

# Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

April 2017

## Calendar

<b>April 3-7</b>	<b>No School Spring Break</b>
April 12	PTA Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
April 13	SCC meeting 3:40 p.m., library, public welcome
April 13	Kindergarten to Monte Bean Museum, 9:15 a.m., all students
April 18	A.L.L. Parent Orientation Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
April 19	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation 6:30 p.m.
April 24	Band and Strings Concert 6:30 p.m.
<b>April 24-27</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade SAGE Testing</b>
April 26-28	Spring Book Fair Buy One Get One Free!
April 26	Administrative Professional's day
<b>April 28- May 3</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade SAGE Testing</b>
May 8-12	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 writing assessment is here with the final subject testing fast approaching. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be tested in math and language arts and our 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, fourth grade, April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, fifth grade, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, sixth grade, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 three teachers retiring from Highland Elementary School - Mrs. Wolfe, Dr. Faulk and Mrs. Botkin. Additionally, Mrs. Yingling and Mrs. Alworth have resigned and will not be teaching at Highland Elementary the next school year. They have contributed to the success of Highland Elementary for many years and will be greatly missed. We wish them the best and if you get a chance, tell them thanks.

The window to request special consideration for student placement for the next school year opens Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and closes Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Kindly note this is not a first-come first-served process. Our top priority is to keep our

classrooms balanced – gender, academic level, behavior, etc. This priority will limit the number of granted parent requests for a specific teacher. Please come to the office to fill out the form.

**Reed Hodson, Principal**



**Message from the PTA President**

<b>April Fool's Day Joke You Try to Play on Your Kids</b>	<b>It Backfires Because...</b>
Replace the Oreo cream with toothpaste.	Your kids love the taste of it and beg you to make it for their lunches.
Tell your kids that the upcoming Book Fair is a Buy One Get One Free even	<u>It really is.</u>
Put Saran Wrap over the toilet bowl.	You forget you did that. Enough said.
Change the autocorrect on your teen's phone so that every time they type a swear word it gets changed to, "I have the best Mom in the world."	You're getting texts all day long from your teen that say, "I have the best Mom in the world."

Put Play Doh in gum wrappers and offer a piece of gum to your kids.	Your kids don't even notice because they eat Play Doh all the time
Put a sign on the microwave that says, "Voice Activated."	Your kids have no idea what that means.
Fill the shampoo bottle with mayonnaise.	Not wanting to waste the mayo, you use the "shampoo" bottle to make egg salad sandwiches. After your first bite, you realize you grabbed the wrong shampoo bottle.
Put vinegar in your son's soccer water bottle.	That's just mean. You wouldn't do that.
Tell your kids to find 10 Easter eggs that you hid around the house...and then only hide 4	Your kids can only find 3 eggs, and you can't remember where the 4th one is.



Thank you for all your support of the PTA!

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## **KNOWLEDGE BOWL 2017**

Congratulations to our outstanding students who competed at the District Knowledge Bowl competition on Saturday, March 18. Our 3rd/4th grade teams won a combined 7 out of 8 rounds, and they learned so much about "The Arts." One of the teams even made Top Ten in the District, which is the highest honor they bestow at that level. One of our 6th graders played "up" with the Mountain Ridge Junior High team, and they won the District Championship. Wow!

The students look forward to challenging the teachers in a Knowledge Bowl round on Thursday, March 30 at 9:30 in our gym. Our accomplished Knowledge Bowl students are: Brandon King, Simon Irwin, Kian Brookhart, Sophie Arnold, HaiYi Yan, Brayden Leavitt, Cabell Buechner (Top 10), Michael Brinton (Top 10), James Ahlander (Top 10), Mark Ockey (Top 10), Davis Mull (Top 10), Isaac Bowen (Top 10), and Haven Buechner (7th-9th grade District Champion). Next year's subject is GEOGRAPHY so look for more information in the fall!



Our students did an amazing job reading and were very prepared for the battles in March. Together, the students read over 1500 books. Great job to all the students that participated this year and thank you to the all the parents who helped run our student battles.

Congratulations to our winning teams who both beat the teachers during the assembly! A big congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade team, The Pineapple Squashers, who placed in the top 5 at the district competition!

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade team

The Wanted Cougars

James Ahlander

Michael Brinton

Cabell Buechner

Boston Long

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Pineapple Squashers

Haven Buechner

Adrienne Earnshaw

Annaka Gardiner

Sophia Thompson

Ally Wolfley



With the school year quickly coming to an end, the PTA is sponsoring 1 more Box Tops contest this year.



We will be having our annual BOGO Book Fair at the end of April. While over 50% of the money spent at the first two Book Fairs go directly to the teachers and librarian, this fair is for you! It is a very cost-effective way to buy new books for your child to read during the summer. Keep their minds active over the summer to avoid the dreaded “Summer slide”.

**Dates and Hours:**

- April 26: 10 am – 4 pm
- April 27: 10 am – 4 pm
- April 28: 10 am – 1 pm



**Here's the scoop...**

**What better way to kick off summer than with ICE CREAM!!!!**

The top 3 collecting classes in the school will earn an ice cream treat.

Box Tops will be collected for the ice cream reward until **May 5th**.

Like always, please trim your Box Tops and make sure there valid.

So send in your Box Tops and let's see which classes will

**SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM** when they win.



April 4	McKell Powell
April 9	Jaimi Stevenson
April 11	Kyrsti Twitchell
April 17	Talia Bushnell
April 18	Lygia Johnson
April 19	Kriss Spencer
April 27	Katherine Parker
April 29	Hailee Whitlock
May 2	Denise Roberts