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SCHOOL TOWN OF HIGHLAND SPECIAL REPORT

“We are looking at normal – with a mask”

I want to begin by thanking our teachers, parents and students, who have made it through the last seven months of dual education platforms with a can-do spirit and a willingness to find a new version of normal with the start of every day.

You have been diligent about social distancing, zealous about hand hygiene and mask wearing.

What we see around us is a decline in COVID-19 cases in our community that comes closer to matching what we have experienced in the schools. Our precautions, thankfully, paid off.

Without getting ahead of myself, I see reasons for cautious optimism all around us.

Between now and the end of the school year, we are planning a second virtual trivia night that benefits the Highland Education Foundation, school-based fundraisers and enhanced social distancing at sporting events.

From the days getting longer to our administrative team beginning discussions about areas of emphasis for remediation classes this summer, we are looking at normal – with a mask.

This is always the time of year we measure our student achievements to determine how many remedial math and English classes



THANK YOU, FIRST RESPONDERS!

Highland's Fire and Police departments were thrilled when Warren elementary students surprised them with bags full of school-made thank you cards. “The cards are fantastic,” Fire Chief Bill Timmer said. “The kids have no idea how much they made our day. Their gifts to us are decorating the station. We smile and think of them every day!” Warren Principal Christina Davis said 30 students in Grades 3-5 who are involved as part of the KKIDS program made more than 100 one-of-a-kind cards to tell Highland's finest they are valued. [photos provided]

we need to include in our summer school programs. Please look out for learning opportunities through summer school or even after-school tutoring to help those who might have fallen behind during this pandemic.

We'll do whatever it takes for our children. The education they get now will determine their futures.

Stay tuned. Every day pandemic numbers are getting better, more Highland folks are getting vaccinated – and that means we are one step closer to normal.



Brian Smith
Superintendent
School Town of Highland



STUDENT VOICES ON FOUNDATION

By all accounts, HHS Junior Chloe Churilla is a high achiever – in the classroom, on the court and beside the pool.

Today, Churilla is the newest member of the Highland Education Foundation, one of two student board members integral to the mission of raising funds for education.

She joins Senior Maggie Carstensen on the 12-member board.

Foundation Vice President Judi Caddick said having students serve as board members is a founding principle of the organization.

“Our student board members enrich our discussions and make us a better organization,” Caddick said. “It is an important learning experience for them. As voting members of the board, they have a say in what we do to raise money and in choosing the projects that receive funding.

Churilla said it is in the giving back to the community that brings the greatest satisfaction.

“I went into the position looking to be helpful in any way I can,” she said. “They welcome my input and I welcome theirs. I’ve already gained so much knowledge about the need for the foundation, about the school system and how much giving back enriches the lives of others.”

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

Feeling like the Princess – or the Pea? It may be time for a new mattress. The choir, band, orchestra and theater students are hosting a mattress sale to raise funds for fine arts.

The fundraiser offers everything a mattress store has to offer except the high prices. Not only can you save up to 50 percent off retail prices, but roughly \$100 to \$150 goes to the school for every mattress sold.

There will be 30 mattress styles on display in all sizes and styles for customers to try. Major brands include Simmons Beautyrest, the Number bed, Englander and Therapedic.

All mattresses will come with full factory warranties, are made to order, and will be available 10-14 days after the fundraiser. Delivery is available.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **March 20**

WHERE: Highland High School

INFO: <https://fb.me/e/3mUxsSSb6>

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Highland Education Foundation will host its annual Trivia Night Fundraiser – virtually – **April 24**. Details and registration information will be available after March 8 on the Highland Education Foundation Facebook page – www.facebook.com/highlandedufdn – and on the School Town of Highland website – www.highland.k12.in.us. Save the date!

KINDERGARTEN REMINDER

Kindergarten registration is underway for the 2021-2022 school year. **Phase I:** Parents must first register their child on the RDS parent access page. **Phase 2:** Visit your neighborhood elementary school with your child and the proof of residency requirements and other documentation outlined online at highland.k12.in.us. Each building will hold its kindergarten registration from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on the following Wednesday's: Johnston (**March 10**), Merkle (**March 17**), Southridge (**March 31**) and Warren (**April 7**).