

Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

October 2016

Oct. 5	PTA Meeting in Faculty Room 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 6	Bond Presentation to PTA and SCC in Library, 3:40 p.m.
Oct. 6	5 th Grade to State Capitol and Memory Grove Park
Oct. 7	Reflections Entries Due
Oct. 7	4 th Grade to State Capitol
Oct. 12-13	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Hawk Walk Award, 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 20	NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
Oct. 24	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
Oct. 25	RED RIBBON WEEK
Oct. 31	HALLOWEEN
Nov. 2	PTA Board Meeting 10 a.m.



Message from Mr. Hodson

It is time again to remind our students to dress according to the weather. Nothing is more miserable than being cold - especially when just a little decision to wear warmer clothes could help one feel more comfortable. All healthy children will go outside after lunch for recess. However, during extreme weather conditions students will be kept indoors. If you feel your child

should not be outside during lunch recess (due to illness) send a note with the child's name and the date you would like to have them kept inside. Please help your students be comfortable at school by monitoring their dress.

Our first parent teacher conferences are Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Please sign up for a time using Skyward if you have not already done so. The PTA Book Fair is open during parent teacher conferences.

The Hawk Walk was a huge success. The students were awesome and enjoyed a pleasant day in the sun and received a great cardiovascular workout. The Hawk Walk is our only fundraiser and we appreciate your support of this event. This year's Hawk Walk Awards assembly is scheduled Wednesday, October 19th on the back lawn at 10:00 AM. There will be fun awards presented and a 6th grade verses the faculty bubble soccer game with the losing team captain taking a shower of slime. Thank you Emmalie Staley (chair) and your committee and volunteers for this worthwhile activity.

The teachers and staff at Highland Elementary School continue establishing an atmosphere throughout the school in which children feel safe, and have a maximum opportunity to learn. In an effort to accomplish this goal, we developed a school-wide discipline plan several years ago and it will be used again this year.

Our school-wide rules are: (1) Be Respectful (2) Be Responsible (3) Hands, Feet, Objects to Self (4) Follow Directions (5) Be There - Be Ready

Please remember that all medication for students must be given at home or arranged with the school nurse to have medication administered by office personnel. It is against District Policy and State Law for children to bring medication to school. Students should not carry medication or administer it. However, students may carry asthma inhalers and epi-pens with them if needed.

Halloween is coming this month. This is a fun holiday for everyone to participate in. All students in grades K-6 may come to school dressed in costumes Monday, October 31. Please leave masks at home. When makeup is applied to a student's face please only use a small amount. Makeup creates problems for computers and books. Students may not bring toy guns, knives, swords, pitchforks etc. If it goes in your hand please do not bring it to school. Students attend school on their regular schedules.

We at Highland Elementary are excited about the school year. Thanks for helping us to a great start.

Reed Hodson

Principal



Message from the PTA President

There are a lot of things that are scary around this time of year. Here is a guide to the PTA's list of scary and non-scary things.

Things you SHOULD be scared of:

- If your child comes home from the Book Fair (Oct. 11-13) with \$200 worth of books, erasers, and pens that don't work, and you have no idea how he paid for it.
- You forget to buy a spirit wear item by Oct. 19, and then on Oct. 20, you are down to your very last clean t-shirt.
- A phone call FROM 9-1-1 right after your toddler was playing memory on your phone. Or so you thought.
- You get the date wrong of Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 25-28), and you accidentally send your child to school with crazy hair, mismatched socks, and red clothes all on the same day.
- When your four-year-old walks in carrying an empty Tide container...and you can't find a blue liquid mess ANYWHERE!
- When your teen tells you the dryer won't start...and there are blue bubbles coming from the lint trap.
- You neglect to thank Emmalie Staley for an AWESOME Hawk Walk and then you have recurring nightmares that involve a human-sized hawk wearing an ankle bracelet timing chip and holding a dripping Otter Pop asking you to tie his shoes, repeatedly.
- Forgetting to record your volunteer hours in the office, including work at home and babysitting. It's too scary to tell you what will happen if you don't.

Things you should NOT be scared of:

- Being on the PTA Executive Board next year. In the next two months, we will be looking for people to fill the following positions: President, Treasurer, Secretary,

Membership VP, and possibly Leadership VP and Legislative VP. If you are interested, let me know.

- Returning your child's Hawk Walk envelope on Oct. 4 with an obscene amount of money. No judgment, I promise.
- Coming to PTA Board meetings every month on the first Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the teachers' lounge. The meetings are open to all, kind of like a unisex restroom.
- Cutting your finger while trimming Box Tops due on Oct. 7. Although you should properly trim them and check the expiration date, don't worry about an accidental mishap with the scissors. It's highly unlikely. Unless you're driving while cutting. Then you have another problem on your hands.
- If your child comes home with a ton of prizes on Oct. 19. Don't worry, he didn't rob the classroom auction pile; it was the day of the Hawk Walk Awards Assembly.
- Reflections. It's not scary. Although it's due on Oct. 7, it's NOT a Science Fair project, which is definitely scary.
- Helping with the teacher lunches during Parent Teacher Conferences. It's just food, not a spook alley.
- Volunteering for any of the PTA's programs. What's the worst that could happen? You could become the next President?

Thanks for your continued support of the PTA!

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Hawk Walk

Our Highland Hawks were fantastic at our 15th Annual Hawk Walk. Working together, our students completed 12030 laps for a grand total of 2406 miles! Thank you for supporting our school and helping us to have another great year.



REFLECTIONS

Just a reminder that student artwork is due the morning of FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7. Students can turn in their projects as they come into school. Please make sure to sign their Entry Form, and make sure they've written their Artist Statement. We can't wait to see what they've created!

JOIN THE PTA!

If you didn't have the opportunity to join the PTA at Back to School Night, don't worry! There's still time! Without the support of our parents, the PTA cannot function. The PTA advocates for our children on both a local and national level, keeps parents apprised of legislation and important issues, and works to bring money and resources into our schools. Dues are just **\$10 per family** (more than one adult), or **\$5 for an individual membership** (1 adult). Joining does not commit you to anything, it just shows your support for what the PTA does for our children. In the office, there is a PTA box. Just fill out one of the yellow forms next to the box and place it, along with check or cash, in one of the provided envelopes and drop it in the box. Please help us continue to support our schools! Thanks!!

Red Ribbon Week

YOLO (You Only Live Once)

Be Drug Free

October 25th - 28th

Drugs Are "Dum" Tuesday - Turn In Your "Say No To Drugs, Say Yes To..." Worksheet To The Front Office and Get A Dum Dum!

Daring Wednesday - Do Something Today That You Didn't Dare Do Before (Ex: Make A New Friend, Try A New Sport, Read A Difficult Book, Stand Up For Someone Who's Being Teased...) Then Tell Your Parents and Teacher About It

Looking To The Future Thursday-What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up? Dress Like It!

YOLO Friday- Wear Red Today and Sign the Pledge Sign To Always Be Drug Free!



Staff Birthdays

October 1	Kaitlyn Alworth
October 7	Tresa Chadwick
October 14	Reed Hodson
October 17	Joyce Yingling
October 27	Maren Nielsen
October 28	Candice Stowe
October 28	Elizabeth Bell
November 2	Tamara Valgardson



October 11-13

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
& 3:45 -7:30 p.m.
Thursday - - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
& 3:45 -7:30 p.m.

Time's a ticking...Friday is the last day to turn in Box Tops for our Fall Box Tops Olympic Contest. Top 3 collecting classes will receive the " gold, silver and bronze medals".

-Medal winning classes will win Frisbees (each student will receive a Frisbee to take home), a half hour Frisbee Golf Party, and a Free Play Pass to Gymcats.

Classes that collect 300 Box Tops- each student will win a Free Play Pass to Gymcats. -Gymcats Free Play Pass will allow students access to the general gym, foam pit, trampoline, and climbing ropes. Free Play is held on Fridays 4:30-6:30pm and 7:30-9:30pm. Gymcats 3300 West Pilgrims Loop Rd Lehi, UT 84043 801.674.3808

****Please make sure that Box Tops are valid and trimmed correctly.****

Which classes will bring home the medals?
Hopefully yours!