

# Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

May 2017

## Calendar

May 3	PTA Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
May 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Camp Floyd
May 5	Box Tops Due
May 5	K-3 DIBELS Assessment
<b>May 8-12</b>	<b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>
May 11	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Hope of America
May 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip
May 18	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Day, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
May 23	School Show, A-Di at 10:00 AM & Do-Ke at 1:00 PM
May 24	School Show, Ki-Q at 10:00 AM & R-Z at 1:00 PM
May 25	Last Day of School -Kindergarten
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Last Day of School 1-6</b>

shows accordingly: A-Di, Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM – Do-Ke, Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00

PM – Ki-Q, Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM -- R-Z, Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. You may adjust your scheduled attendance if you have a kindergarten student. The morning kindergarten students perform at the 10:00 AM shows and the afternoon kindergarten students perform at the 1:00 PM shows. We remind you that there is parking west of the school by the city cemetery with an access gate to school grounds.

The last day of school is Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Track 1 students (early birds) attend school on the last day from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM and Track 2 students (later gators) attend school on the last day from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM. Kindergarten students do not come to school May 26<sup>th</sup> and all sixth graders attend from 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM.

Thank you for helping make this a successful year at Highland Elementary!

**Reed Hodson, Principal**



## Message from Mr. Hodson

We are enthusiastically counting down the days until our school show (STOMP) and we invite you to attend. We have scheduled four shows according to each family last name to accommodate our limited seating. Please attend



## Message from the PTA President

### Top Ten Ideas for My Last PTA Newsletter

I had a hard time coming up with a theme for the newsletter this month. Since it's the last time I will submit an article, I thought it had to be special. Here is a peek into my brainstorming session.

#### 10—Academy Awards

I was going to write up a list of which volunteers won different awards, but the list grew too long because there are too many people to thank. Besides, let's be honest, we all go get drink refills during the thank you part of the awards anyway. If you want a quick recap of the Council PTA Awards Luncheon, see the photo. Those honored from our school were Nathan Dayley (Student), Mr. Hawvermale (Teacher), and Chris Ivie (Volunteer).



#### 9—Writing my own story

This was going to be an epic story, contrived in 30 minutes, that craftily wove in all the important PTA information I needed to convey. It was going to make you cry, make you laugh, make you wish for a sequel, and pave the way for me to become a Newbery Award-winning author. Instead of writing newsletters each month, I would be signing autographs in New York. I even had the first few sentences planned out: "Once upon a time, there lived a beloved PTA

President. She was the happiest PTA President in all the land, for she had her own reserved parking spot right in front of the school. One day, as she was on her way to the last Board Meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 3 at 10:00 AM in the teacher's lounge, something extraordinary happened." That's as far as I got. But it's a winner. Am I right?

#### 8—Something about flowers since it's May

This idea flopped because I know absolutely nothing about flowers besides killing them. So, for all of you daisy-peony-lily-violet-loving people, I'm sorry. You'll have to get your flower fix during the Field Days that are coming up, various dates for each class.

#### 7—Nothing, just a boring list of information

Like, please turn in all your receipts ASAP so that we can close the books for the year. And Box Tops are due on May 5. And the school's Music Festival is on May 23-24. But after two years of having fun writing newsletters, I couldn't bring myself to write a boring article. Plus, the phrase, "endure to the end" kept running through my mind.

#### 6—Fantasy vs. Reality

I entered a slippery slope on this idea. I had so much fun thinking of different fantasies that all the realities seemed too mundane to write about. I suddenly found myself about ready to book an overwater bungalow in Bora Bora, schedule a 240-minute massage, pour dark chocolate down my throat, and drive to Vegas for a week to sit by a pool and order (virgin) pina colodas from a waiter with rippling muscles. Anyone want to join me?

### 5—Some witty rhyming poem

I'd like to thank Kristy Brookhart  
For last week's event, the Book Mart.

It was a BOGO,  
With a Scholastic logo.

Her leadership played a big part.  
Since it took me so long to come up with  
five lines, I decided to bag the rhyming  
poem idea.

### 4—A tribute to mothers since Mother's Day is coming up

Since I couldn't compete with the  
traditional kid-bestowed gift of a lima bean  
seed in a Styrofoam cup, I figured any other  
tribute to mothers would fall short.  
Instead, I'll just remind you about Teacher  
Appreciation Week during May 8-12. More  
information is forthcoming, unlike those  
I.O.U. coupons that your kids give you and  
never redeem.

### 3—A tear-jerking soliloquy about leaving the position of PTA President

I got nothing on this one.

### 2—Life before becoming PTA President and Life after being PTA President

This comparison was going to be so  
profound that it would make everyone  
want to sign up to be the next President-  
Elect (since that position is vacant for next  
year). Of course, there would be too many  
people for that position, so someone would  
have to agree to put the newsletters  
together every month, since that position is  
open next year too. In fact, my descriptions  
would be so moving that every parent in  
the school would be volunteering for any  
open position they could get. It would be a  
happy swarm bordering on chaos,

tempered by the fact that everyone would  
have a chance to contribute. But alas, life  
before becoming PTA President is pretty  
much the same as life after being PTA  
President. So, yeah.

### 1—Drop the mic; Peace out; I'm done

Kind of like how some teachers might feel  
on the last day of school (May 26), I  
ultimately decided to go with some words  
from my heart, some words that express  
exactly what I'm feeling about now. "I'm  
out."



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## Highland City Open House

Come get to know your government at the  
annual Highland City Open House  
on Thursday, May 11 from 5:00-8:00 at City  
Hall. There will be activities and giveaways  
for adults and kids alike. You can: learn  
about the Road Study and funding options;  
explore police cars, fire trucks, public works  
vehicles, and a garbage truck; learn about  
the 2017 Municipal Election and how to  
register to vote or run for office; jump on  
bounce houses; learn about city  
departments and services; play games and  
win prizes; and more. For questions, call us  
at [801-772-4566](tel:801-772-4566).



### Band Opportunity

**Band Opportunity.** Mr. Hawvermale is offering a trombone scholarship for beginning or advanced band students during the 2017 - 2018 school year. This opportunity is for those who will be in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade next school year. Included: the band fee, book, and use of a trombone for the year. The only thing your student needs is the time to practice and a desire to learn.

**Why the trombone?** For the band students, the largest expense is the instrument rental. Mr. Hawvermale's daughter has been playing trombone for 12 years and he has a spare trombone (or three) that are no longer being used. Additionally, he would like someone else in the low brass section to play with.

**How does my student apply?** Your student needs to write a short letter (you can help) telling a small committee why they are the best candidate for the scholarship. The letter can be given to Mrs. Morley. The committee will read the letters and rank the candidates. If there are many candidates who "look" the same, they committee will use a lottery system to choose the recipients.

**Questions?** Call or email Mr. Hawvermale.  
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### Staff Birthdays

May 2	Denise Roberts
May 10	Laura Botkin
May 12	Anne Jones
June 1	Donalee Wolfe
June 13	Mark Milne
June 27	Gay Beck
July 3	Lavaun Faulk
July 24	Marrienne Asay
July 28	Diedra Christley
July 29	Robert Hawvermale
August 4	Suzanne Ruchti
August 8	Brian Carter
August 22	Adrienne Rios