

Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

April 2016

Calendar

April 4-8	No School Spring Break
April 13	PTA Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
April 14	4 th Grade to Camp Floyd
April 14	SCC meeting 3:40 p.m., library, public welcome
April 18	Chimes Concert 6:30 p.m.
April 19	5 th Grade Maturation 6:30 p.m.
April 19	Kindergarten to Monte Bean Museum, 9:15 a.m. all students
April 22	2 nd Grade to Living Aquarium
April 22-29	Spring Book Fair Buy One Get One Free!
April 25	Band and Strings Concert 6:30 p.m.
April 25-27	3 rd Grade SAGE Testing
April 27	5 th & 6 th to MRJH Musical
April 27	Administrative Professional's day
April 28	A.L.L. Parent Orientation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
April 28- May 3	4 th Grade SAGE Testing
April 29	PHAT Friday
May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week



Message from Mr. Hodson

This school year has been successful and we at Highland Elementary appreciate the support of our patrons and students. We have an excellent school and community.

The testing window for the end-of-level state assessment is approaching. Our 3rd grade students will be tested in math and language arts and our 4th through 6th grade students are tested in math, language arts, and science. All tests will be taken on-line in our computer labs. The schedule is as follows: third grade, April 25th – 28th, fourth grade, April 29th – May 4th, fifth grade, May 6th – 11th, sixth grade, May 12th –

17th. This test is an adaptive test where mastery of core curriculum is addressed. Please explain to your children that this test is an important chance to show how much they have learned this year. Do not, however, make them too anxious. Encourage your students to listen very carefully to directions and to read each item carefully. Please give them a good breakfast and help them get to bed early enough to get at least eight to ten hours of sleep each night. This will allow them to attend more closely to the test items and increase their success rate. Results of the tests will be returned next fall.

We have two long-term Highland Elementary School educators leaving this year. Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Franson are retiring. They have contributed to the success of Highland Elementary for many years and will be greatly missed. If you get a chance, tell them thanks.

The window to request special consideration for student placement for next year opens Monday, May 2nd and closes Friday, May 27th. Please note this is not a first-come first-served process. We desire to keep our classrooms balanced – gender, academic level, behavior, etc. Please come to the office to fill out the form.

Reed Hodson, Principal



Message from the PTA President

As school is winding down and the weather is getting nicer, you might find yourself going a little stir-crazy. Here are some PTA-suggested ways to spend your time, whether boring or riveting:

BORING: Reading my newsletter articles.

RIVETING: Shadowing me next year as President-Elect!

BORING: Attending the PTA **Bored** meeting on April 13.

RIVETING: Attending the PTA **Board** meeting on April 13 at 10:00 AM in room 207!

BORING: Helping your kids with their book reports. At midnight the night before they're due.

RIVETING: Helping out at the Book Fair from April 26-29! It's Buy One, Get One Free!

BORING: Sitting at home eating bon bons. ("Boring" might be a slight exaggeration.)

RIVETING: Helping at PHAT Friday on April 29 from 9-2! Children welcome!

BORING: Collecting and turning in taxes to avoid jail time.

RIVETING: Collecting and turning in Box Tops to meet our school goal!

BORING: Making bets on basketball team winners based on the colors of their uniforms.

RIVETING: Making bets on Spelling Bee winners! Congrats!

BORING: Battle of Bull Run

RIVETING: Battle of the Books

BORING: Thanking people for wedding gifts.

RIVETING: Thanking our volunteers who ran the Spelling Bee (Jaime Ward) and Battle of the Books (Carrie Watkins)! They deserve a new set of flatware, some bath towels, a toaster, and a blender for their efforts!

BORING: Volunteering to sit in the exit row of an airplane.

RIVETING: Volunteering to help run the PTA Programs next year!

Thank you for all your riveting support of the PTA!

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BOGO Book Fair!

Don't let the "Summer Slide" happen to your children.

Our Buy One, Get One book fair is a great opportunity to stock up on books for summer reading.

Wednesday, April 27 from 10 am to 4 pm
 Thursday, April 28 from 10 am to 4 pm
 Friday, April 29 from 10 am to 1 pm
 See you then!



Spelling Bee Results

A Group

1st Place: Rachel Madsen
 2nd Place: Alex Nguyen
 3rd Place: Zandrielle Killpack

B Group

1st Place: Anna Banks
 2nd Place: Ethan Pace
 3rd Place: Maisie Fredrickson



Staff Birthdays

April 9	Jaimi Stephenson
April 18	Lygia Johnson
April 19	Kriss Spencer
April 22	Colleen Olsen
May 2	Denise Roberts