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Highlands Happenings

Week of September 9th

"We do not believe in ourselves until someone reveals that deep inside us something is valuable, worth listening to, worthy of trust, sacred to our touch. Once we believe in ourselves we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight or any experience that reveals the human spirit." -ee cummings

Upcoming Dates

- **Thurs 9/12** - Kindergarten Coffee Chat @ 8:30 in the cafeteria
- **Sat 9/14** - Back to School Bash @ 3 out in back of Highlands
- **Mon 9/16** - PAC Meeting @ 7pm in Highlands Teacher's Lounge
- **Wed 9/18** - Open House for K-2 6:00-6:40 and for 3-5 7:00-7:40.
- **Thurs 9/26** - Picture Day

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Dear Highlands Families,

The first three days of school last week were wonderful! It was so nice to welcome all of the students and families back to Highlands and have the building full of voices, laughter, and stories of summer. This is a first full week of school and I have a few reminders for families.

- Our Back to School Bash is this Saturday, September 14th from 3-5. This is a PAC sponsored event where they provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips to everyone who attends. It is a fun, family friendly event and a great way to get to know other families. Please bring a chair and join us! If you would kindly [RSVP](#), we would appreciate it! You are welcome even if you decide last minute to come and did not RSVP, we are trying to get an approximation.
- When picking up your child as a walker, please leave all pets at home. This includes Kindergarten pickup as well as parents who wait on the grass under the trees. We have many students who are afraid of dogs and/or severely allergic.
- At dismissal, if you are parking on Meghan's Way, please abide by only parking on one side of the street and please do not block driveways. There are many residents who come in and out various times of the day. You are welcome to park in the lot for Gates Field and walk up to Highlands.
- We will have an early release the first Wednesday of every month. Students will be dismissed at 1:15 and lunch will be served, with the exception of the day before Thanksgiving and the last day of school, students will be dismissed at 10:05 and no lunch will be served. Please mark your calendar accordingly. The early release dates for the 2019-2020 school year are: 10-2, 11-6, 12-4, 1-8, 2-5, 3-4, 4-1, 5-6, 5-3, 11/27 and the last day of school will be a 12:05 dismissal.
- **Kindergarten parents** - please join me this Thursday at 8:30 with your cup of coffee for our first ever coffee chat! You should have received the flyer today in your child's backpack. We will meet at 8:30 in the cafeteria. Joining me will be Mr. Kleinman, our school social worker, the 3 Kindergarten teachers - Ms. Hatch, Mrs. Nestle, and Mrs. Sisson, and some members of our PAC. It will be an informal setting to ask questions.

Thank you for all that you do!
-Mrs. Jones

Staff Member of the Week...

	NAME: Ms. Hatch
	TITLE: Kindergarten Teacher
# OF YEARS AT THIS SCHOOL: 0	MY FAVORITE COLOR: orange
MY FAVORITE BOOK: Magic Tree House	MY FAVORITE FOOD: pizza
MY FAVORITE MOVIE: The Lion King	MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT: Bertucci's
MY FAVORITE PLACE TO SHOP: Target	MY FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT: Cape Cod

Also new to Highlands...

- Mrs. Keane, Grade 4
- Mrs. Sweeney, Special Education, LBLD Program
- Miss McElroy, Special Education
- Ms. Gaeta, Speech and Language Pathologist
- Mrs. Ashby, Reading Teacher
- Mrs. Whyman, Student Support Aide
- Miss Lawler, Teacher Aide
- Miss Cusolito, Teacher Aide