



HIGHLAND

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL MISSION: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

DRESS CODE: Students are expected to follow Dress Code outlined in the District's Guide to Student Success.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING

Apart from having a 120-year presence in the community, and being a nationally registered historic site, Highland Elementary school is a unique place in that it is filled with life and love for learning that is focused on our students.

SPECIALTY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES/CURRICULUM

Highland staff and students have embraced the higher level thinking demands encouraged by the Ohio Learning Standards, which provide a consistent, clear pathway of what students are expected to learn. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete in the global economy. **READING PROGRAM:** Highland uses a 21st Century approach to reading literacy while incorporating the HMH reading series instruction. Classroom instructors use a blended approach adapted to student's academic needs. Primary students enjoy a rich, skill based approach to literacy focusing on the elements of reading through Interactive Read Alouds, phonemic awareness skills building, phonics instruction, and vocabulary enhancement through constant reiteration of high frequency sight words and text-embedded tiered vocabulary practice while constructing textual meaning through the use of various text modalities. Intermediate students utilize a theme-based approach to literacy using novels and informational texts to embrace Ohio's Learning Standards and experience complex texts, such as those of Shakespeare, through the use of dramatic inquiry. All of our students focus on developing the ability to demonstrate comprehension of increasingly difficult texts through written response, while synthesizing and analyzing information from various modalities (fiction, nonfiction, video). Reading is taught in an uninterrupted 90-minute block of time.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/SPORTS

Highland is a school where student leadership is celebrated and encouraged. Highland hosts a yearly STEM and Literacy Night, quarterly awards assemblies, Children's Hospital Mobile Unit, and much more create a bustling thriving student-focused environment.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP



Michelle Deime
Principal





FAMILY SUPPORT and RESOURCES

Family engagement is critical to developing a healthy community of learners and leaders. Monthly events are scheduled from lunches with our learners to workshops, based on the surveyed needs of our families. Parents are always welcome, and encouraged to positively interact with the school to support student achievement. To assure school safety, all guests are required to show ID and register their presence at the administrative office's customer service window.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Highland Elementary has a rich heritage, having been built circa 1895, our 120 year presence in the Hilltop has garnered the interest of many community based agencies partnering with our school. Our partnerships include, but are not limited to: Cardinal Health, The Ohio State University, The Highland Community Garden, The Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, The DOWD Center, Community for New Direction, Hilltop Lutheran Church, and Nationwide Children's Hospital. All of these trusted partners work in tandem with Highland to serve the needs of our community of learners. Volunteerism includes tutoring/mentoring, providing school supplies for families, and other activities that support our growing community.