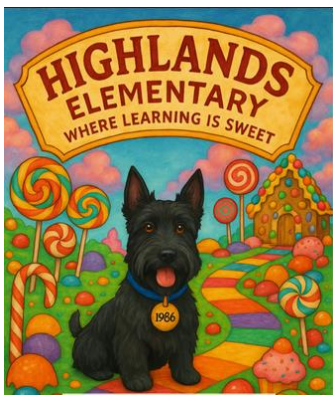
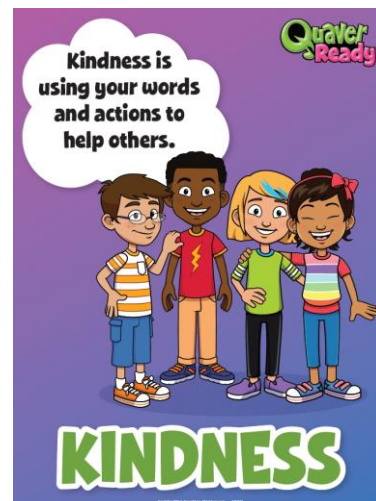




Counselor's Corner



Important Dates

Thursday & Friday: Grandparents' Lunch – [see page 5](#)

Thursday, Sept. 4th

Fall Information Night – Parents/Guardians only
5:30 – 7:00pm ([see page 4](#))

Friday, Sept. 5th

FIRST “Student of the Month” breakfast celebration
Invites will be sent out to select students

Week of Sept. 8th

“No Place for Hate” paper applications go out for 3rd-5th graders

Monday, Sept. 8th

NEHS meeting – all student members are required to attend – 7:30am in the library; officer speeches and election taking place

Thursday, Sept. 11th

Picture Day!

Friday, September 19th

“No Place for Hate” applications due to Mrs. Hsu

Wednesday, Sept. 24th

Gold Stroll at Highlands Park 4:00-4:30pm

All Highlands families are invited to join!

Thursday, Sept. 25th

Early dismissal at 12:10pm – Parent/Teacher conferences

Friday, Sept. 26th

Student Holiday – Staff Professional Development Day

Monday, Sept. 29th

First “No Place for Hate” meeting after school in the Art room until 4:30pm

Mrs. Hsu's contact information:

Email: angela.hsu@fortbendisd.gov

Phone #: 281-634-4164

Highlands ES Counseling website:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/8212>

September

“Meet the Counselor” virtual meeting

Please come attend the event virtually via Teams on **Thursday, Sept. 4th** from 4:00 – 4:30pm.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 230 710 685 484 7

Passcode: Vz6Zg3Pu

During this presentation, I will talk about individual and support group counseling in a school setting and other services I provide to you and students as the school counselor. Our GT COG (Champion of GT), Mrs. Minne Cheng, will also talk about GT traits in a child, our GT program, and the GT referral & testing process. We can't wait to see you! Meanwhile, you can refer to [page 2](#) for more GT information.

Spirit Stick and “Student of the Month” Winners

See [page 3](#) for our combined list of students who are RESPONSIBLE. 😊 They either earned a spirit stick and/or the “Student of the Month” title. We're so proud that they are positive role models in the classroom.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

National Elementary Honor Society and Student Council will host a Gold Stroll at Highlands Park for all faculty, students and families to join on **Wednesday, September 24th** from 4:00-4:30pm. We are honoring Parishey H., Damien L., and Luciana Q. for this walk. Remember to wear yellow and/or gold!

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15th – Oct. 15th is the time frame annually where we celebrate. See [page 3](#) for events around Houston!

“No Place for Hate” club

We embrace and foster all differences because it makes our community rich! Kindness, compassion, and understanding are priorities at our school. “No Place for Hate” club applications will be out soon. We can only accept 15 students, so please be thoughtful in your responses! [Applications due Friday, Sept. 19th](#)

Gifted and Talented Testing

Students eligible for fall evaluation

- Currently enrolled FBISD students in grades K-11.
- Students who are not identified for gifted and talented services in FBISD in any content area.

Referral

- The online referral window will be available beginning **August 12, 2025**, on the [GT Home Page](#).
- To submit a referral, the parent/guardian must use the online referral app. Use this link to access the [GT Online Referral App](#).
- Referrals must be submitted online by the **September 30, 2025 deadline**. Exceptions will not be made.
- Parent/guardian must consent in the [GT Online Referral App](#) to have the student tested if a staff member referred the student.

Assessment

- The cognitive abilities test used is the [CogAT](#). Subtests administered are Non-Verbal, Verbal, and Quantitative.
- The testing window is **November 3-14, 2025** (for all grades except 2nd - please see the [2nd grade Cognitive Abilities Testing page](#) for more information).
- Students will be tested during school hours.
- Teachers must complete a School Rating Scale in the GT App for referred students.
- Parents are asked to complete a Home GT Behavior Observation Form in the GT App as part of the referral or consent to test process.

2nd Grade Cognitive Abilities Testing information:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/124596>

- All 2nd grade students will take this test. The testing will happen during **Oct. 27 – Oct. 31**
- The classroom teacher and/or the campus counselor will administer the test.

More information on the Gifted and Talented Program in FBISD:

<https://www.fortbendisd.com/gifted>

More questions about GT process, identification, and notification? **Please attend the virtual “Meet the Counselor” on Thursday, September 4th from 4:00-4:30pm.**

[Click here to join meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 230 710 685 484 7

Passcode: Vz6Zg3Pu

Spirit Sticks and “Student of the Month”

BE RESPONSIBLE

Congratulations to all our students who showed responsibility by doing what you’re supposed to do and owning your actions! The list combines students who earned a “Be Responsible” spirit stick and/or the “Student of the Month” title.

August - Responsibility					
Jojo O.	Valor T.	Lincoln W.	Serena V.	Oliver N.	Jennifer L.
Bhavi S.	Olivia S.	Riya D.	Mila K.	Ryea S.	Teddy T.
Faris A.	Ethan A.	Genesis G.	Ezekiel T.	Levi A.	Hallie B.
Alexis X.	Aliya B.	Knox S.	Olive L.	Daniel M.	Samuel E.
Kinsley M.	Emily L.	Jax J.	Vivienne B.	Kaylee P.	Luca R.
Thishanthan L.	Evelyn W.	Paulette P.	Adit A.	Eason C.	Alejandra D.
Kelsei W.	Emmy S.	Juieta R.	Reyna D.	Kylie R.	Raul M.
Isabelle B.	Vivien N.	Malachi	Olivia L.	Emmitt S.	Cahri H.
Delilah S.	Ishika S.	Lamaisah	Collins L.	Julianna B.	Charli G.
Abby G.	Jonas	Kylynn	Jonathan G.	Alexander A.	Tylan B.
Joanna B.	Camden	Lathan C.	Tewodra D.	Liam N.	
Oliver C.	Waleed M.	Makayia C.			

National Hispanic Heritage Month

For Hispanic Heritage Month, we want to recognize individuals that made a difference in history and to celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America, which is annually observed **September 15 – October 15**.

- Cesar Chavez & Dolores Huerta were important labor activists for migrant workers.
- Hector P. Garcia led a long, decorated career as a US Army officer who served in World War II, earning six Bronze Stars for his efforts.
- Nydia Velázquez is the first Puerto Rican woman to serve in the United States Congress. She has served in the United States House of Representatives since 1993.

These are just a few of the incredible influential Hispanics that are part of our history!



Houston events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and restaurants

<https://www.visithoustontexas.com/events/annual-events/hispanic-heritage-month/>

Children’s Museum in Houston

<https://www.cmhouston.org/events/hispanic-heritage-celebration>



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OPEN HOUSE

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Fall Open House is a Parent Information Night. This event is an opportunity for parents to come and get information about grade level curriculum and expectations. We strongly encourage only parents/guardians attend this information night. In the spring, parents and students are welcome to our Spring Open House, designated for families to visit classrooms and see student work on display. Your participation is always valued and appreciated!

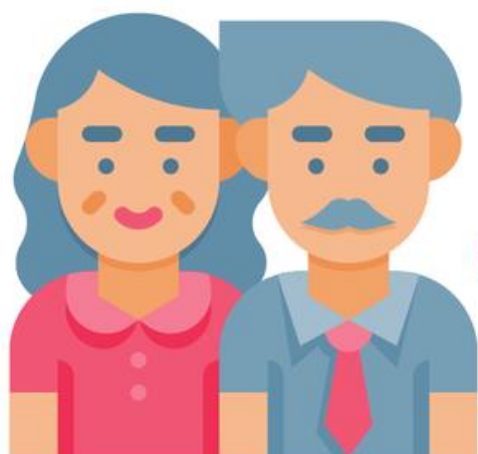
Evening's Agenda

5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. Meeting in the Cafeteria (Introduction of the Highlands' Staff, Sharing of School Goals, and PTO Information)

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Go to your child's classroom. (Presentation 1)

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Classroom presentations will be repeated for families that have more than one child. (Presentation 2)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
5:30 – 7:00



HIGHLANDS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

LUNCH

Grandparents are invited to eat lunch with their grandchild(ren) during lunchtime. Grandparents can purchase lunch at school or bring in outside food for their grandchild(ren).

Thursday, September 4 for students with last names beginning with A-L
Friday, September 5 for students with last names beginning with M-Z

ECSE/Pre-K:	10:15 – 10:45
Kindergarten:	10:30 – 11:00
1st Grade:	11:00 – 11:30
2nd Grade:	11:30 – 12:00
3rd Grade:	12:00 – 12:30
4th Grade:	12:30 – 1:00
5th Grade:	1:00 – 1:30

Adult lunch cost is \$5.25 per tray/meal
No credit cards/debit cards.
We appreciate exact change!

Must bring I.D. and come early
due to long lines at check-in.



In an effort to speed up the check-in process, we would like to invite those who have previously visited our campus and scanned in their I.D.'s to rsvp. Those who RSVP will have their visitor badge ready.

Click on image to RSVP