

# Manchester Public Schools



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Dear Highland Park Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer! While you have been reading, resting, and playing in the sun, we have been busy getting the school ready for your return! The first day of school is **Thursday, August 27th, 2015**, which will be a full day of school. School hours are 9:05 am – 3:25 pm.

Important dates to remember for August and September:

August 26	Kindergarten Orientation / Grades 1-5 Teacher Meet and Greet (3-4 pm)
August 27	First Day of School
September 7	Labor Day (school is not in session)
September 9	First PTA Meeting
September 17	Back to School Picnic
October 1	Curriculum Night
September 16	Professional Development for Staff (Half day for students 9:05 am – 1:17 pm)

Please take a moment to look at our school website. It is updated frequently and contains important information including the student handbook, calendar, emergency closings and delays, PTA events, and other happenings at Highland Park. Additionally, each grade level has their own link on our school site that includes grade specific information such as interactive websites, grade level activities, and class news.

Our back to school Teacher Meet and Greet will take place on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm. Feel free to stop by and visit your child's classroom and meet the teachers. I would love to meet you all.

As one of the newest members of the Highland Park family, I am looking forward to partnering with you as we continue to grow as a school and a community. With that in mind, you are invited to be an active participant at Highland Park Elementary School. Whether you are a classroom volunteer, a member of the PTA, attending a school event, or stopping by our Family Resource Center, we encourage you to be involved. Research on schools clearly demonstrates that family participation in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success for their child.

If you have questions or concerns that arise at any time, please do not hesitate to give your child's teacher or me a call. I look forward to meeting you as we open the new year together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Maria Ali".

Joanna Maria Ali

Principal