

## Highland Lakes Elementary ESOL News 2013-2014

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to our students and to the goal of having them reach their highest level of academic achievement. Our teachers are all certified by the state of Florida and are qualified to teach the core academic subjects they are assigned. In addition, they attend professional development designed to keep them current with best practices in education. To that end, many of our teachers are in the process of obtaining their English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement.

This endorsement is designed to give teachers special strategies for working with students whose primary language is not English. This endorsement requires up to 300 hours of additional professional development. The following teachers are considered out of field for ESOL while working towards this endorsement: Sandra Quick, Catherine Kleber, ScottAnn Hite, Christine Foor, Judith Vasilevski, Vicki Clark, Cissy Goodman, Kathleen Leach And Jennifer Bumgarner. These teachers are working toward the completion of the ESOL hours. I am confident that they are providing excellent instruction in a safe learning environment to all of their students.

Our teachers and staff work diligently to meet the needs of every student in our school. Your continued support of your child's education is appreciated. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (727) 724-1429.

Tina Murphy / Assistant Principal