

# About Highland Lakes Elementary School

- Principal: Donna Gehringer
- Grade Levels: Pre K-5
- Enrollment: 540
- School Hours: 8:35 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.
- Mascot: Panther
- Before and after care: YMCA onsite
- Teaching Staff: Approximately 22% of faculty members have advanced degrees
- Community partnerships: YMCA, Highland Lakes Community Association and Kiwanis Club
- Computers and technology: All classrooms fully equipped with student computer stations, All Classrooms equipped with SmartBoards, schoolwide access to Computer, iPad and Kindle labs
- Exceptional Student Education services: Self-Contained Emotionally Behaviorally Disabled Unit, Varying Exceptionalities Resource, Full Time Gifted Program, Speech Language, Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for qualified students



**District Vision: 100% Student Success**

**District Mission: Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life**



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## SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Highland Lakes Elementary School 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 so that we will build a community of successful, life-long learners.

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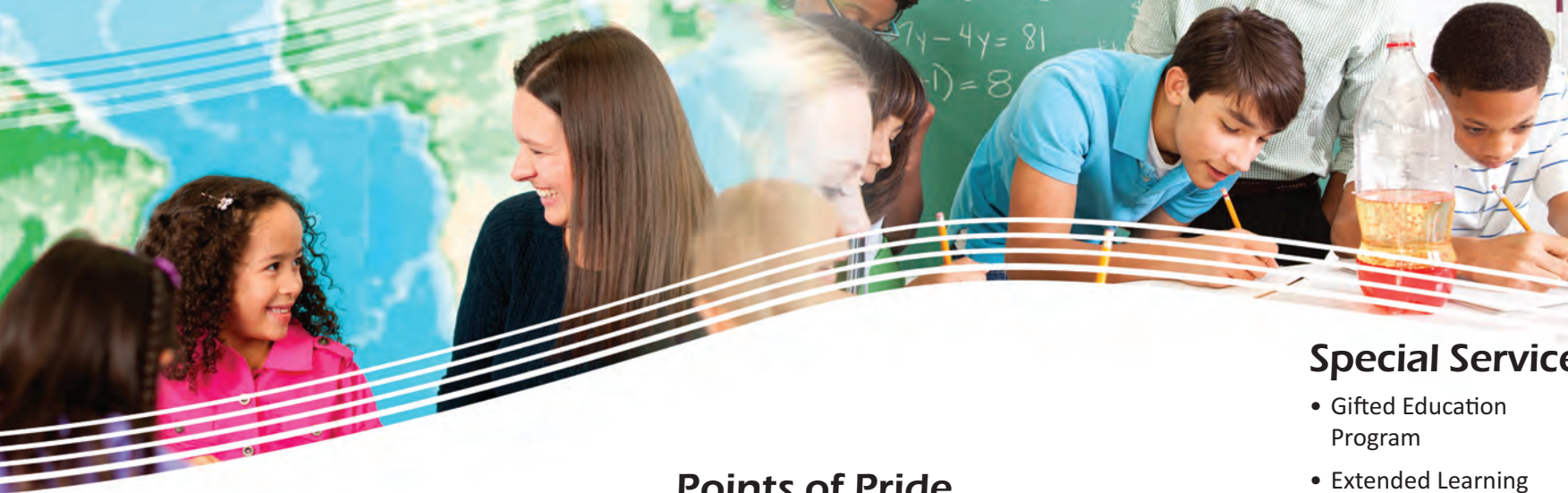
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## Academic Achievements

- 2017-2018 FSA data shows a double digit increase in intermediate grade ELA proficiency
- 2017-2018 FSA data shows double digit gains in 5th grade math and science proficiency
- FSA data shows ELA, mathematics and science scores for students in grades 3-5 ahead of district and state averages
- 70% of students performing proficient on the Mathematics FSA
- 60% of students performing proficient on the Science Statewide Assessment
- 2018-19 FSA data shows a 60% increase in L25 ELA Proficiency



## Points of Pride

- High Performing School for 19+ years
- Golden School Award for Community Involvement
- (Eight) National Board Certified Teachers
- National Alliance for Healthier Generation Silver Distinction
- Dedicated Science Lab for hands on learning
- 5 Star Award for Community Involvement
- Energy Star certified school

## Special Services & Programs

- Gifted Education Program
- Extended Learning Program
- Enhanced Music Ensemble
- Peer Mediation/Character Education
- STEM Clubs
- ESL Hour of Code
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Drama Kids
- Panther News Crew
- Safety Patrol
- Art Club
- Students Targeted for Educational Performance (STEP)
- Principal's Multicultural Awareness Committee
- Enhanced Mathematics
- Lunch Pals
- The Players Sports Academy (PSA)



“*Highland Lakes Elementary is focused on continuous student-centered school improvement goals that maintain high academic performance levels and excellence for which our community is known. We pride ourselves on being a community driven school with high levels of family involvement*”

Donna Gehringer, principal

