Accelerated Readers!

Highland Park students in grades 2-6 have the option to participate in Accelerated Reader (AR). Accelerated Reader promotes reading comprehension and gives students a way to set reading goals to challenge themselves. After a child reads an AR book, they take a reading comprehension test about the book on a computer or iPad. Their accuracy on each test is recorded toward their goal and could eventually lead to the possibility of a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal at the end of each heat. The heats are nine weeks long. The second heat ended on December 18 and the third heat began when we returned from break. If you haven’t given AR a try, now is a good time to jump on board!
Pick-Up and Drop-Off
There is a growing concern regarding safety during the pick-up and drop-off period in our school day. When you arrive by car to drop-off or pick-up your child, please avoid parking in or near the bus lane in front of the school. The best choice is to find a marked parking space or join the line of cars dropping-off or picking-up students. After dropping-off or picking-up your child, please slowly drive in a single file line to the left of the buses. Please do not pass other cars or moving buses during this exit. Be alert for pedestrians popping out from between buses. When you arrive at the mouth of the exit, then you may choose the left or right turn area. Our goal is for all concerned to arrive at their destinations safely.

Growth Mindset Tip

Praising for intelligence makes people less willing to risk “their newly-minted genius status” (Dweck), while praising effort encourages the idea that we primarily learn through our hard work.

from "Building A Community Of Self-Motivated Learners"
School Closures and Delays

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is a top priority during inclement weather. MCCSC staff members travel city and county roads prior to making any announcement. Law enforcement street and highway departments are consulted depending on the conditions.

Decisions about school delays or cancellations will be announced through the media (see listing below), on the MCCSC website (http://www.mccsc.edu.net/) and on the main MCCSC phone line, 330-7700.

Please note the following schedule for DELAYS:

**MONDAY–FRIDAY**

Morning Developmental Preschool ➔ Do NOT report

All Day Kindergarten
Title 1 Preschool ➔ School begins at 10:35AM
Elementary Schools
Middle/High Schools ➔ School begins at 9:40AM

Media notification, announcement or posting will ONLY be made if there is a CANCELLATION or DELAY.

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**** School Age Care will attend at their regularly scheduled time in the case of a DELAY. This program will NOT be in session if school is CANCELLED. ****
Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Hanson, was recently married. Her new name is Mrs. Carroll. Effective Saturday, January 16, her email will be mcarroll@mccsc.edu

Sick Child?

Is your child feeling ill? Please be sure that if your child has a fever, is vomiting, or has diarrhea, you wait for 24 hours from the last episode before sending them back to school. This will greatly reduce the likelihood of infecting others and will ensure that your child feels well enough to learn.

Please note that the Highland Park office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:15 p.m. If you have a transportation concern after 4:15 p.m., you will need to contact the transportation department. You may reach them at 330-7719. You can often reach Mrs. Dainton and Mrs. Quigley outside of the office hours, noted above. Simply call their extensions or send an email.

Staying Connected

Find us online on social media!
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Find us on Instagram @HPpandas

You can view important documents (including this newsletter), and upcoming events on the Highland Park Website. The site is updated regularly and can serve as an important resource for your family.