

THE LION'S ROAR



FROM THE DESK OF THE
DIRECTOR:

Happy Fall!

As we step into autumn, I am delighted to share that our staff and students are now well settled into the daily rhythm and routine of the school year. There is a wonderful energy throughout our hallways as learning is in full swing, and everyone is eagerly looking forward to the exciting traditions and festivities that October brings!

Our students have also recently wrapped up their Beginning of the Year benchmark testing. All students completed their assessments, including Let's Go Learn (LGL) for SPARK and SPRING students, as well as the Promoting the Emergence of Advanced Knowledge (PEAK) assessment for our BLOOM students. These results provide essential baseline data that will help our instructional team tailor learning pathways to best meet each student's unique needs.

We have a thrilling month ahead, filled with community favorite events including trick-or-treating, our annual Fall Fest, and the highly anticipated pumpkin decorating competition.

Here are a few important dates to mark on your calendar for October:

- Open House | Thursday, October 1st (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM): We invite all students, families, and district partners to visit campus for an in-depth look at our student programming, classrooms, and daily activities.
- Early Dismissal | Wednesday, October 14th (1:30 PM): Please note that students will be dismissed early at 1:30 PM.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences & Student Non-Attendance Day | Friday, October 30th: There will be no school for students on October 30th to accommodate Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you would like to schedule a conference time, please reach out directly to your student's teacher.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making this school year so special. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Open House!

Warm regards,

Justine Cutro
DIRECTOR, HIGH ROAD SCHOOL OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

RELATED SERVICES GROUP:

The Related Services team plays an important role in supporting our students throughout the school day. Our clinical team works collaboratively to provide two push-in sessions each week for every class, allowing students to practice social-emotional, communication, behavioral, and functional skills within their classroom environment. Recently, the team partnered with Classroom 7 for a fun fall-themed pumpkin craft. Students were encouraged to participate at their own level, and it was wonderful to see everyone engaged, creative, and excited about the activity. These collaborative experiences allow our clinical team to build meaningful connections with students while supporting important skills in a fun and engaging way.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

For the month of September, the High Road of Hoffman Estates staff nominated Student Andrew A. for our Student Spotlight. Congratulations, Andrew! Your peers and staff at High Road School of Hoffman Estates are so proud of you!

LION PRIDE

Myles, who has been a Lion since last October, views being a Lion as an opportunity to be a leader among his peers. The role also comes with additional privileges, responsibilities, and freedoms that are earned through trust. One of Myles’ favorite privileges is having a “Lions Hall Pass,” which allows him to take walks around the building independently and access the “Lions Den.” Myles is also excited about the possibility of transitioning back to his homeschool in the future!



EQUINE THERAPY

We are highlighting our collaboration with Walk-On Equine Therapy, a specialized therapeutic riding program designed to support our students’ developmental, physical, and emotional growth. Equine-assisted therapy leverages the unique movement and bond of horses in an engaging, non-traditional environment.

“When do I get to go again?”
-Caleb, 9th grade



“I had a lot of fun and I got to ride the white horse. He was so nice.”
-Elena, 9th grade

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Open House 10/1
- Picture Day 10/9
- Early Release 10/14 @ 1:30pm
- Pink Dress Up Day 10/15
- End of 1st Quarter 10/23
- Picture Day Makeup 10/23
- Flannel Friday every Friday

STAFF OF THE MONTH

We are proud to recognize Mr. Rob as our Staff of the Month! Working in the Transition Room, they consistently demonstrate what it means to be a true team player. They show up each day with a positive attitude, are dependable and committed, and are always willing to step in and take on whatever task is needed. Their flexibility, dedication, and willingness to support both students and colleagues make them a valuable part of our school community. We are grateful for all that they do!

