you have not done so already, please be sure to submit an updated emergency card for your child. It is extremely important that we are able to reach you in case of an emergency. If you need another copy, please stop by the front office.

The NED Show- The NED show will be visiting Highland on October 23rd for a school assembly. The goal of this character education program is to inspire students to be champions in school and in life by **N**ever giving up, **E**ncouraging others, and **D**oing your best. Be sure to ask your child what he or she learned from the assembly. These ideas will help use maintain a positive school environment.



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 14TH

CSUN students visit 4th-6th grade classrooms

OCTOBER 15TH

PTA Meeting 5pm

OCTOBER 16TH

Coffee with the Principal 8:30am

OCTOBER 21ST

Fall Picture Day!!!

OCTOBER 22ND

Chuck E. Cheese's Night
3pm-9pm @ LaTijera Location

OCTOBER 23RD

The NED Show Assembly for all students- 8:45am

OCTOBER 26TH-30TH

Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 29TH

Fall Re-Take Picture Day

OCTOBER 30TH

Harvest Festival 1pm-2pm