



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Partnerships with many local businesses
- More than 60 Adopt-a-Class sponsors
- More than 15,000 hours of volunteering and mentoring annually
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – visible, active and supportive in programs and initiatives
- School Advisory Council (SAC) – involved with the School Improvement Plan development and implementation

SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Highland Lakes Elementary is to create a safe and respectful learning environment which fosters self-directed learners. We will do this by accomplishing our School Improvement Plan goals and providing quality educational experiences to build a community of successful lifelong learners.



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Highland Lakes

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



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QUICK facts

Principal: Kathleen Young

Grade Levels: K-5

Enrollment: 683

School Hours: 8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 8:35 a.m.-1:35 p.m.)

Attractor/focus: Academics, art, music programs and parent/volunteer involvement initiatives

Uniforms: No

Before/after-school care: YMCA, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 467-9622

Average Class Size: The class-size reduction amendment requires that each elementary school have a primary grades (K-3) average of 18:1 and an intermediate grades (4-5) average of 22:1. These averages include all programs providing services to students in each school.

Teaching Staff: Approximately 38 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE)

Part time: Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program: No

Academic Information: Visit www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools

Computers and Technology: Two mobile laptop computer labs, Internet access and computers in each classroom

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

The school facilities consists of six buildings on a beautifully landscaped area of 18 acres. Beginning in 1991, the school has maintained strong parent, community and business support for its educational endeavors. To create positive memories, the PTA each year has unique activities creating a very family-friendly environment.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Television Video Production Lab
- Gifted program on-site
- Enhanced music and physical education program
- National Board-certified teachers
- Florida Department of Education award for high academic performance
- FCAT scores exceed the district and state averages.

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Battle of the Books district finalist
- State of Florida Golden School Award for outstanding community involvement programs
- Gifted Math Meet Award – grades 4-5
- Educational Grant Award winners
- Outstanding Physical Education Teacher of the Year
- Governor's Award for Excellence in Economics, 2006, 2007 and 2008
- Pinellas County Schools Economics Expo Award
- HLE Yearbook



CURRICULUM

- A balanced curriculum that includes reading, math, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Extra subjects on a weekly basis – art, music and physical education
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center support
- Character education
- Everyday Math game kits/centers
- Battle of the Books Reading Program
- Enriched curriculum-based study trips

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Spanish class after school
- Reading Counts!
- Literacy Success
- FCAT Explorer, Riverdeep Reading, SuccessNet and math computer programs
- Safety assemblies
- Morning news program
- Pearson Success Net

ACTIVITIES

- Battle of the Books
- Chorus and Band
- Multicultural Committee