

Welcome to Highcrest!



MASCOT: THE HAWK

COLORS: BLUE AND GOLD

Kelly Jackson, Principal

Aaron Dubnow, 5th Grade Level Administrator

One Campus. Connected Community.

One Campus:

- Leadership model
- Consistency in supportive programs
- Consistency in practices (placement, communication, etc.)
- Articulation between grade levels



Connected Community:

- Communication between grade levels and departments
- Cross-campus clubs, athletics, and activities
- Cross-grade activities
- Kindness, mindfulness, empathy

Leadership Structure



Kelly Jackson
Principal



Aaron Dubnow
5th GLAd

Chimille Dillard
6th GLAd

Doug Wernet
7th GLAd

Eric Resis
8th GLAd

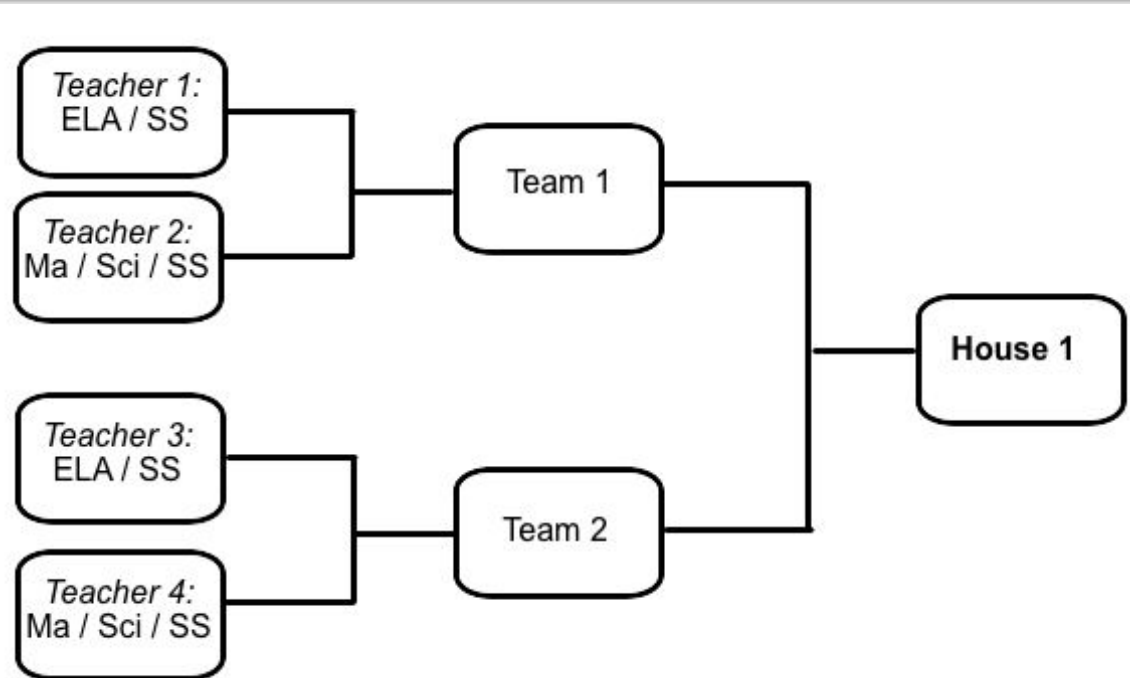
GLAd = Grade Level Administrator

HMS Quick Facts



- All students have ONE homeroom teacher
- FOUR homerooms in a “house”
 - Core Academic Team
 - Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS)
- Nine 40-minute class periods
 - 5 Core Academics (Reading/Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies)
 - Physical Education
 - Related Arts (Music, Drama, Creative Communication, Art)
 - World Language or Academic Strategies
- Lunch/Recess (*with only 5th graders*)

Making a big school seem small



Sample Schedules



ZERO	Band/Orchestra Chorus	
Periods	Homeroom/Teacher 1	Homeroom/Teacher 1
1	Social Studies	Social Studies
2	Related Arts	Related Arts
3	Math	ELA/Reading
4	Science	ELA/Writing
5	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
6	Physical Education	Physical Education
7	World Language	World Language
8	ELA/Reading	Math
9	ELA/Writing	Science

Communication



Administration:

- Highcrest Headlines
- Text Messages
- HMS website
- Facebook
 - Highcrest MS/Wilmette JH
- Twitter
 - @HawkWolf39
- Email or call anytime
- In person meetings

Teachers:

- Weekly or bi-weekly email (HR)
- Frequent progress reports/Friday folders
- Schoology Page / Online Calendar
- Email or call anytime
- In person meetings
- Conferences
- Curriculum Night

Tools For School

iPads

- All fifth graders
- Schoology: Learning Management System
- Distributed in first weeks of school

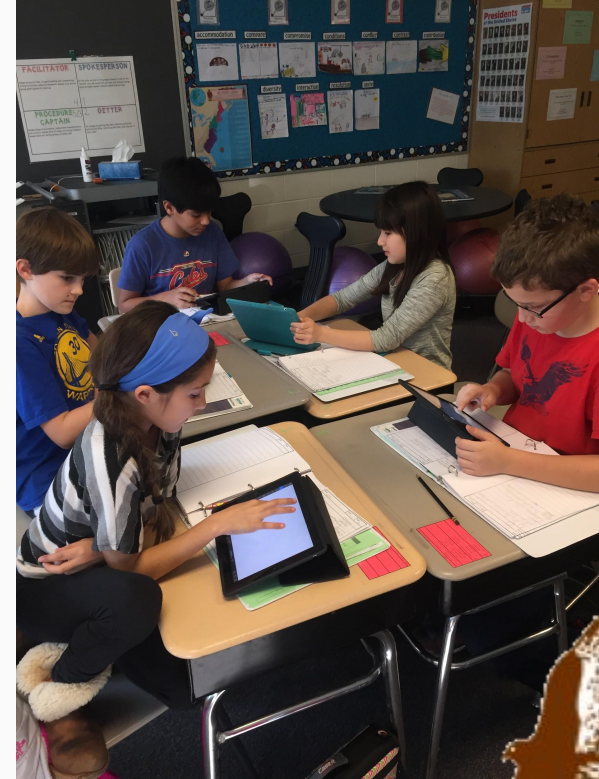
Executive Functioning Binders

- Color-coded folders
- RUSH training/lessons in HR

School Supply Lists

Assignment Notebook

Lockers



Transition Events

- World Language Selection (February)
- 4th/5th grade teacher observations (March)
- Parent Input forms (April)
- 4th Grade Classroom Buddies (May)
- Schoology experiences in 4th grade classrooms (May)
- Schedules: Mid-August (August 21)
- **5th Grade Orientation: Tuesday, August 29**
- First day of school: Tuesday, September 5
- 5th Grade Curriculum night: Thursday, September 7
- Cafeteria with homeroom: Connect! (beginning of the year)
- **AND MORE IN THE FIRST WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!**



Opportunities for Students

- **Band/Orchestra/Chorus**
 - Before School 2-3 days a week (concerts throughout the year)
- **PTO Clubs**
 - Student Council, Service Over Self, Chess, Minecraft, Volleyball, Art
- **Science Olympiad**
- **Youth Connection Programs**
 - RAD (after school program)
 - Homework Club
 - Theatre opportunities
- **Sports**
 - Cross Country, Wrestling, Track and Field



Campus - Wide Supportive Programs

- Executive Functioning system
- Homework Assistance (HWA)
- Learner Qualities (LQ) class
- Response to Intervention (RtI) classes
- Student Accountability System
 - Common School-Wide Expectations
 - Safe, Responsible, Respectful
 - Merits (Hawk Feathers)
 - Demerits
- School-Wide Behavior Team (SWBT)
- Student SWBT
- Student Handbook

	Hallways	Cafeteria	Playground	Morning
Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Always walk. *Stay on the right side of the hallway and stairs. *Keep hands and bodies to yourself. *Store materials neatly and out of the way. Use storage where provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Always walk. *Stay in your seat *Keep hands and bodies to yourself. *Wait patiently in line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Use playground equipment as expected. *Keep hands and bodies to yourself. *Snow stays on the ground. *Stay within the playground boundaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Stay in assigned area. *Allow room for others to walk by. *Keep hands, belongings, and bodies to yourself. *If dropped off before 8:15, stay in lobby.
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Close and lock your locker. *Use most direct route to be on time. *Pick up after yourself and others *Be aware of what is going on around you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Clean up after yourself and others. *Eat and dispose of food properly. *Remain seated until dismissed. *Use the correct dish, trash, and compost receptacles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Return borrowed equipment when finished. *Keep equipment on the playground only. *Alert an adult if help is needed. *If you brought it outside, bring it back in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Pick up after yourself and others. *Make good choices with electronic devices.
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use expected language. * Use indoor voices. *Keep objects, hands, and feet to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Listen quietly when announcements are made or directions are given. *Practice good table manners. *Only touch your own food. *Share space at tables with those needing a seat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Include others in your games. * Use expected language. *Keep objects, hands, and feet to yourself. *If asked to stop, STOP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use expected language. * Use indoor voices. *Keep objects, hands, and feet to yourself.



Making the Transition GREAT for your child

- **Orientation!**
 - Restructure for 2017
 - Sixth grade buddies/mentor students
- **Make connections to the school**
 - GLAd meet and greet
 - GLAd coffees/hot topics discussions
- **Homeroom activities**
 - Create new friendships
 - Learn about the school
 - Learn about the teachers
 - First HW assignment = practice your lock
- **Motivational Assembly: “Yes YOU Can”**
- **Fifth Grade Connections**



Opportunities for Parents (HMS PTO)

What is our Purpose?

- **Organize and finance student enrichment:** Field trips, Assembly Speakers, Outdoor Garden Classroom
- **Events for students and parents:** Make a Difference Day, 5th Grade Connection/Field Day, Freaky Friday, Variety Show, Luau Madness, Book Fair, Parents Night Out, Tech Talks
- **Partner with school to enhance student environment :** After School Clubs, Student of Month Breakfast, Junior Great Books, Literary Magazine, Service over Self (SOS) Club, Birthday Books
- **Communicate important events to our parents:** Highcrest Headlines from Admin

VISIT THE HMS PTO WEBSITE AT: www.highcrestpto.org

Highcrest PTO

How Can You Become Involved?

- **Volunteer:** Room Parent, Cafeteria, Outdoor Classroom, School Store, Junior Great Books, Picture Day, Hanging Art
 - SIGN UP on general volunteer list NOW!
 - BE ON LOOKOUT for opportunities to come up throughout the year!
- **IGNITE:** Donate to support student enrichment opportunities (not paid for by school or district)
- **Attend PTO Meetings** (4 per year): hear the latest from the Principal, PTO Presidents and Chairs, Guest Speakers, and learn about current and upcoming events at HMS

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Questions?



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May 4 = Parent Night at HMS (7:15pm) with parent panel