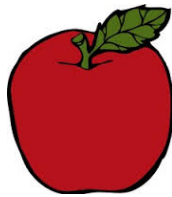


Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

September 2016

Sept. 2	Hawk Walk Kick-Off Assembly Envelopes sent home.
Sept. 5	NO SCHOOL -- Labor Day
Sept. 7	General PTA Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m. in Room 207
Sept. 21	Vision Screening
Sept. 23	HAWK WALK
Sept. 26	Hawk Walk – Lap cards sent home to begin collection
Sept. 28	FALL PICTURES
Oct. 7	PTA Board Meeting
Oct. 7	Box Tops Due
Oct. 10-14	Fall Book Fair
Oct. 12-13	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 19	Hawk Walk – Awards Assembly
Oct. 20-21	NO SCHOOL -- Fall Break
Oct. 24	NO SCHOOL – Professional development



Message from Mr. Hodson

Welcome back to all of our returning students and students new to Highland Elementary. We are fortunate to have great families and dedicated teachers who sincerely care about children.

The teachers and staff at Highland Elementary School will 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 office 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. We can help you dispense medication in our office. Help your children and us by following this process. Students may carry asthma inhalers and epi-pens with them.

Finally, during early out Mondays, we will employ the practices and protocols of professional learning communities to support teaching and learning. A professional learning community is a team of teachers who continuously seek and share

learning and then act on what they learn so that students benefit. Rick DuFour states that professional learning communities must be: inquiry-based, focused on student learning, goal and results oriented, collaborative, reflective, based on shared values and beliefs, and committed to continuous improvement. It is our goal to create a productive professional community where teachers meet and share effective practices, gather and analyze data, identify weakness and areas of concern, and work together to develop strategies to support and increase student learning.

Everyone at Highland Elementary is excited about the new school year. Thanks for helping us to a great start.

Reed Hodson, Principal



Message from the PTA President

Back to School PTA Checklist

- 🍏 Get to know our 2016-2017 PTA Board. They are nice and friendly. I promise.
 - President—Melissa Adams
 - Treasurer—Jody Graham
 - Secretary—Jana Rasband
 - Legislative VP—Brittney Bills
 - Leadership VP—Stephanie Wolfley
 - Membership VP—Lisa Gunther

- 🍏 **Contact Melissa Adams and beg to be the next PTA President. I beg you.**
- 🍏 Search every Walmart and Target in the vicinity to find just the right type of notebook for your child. You also stock up on your secret stash of chocolate to eat when all the kids are at school.
- 🍏 Join the PTA. It's just something you should do, along with flossing your teeth and eating more vegetables.
- 🍏 Buy the last remaining tissue boxes from Costco, then fortuitously find the last remaining Clorox wipes in the dog section. You don't even have a dog, and wonder to yourself what you were doing in the dog section, but common sense seems to disappear when you're at Costco.
- 🍏 Make sure and support the Hawk Walk, our school's ONLY fundraiser for the year. All of your donations stay in the school. Each teacher receives funds on a per student basis, and this year some of the money will also be used to start an art program and a STEM cart.
- 🍏 Congratulate the PTA for entering the digital world. We now have an online volunteer sign up. Go to <http://signup.com/go/KUUhdY> to sign up to help with our numerous programs. You can also join the PTA and securely pay with a credit card.
- 🍏 Ready yourself for a GREAT school year!

Thanks for your support!
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Hawk Walk 2015

Our 15th Annual Hawk Walk is Friday, September 23! The walking schedule is posted on the school's website and was also sent home with the donation envelopes. Please take time to read through the instructions, and don't forget to check out our incentives page. **Please remember that this is our only fundraiser, and 100 percent of the donations will go straight to Highland Elementary and your students!** Come and join us for a great event, and let's work together to support our school.



Staff Birthdays

September 5	Julie Spencer
September 6	Rochelle Pinnock
September 12	Marilyn Moore



Box Tops

Highland Elementary is excited to continue participating in the Box Tops for Education Program this school year. Last year we collected \$2,678.60 and every penny went into our students classrooms. We would love to match or even beat that dollar amount this year.

All you have to do to participate is ...

- BUY your favorite Box Tops products.
- CUT out the Box Top from each package.

(Please make sure that Box Tops are cut out correctly and not expired!!!)

- SEND your Box Tops to school with your child.
- BECOME A BOX TOP MEMBER by signing up on their website www.BTFE.com. (You'll receive updates on our school's earnings progress and special contests to help us earn more.)

It's that easy! So please tell everyone you know that Highland is a Box Tops School and start sending in your Box Tops. Thank you!



REFLECTIONS

It's time for your students to put on their creativity caps and do a project for Reflections! They can submit an entry for each or any of our categories: Literature, Photography, Visual Arts 2D and 3D, Music Composition, Film Production, and Dance Choreography. Entries are due October 7, so start thinking now. This year's theme is "What Is Your Story?" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for advertising, judging, the recognition night (on November 3), and other various and sundry tasks. Please contact Michelle Buechner (michellesheide@hotmail.com, 801-850-8257) to offer your much-needed and much-appreciated assistance. Thank you!



Dear Families,

Our Purpose for the Bully Free Program this year is to heighten awareness around the issue of bullying and to inspire all students to practice kindness and pass it on. By doing these things we hope to promote a positive safe learning environment for all students.

At our school, we believe that bullying of any kind is unacceptable. All students should be free from worries about being bullied. Students who bully others must be taught other, appropriate ways of interacting with peers. As a result, our school will be implementing an anti-bullying program. All students at our school will learn universal rules and expectations about bullying as well as different skills and tools they can use to prevent or respond to bullying. As you know, bullying can take different forms, such as physical or verbal, and it can harm victims' social relationships with their peers. Bullying is hurtful to students who are the targets of bullying as well as to students who witness bullying.

We define bullying as:

- One-sided, imbalance of power, intentional and repeated
- Happening when someone purposely hurts, frightens, or threatens someone else
- Happening when someone purposely leaves out, ridicules, spreads rumors, or makes offensive comments to someone else

Our anti-bullying goals this year are to create a positive school setting, increase awareness about bullying among all educators, staff, and students; enforce school anti-bullying rules; provide enhanced supervision in bully-prone locations; and teach students skills to deal with bullying,

problem solving, and making friends. Please take the opportunity to volunteer for the lunch recess duty in each of your individual classes, by doing this we reduce the opportunity for bullying by having more supervision on the playground.

As part of our Bully Free Program we will also be implementing a **Watch Like A H.A.W.K.** (Hawks Act With Kindness) program as well. The students will have an opportunity in class to write acts of kindness on a “post-it” note and stick it to a banner in the hallway on their way to lunch. Please take the opportunity to talk with your student about what an act of kindness is and how we can show kindness to others.

Below is listed a tentative schedule of skills and activities that will be introduced this year. We will be using “The Tough Kid Bully Blockers” Program.

September Learning about Bullying and Bully Blocker Pledge	October Bully Blocking Tools	November Bully Blocking Tools
December Bully Blocking Tools	January Friendship Builders	February Friendship Builders
March Problem Solvers	April Respecting Differences	May Confidence Boosters