

What is THE Highland WAY?

Dear Highland Families,

As we transitioned from our former focus on leadership we were able to make thoughtful decisions about what our students most need in order to be successful. This led to us creating The Highland Way! It's a set of positive behaviors that help students learn and grow. Here's a brief recap so you are in the know!

How do we teach students The Highland Way?

- ★ We learn about each of the character traits - Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, Trustworthiness and Citizenship - at monthly assemblies.
- ★ We recite the **Highland Way pledge** each morning at the beginning of our student-led announcements.
- ★ Classes have daily or weekly "**morning meetings**" where they build positive connections with one another and can learn important social-emotional skills.
- ★ We teach students the expectations for each **common area** on campus in a rotation format in September and revisit them in January.

How do we reinforce The Highland Way?

- ★ Each day adults are watching for students showing The Highland Way. When they see these actions, they reward students and classes with Way to Go Tickets that lead to classroom acknowledgement.
- ★ Each month EVERY adult at Highland can nominate a student who's shown the monthly trait with a monthly leader certificate. Their photos are posted in the hall across from the gym. Students are honored at monthly assemblies.

Today we are sending home a **handy magnet** that you can keep on your fridge! It's a reminder of the common language we are using and the positive traits we want to grow in your children!

Together for kids,
Mr. H and the Highland Staff

