

Important School Contacts:

- Patti Fowler –Principal
- Carol Ann Whitehurst –Asst. Principal
- Tami Dinan-Guidance Grades K, 1 &2
- Judy Smith-Guidance Grades 3, 4 &5
- Nell Herrick-Cafeteria Manager
- Brenda White-Bay Base Manager
- Office: 872-4685
- School Fax: 747-5307
- School Cafeteria: 872-4688
- Office Hours 7:00-3:00

Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 4-18 Cookie Dough Sale
- Sept. 17 Open House Grades 3/4/5 5:30-7:30
- Sept 23 Fall Pictures
- Sept. 24 Open House Grades K/1/2 5:30-7:00
- Sept. 28– Oct. 1 Book Fair
- Sept. 29 Book Fair and Family Fun Night 5-7:30
- Oct. 1 Progress Reports
- Oct. 8 PTO Meeting 2:10
3rd Grade Parent
FCAT Night 6-7:00



Razorback Raves

Hiland Park Elementary School PTO

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Principal's Welcome

I want to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to be the new Principal of Hiland Park Elementary. This is a wonderful school and I admire the progress Hiland Park has made over the years. I hope to capitalize on our strengths and work in areas where growth may be needed. Join me in welcoming our new Assistant Principal, Carol Ann Whitehurst. Together, we hope to make Hiland Park even bigger and better.



Congratulations on earning a grade of "A" for the past year. That makes seven years in a row! This could not have been accomplished without the hard work of the entire team; teachers, students, parents and administration. Let's keep up the good work!

Our student population continues to grow. We now have 907 students at Hiland Park! Thanks to those parents and students who were flexible as we opened our new Kindergarten unit.



New Drop Off/ Pick Up Area

We hope to open the new drop off/pick up area for students in the back of the school in the next couple of

weeks. Although this will take some adjustment on our part, the end result is that students will be much safer. Cars picking up Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be asked to use the right hand lane and cars picking up students

in grade 2/3/4/5 will be asked to line up in the left hand lane. Once this area is opened, parents will be asked to **not** drop off students in the front of the school.

A big **Thank You** goes out to our PTO which helped us tremendously this summer to prepare for the school year. Whether it was painting the staff lounges, helping with the yard clean up day, stuffing parent packets for distribution, PTO was there for us. With PTO funds we were able to purchase a mower to help keep our campus looking nice. We hope you will consider being part of this dynamic group.

Please feel free to call if you have questions or concerns.

Rock on Razorbacks!

Patti Fowler

Student Discipline

We are implementing a new way of doing business when it comes to student discipline. We are implementing Positive Behavior Support (PBS) on campus. We have adopted a school-wide expectation for the students. It is the acronym **R.O.C.K.** which stands for:

R – Respect others

O- Obey the rules

C- Come to school prepared

K- Keep our school safe

This expectation will make it easy for all students to live up to what it means to be a **Super Razorback!** In September we will implement “**Razorbucks**”. Classes will earn bucks for showing the appropriate behavior. Everyone on campus is working to make our school climate better.

The expectations in the lunchroom should contribute to a more pleasant atmosphere. We still have a designated area for parents if you eat lunch with your child. You may sit at the table with your child’s class, in the parent area in the lunchroom, or outside at the picnic tables. You may not invite other students to eat with you if you move from the class assigned table.

Third Grade will be hosting a Parent FCAT Night, Thursday, October 8th in the Media Center from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

School Safety

For Bus Riders:

- Don’t play in the street while waiting for the school bus.
- Never reach under a school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen underneath.
- After getting off the school bus, move immediately onto the sidewalk or road shoulder, out of traffic.
- Wait for a signal from the bus driver before you cross the street.
- Never cross the street behind the school bus.



For Walkers or Bikers:

- Always walk with a buddy.
- Pay attention to the traffic signals.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Wear reflective material to be more visible.

For Car Passengers and Drivers:

- Wear a seat belt.
- Use safety seats at all times.



Transportation Home



You must send a note!

If there is a change for your child's transportation going home, please send a note to the teacher. Otherwise your child will go home by their usual method of transportation.

Calls to the Office

We understand emergencies do occur and this necessitates a call to the school to change transportation methods. Do not call after 1:45 to change transportation methods home. Many classes are already in

transition by this time to buses, car pick-up or Bay Base.



Medication at School

The only acceptable manner in which medicine (prescription or nonprescription, even aspirin and cough drops) can be housed at school is for a physician to complete the "Permission to Administer" form. The completed form along with the medicine should be delivered to the office by an adult. At no time should children transport medicine to and from school.

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR)

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) is available in the office.

In accordance with federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) guidelines, the Hiland Park Elementary School SPAR is available upon request in our school office. While some categories are not applicable to both elementary and secondary levels, the SPAR includes information related to the following indicators:

- Kindergarten readiness
- Graduation rate
- Dropout rates
- Postsecondary readiness
- Student test results (FCAT and alternate assessments)
- New teachers and staff
- School evaluation for Unsafe School Choice Option
- Teachers by professional degree
- Classes taught by teachers teaching in-field/out-of-field
- Classes taught by highly qualified teachers
- October membership
- School performance grade
- NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress Indicator

Hiland Park PTO



Hiland Park Rocks!

Hiland Park Elementary
School PTO

Denise Watson - President
Sherri Price - Vice President
Lorri Sizenbach - Vice President
Tracy Rogers - Secretary
Barbara Welch - Treasurer
Hilandparkpto@yahoo.com

Hello from PTO,

We have many activities coming up rather quickly on the calendar and hope to see you at them.

Our Cookie Dough sale is going on now through Sept. 18th. Thank you for all your support in this effort. This is our biggest fundraiser and sets the pace for the rest of the year.

We will be having our first **Family Night Sept. 29th** during the Book Fair. Notices will be coming home via the teachers about the event.

We need volunteers to help the nurse with the **health screening** on Oct. 5th from 7:30-12:00. If you are interested in helping call Denise at 872-4685 or email us at hilandparkpto@yahoo.com.

Fall Festival is right around the corner and we need lots of help. If you have a business or know of a business that may donate an item or service to our silent auction please have them contact PTO or give us the information and we will contact them. We will have a pre-planning committee meeting on Monday Sept. 21 at 2:30 in the PTO cabin. Please let PTO know if you are interested in being on the committee.

The next PTO meeting is Oct. 8th at 2:10.

Denise Watson,
PTO President

Capri Sun

We are now collecting Capri Sun, Kool-Aid and Target brand drink pouches. Our school gets \$.02 for every drink pouch you turn in. So the MORE pouches your class collects the MORE cash you earn for your school and the MORE you help the environment.

Don't throw
away your drink
pouches!

Box Tops



We are still collecting box tops. You did an awesome job bringing them in last year, we made over \$3.400! Keep up the good work!

