

MISSION

Our mission at Highlands School is to become a place where students:

- Become lifelong learners and contributing, responsible citizens
- Think creatively, integrate information, and work cooperatively to solve real life problems
- Understand the process of thinking and learning
- Act responsibly and sensitively when making decisions and cooperating with others
- Are intrinsically motivated as they experience joy in learning
- Become increasingly literate in language arts, mathematics, sciences and the fine arts
- Share responsibility for their education with educators, parents, and the community

THE HISTORY OF THE HIGHLANDS WHALE

Highlands School's slogan, "A Whale of a School", began in the 1982-83 school year.

Three events led to this. The first, a fourth grader, Chad Melzer, died of cancer. In his memory, students and staff contributed to a memorial fund in honor of Chad.

The second event resulted from this fund. A fourth grade teacher, John Beehler, knew of a sculptor of whales, John Perry, from California. The memorial money purchased several of Mr. Perry's whales, which are now displayed in the LRC. This collection is part of the Art Awareness presentations.

The third event was a contest for a slogan to be chosen by our school. Many entries suggested great ideas. The winner was fifth grader, Kim Daffinee, with her picture of a whale captioned, "Highlands Is a Whale of a School."

We've been wearing our whales and living up to our slogan ever since.

SCHOOL SONG '92

Let's give a cheer for Highlands School – Hurray!
We'll be the best, pass the test, the awesomest.
Let's give a cheer for Highlands School – Hurray!
Take pride in what we do, here at Highlands School.
This is a place for learning and for fun,
We like to be the best we are #1.
To our school colors Blue and White be true,
You are a Whale of a School – WE LOVE YOU!
Let's give a cheer for Highlands School – Hurray!
We'll be the best, pass the test the awesomest.
Let's give a cheer for Highlands School – Hurray!
Take pride in what we do, here at Highlands School.
2 - 3 - 4 here at Highlands School – Hurray!