

Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

March 2016

Calendar

March 2	General PTA Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m.
March 3	Spring Pictures
March 4	Employee Appreciation Day
March 7	No School Professional Development
March 28-1	Kindergarten Registration
March 11	Battle of the Books Finals
March 18	3 rd Grade Market Day
April 4-8	No School Spring Break



Message from Mr. Hodson

Kindergarten registration at Highland Elementary School opens Monday, March 28th. You may register your child from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. You may pick up registration materials before March 28, 2016. However, they will not be accepted until the first day of kindergarten registration.

It is important to have all new

kindergarten students registered as close to this time as possible. The number of kindergarten teachers on staff reflects on how many students have signed up for the 2016-17 school year.

Children must be 5 years old on or before September 2, 2016, to be qualified to register for public school next year. When you come to register your kindergarten student please bring an official birth certificate, immunization records, Social Security number (optional), and if possible, a check for \$10 made out to Highland Elementary School for kindergarten class activities. Please share this information with others that have children of kindergarten age.

Traffic safety is important at Highland Elementary. We want all of our children to be safe as they travel to and from school. Our parking lots are very crowded as the school day opens and closes. We request the help of every person entering the Highland parking lots. Courteous, careful and slow driving cannot be emphasized enough. Please allow enough time to remain calm and safe as you bring students to school. **DRIVERS SHOULD NOT DRIVE FASTER THAN 3 M.P.H.** in the parking area. If a child forgets a basic rule of safety, it is up to the drivers to be alert and drive safely and

slowly enough to stop their vehicles in time to prevent a serious accident.

Please remember our TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES:

- 1) Observe and use the proper entrances and exits from the parking areas.
- 2) When loading or unloading your children always pull your vehicle next to the curb or the right edge of the loading/unloading lane and have your student(s) exit or enter from the passenger side of the car. Never stop in the middle of the drive through lane to enter or exit children from your vehicle and never pass a vehicle on the right.

I am very appreciative of your friendship and support for us individually and collectively. Highland parents are noteworthy for their support, volunteerism, dedication to education and involvement in their school. I applaud you! Thank You!!!

Reed Hodson, Principal



Message from the PTA President

This month, if you successfully catch a leprechaun, here's what you will find at the end of the PTA rainbow:

- Your lifelong wish to become the next PTA President will be granted!
- The Book Fair chairs (Heather Jones and Kristy Brookhart) will win the \$5.2 billion lottery for their work. And it comes in the form of Scholastic Dollars.
- Janette Boyer, head of Box Tops, after counting and clipping thousands of tiny cardboard squares for hours on end, will receive her own snowball and pizza party, which includes neither scissors nor cereal boxes, but takes place on a tropical island.
- You end up attending the General PTA Membership meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 10:00 AM in room 207, and much to your delight, you find an all-you-

can-eat chocolate buffet and a Diet Coke fountain.

- Your child aces the Battle of the Books competitions on March 1, 9, and 11, and ends up becoming a world-famous author whose books are used in future Battles of the Books.
- Your child wins the Spelling Bee on March 18 with the word, "accidentally."
- Chris Hemsworth (a.k.a. Thor) shows up at your door with a PTA membership envelope in his hand, personally inviting you to join the PTA. You accept, knowing that it's not too late, and promptly email Lisa Gunther (lpgunther@hotmail.com).
- Your children have learned and mastered the phrases you've uttered a million times, like, "Fingers stay out of noses" and "Glue sticks are not chapsticks" and "Someday you'll thank me."

Thank you for your support of the PTA!

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PTA Board for 2016-2017

We congratulate and say thank you to our newly elected executive PTA Board.

President: Melissa Adams
President-Elect:
Treasurer: Jody Graham
Secretary: Jana Rasband
Membership VP: Lisa Gunther
Leadership VP: Stephanie Wolfley
Legislative VP: Brittney Bills

Watch for upcoming requests for volunteer help on our other various programs for next year.

Click-It!

Utah's Click-it Program is in full force here at Highland Elementary. Currently, we are encouraging booster seat use. Why?? I think we can all relate to the reluctant child or parent who just doesn't want to use them! Did you know your child qualifies for a booster seat by height NOT age?! A person advances from a booster when they are taller than 4'9". That's

right! For some, this fact is bad news.

The purpose of the booster seat is to prevent serious internal injuries caused by the improper position of the seat belt. **Children under 4'9", who use a seat belt only, are four times more likely to sustain serious injuries than a child using a booster seat (Zerofatalities.com)** Children in side-impact crashes benefited most when booster seats were used: risk of injury was reduced 68 percent for near-side impacts, and 82% for far-side impacts (CBSNews By David Morgan)

We love your students and want them to enjoy long years of health. May our cause be a support to your family and help prevent harm to these wonderful children.



Staff Birthdays

NO Staff	Birthdays	this
	month.	

