



# Highlander Newsletter

As a community,  
daily we learn, together we grow.

July Newsletter

## Mark Your Calendars!

- August 3—Student Schedules available through Parent Portal
- August 8—Kindergarten Kick-Off
- August 9—Backpack Drop-Off
- August 14—1st Day of School
- August 21—Open House

## Upcoming Events at DHES

### Kindergarten Kick-Off:

**Wednesday, August 8 from 4:30-5:30pm**

Incoming kindergarten students and parents are invited to DHES to meet the teachers, drop off supplies, go on a bus ride, and tour the building.

### Backpack Drop-Off for Grades 1-5:

**Thursday, August 9 from 4:30-5:30pm**

Students and parents are encouraged to attend backpack drop-off on August 9. Students will meet their teacher, visit their classroom, drop off supplies and take some fun photos with family and friends at the photo booth.

### DHES Open House:

**Tuesday, August 21**

Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grade—6:00-7:00pm

Session 1—6:00-6:30pm

Session 2—6:30-7:00pm

3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade—7:00-8:00pm

Session 1—7:00-7:30pm

Session 2—7:30-8:00pm

\*Each classroom teacher will host two 30 minute sessions. Teachers will share the same information with parents during both sessions. Families only need to attend one grade level session. More information will be sent home prior to Open House.

### Student Schedules and School Supply Lists

Starting at noon on Friday, August 3, parents can access the Parent Portal to see who their child's teacher will be for the 2018-2019 school year. You can access Parent Portal by visiting the D300 webpage or DHES webpage and clicking on the Parent Tab.

School supply lists for the 18-19 school year can be found on the DHES website, the D300 website (under parent tab), or you can stop by DHES.



## DHES Building Updates

It has been a busy summer at DHES. Mr. Jeff, Mr. Ramon and Miss Courtney have been working extremely hard to get the building ready for school in August. I am excited for everyone to see the new inspirational artwork that is being painted in different areas of the building. This artwork is sure to brighten the hallways and bring smiles to all. Students will also enjoy the five new playground pieces that have been installed. A big thank you to the PTC for their help and support with this project.

I am excited that DHES will once again be hosting a grant-funded preschool program this year. We welcome these students and families and look forward to them being a part of the DHES community. Any families that are interested in a tuition-based preschool program can contact Linda Breen at [linda.breen@d300.org](mailto:linda.breen@d300.org).

DHES is continuing to build our foundation with Professional Learning Communities. A Professional Learning Community is a group of educators that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students (Dufour). Educators need to be given the time to work collaboratively with their grade level colleagues to discuss grade level standards, common curriculum, learning targets, common assessments, results from common assessments, and intervention and enrichment opportunities. All grade level teachers will meet on a consistent basis and focus on continuous improvement in staff performance, student learning, and meeting the social and emotional needs of students.

Finally, we are continuously working on class lists and class assignments throughout the summer. If you have not registered your child yet or have questions about online registration, please call or stop in the main office.



## School Bell Times

DHES begins at 8:00am and the school day ends at 2:15pm.

- **AM drop-off begins at 7:45am**
- **Students enter the school at 7:55am**
- **School starts at 8:00am**
- **Students are released at 2:15pm**



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## Important Information from the Health Department

All students must be up-to-date with physical examination and immunization requirements. All forms must be turned in to the school's nurse prior to August 1st to ensure students can begin school on August 14. Students will not be able to attend school until all required health information is on file.

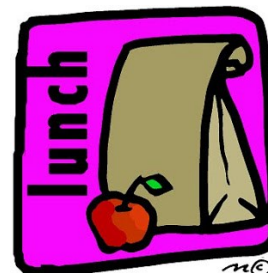
Students entering Early Childhood, Kindergarten, Sixth and Ninth grades are required to have a current physical examination completed on the approved Illinois Department of Public Health Form.



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## Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Free and reduced lunch applications will be available after July 15. For information about free and reduced lunch, please visit the parents tab on the District 300 website or the Dundee Highlands' website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the main office.



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**Volunteers...**

**V**ery important people!

**O**utstanding!

**L**ove to be helpful!

**U**nderstand children!

**N**eeded for many things!

**T**eachers value them!

**E**njoy helping children!

**E**nthusiastic adults!

**R**eady at a moment's notice!

**S**pecial people!

**Thank you!**



Parent volunteers are an important part of every school. Dundee Highlands is so thankful for all the helpful volunteers we have. If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer to help with different school activities as well as some of the day to day routines, please be on the lookout for information on how you can become involved with the PTC, the school or your child's classroom during Backpack Drop-Off on Wednesday, August 8 (Kindergarten) or Thursday, August 9 (1st-5th Grade).

**Thanks for all you do!**