

# Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

January 2016

## Calendar

Jan. 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term Ends
Jan. 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Term Begins – Specialty classes change
Jan. 13	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to fieldtrip to Natural History Museum
Jan. 14	ALL testing at Highland – New Students only
Jan. 16	<b>No School – MLK Jr. Day</b>
Jan. 17	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mountain Man in Library @ 11:00 a.m.
Jan. 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Invention Fair in Lunchroom
Jan. 27	K-3 DIBELS testing
Jan. 27	Science Fair set up – after 2:15 p.m. in the lunchroom
Jan 28	Science Fair
Feb 1	PTA Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Feb 2	SCC meeting in library – 3:40 p.m. public welcome
Feb 3	Box Tops Due
Feb. 6-10	Book Fair
Feb 9 & 10	Parent Teacher Conferences

## Message from Mr. Hodson

### Happy New Year!

The school months have a way of quickly passing by. Our second parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday February 8th and Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Additional information will be e-mailed the middle of January.

Traffic safety is a concern at Highland Elementary. We want all of our children to be safe as they travel to and from school. Our parking lot is very crowded at drop off and pick up times. We request the help of every person entering the Highland School parking lots. Courteous, careful and slow driving cannot be emphasized enough. Please allow enough time to remain calm and safe as you bring and pick up students at school. **DRIVERS SHOULD NOT DRIVE FASTER THAN 3 M.P.H.** in the parking area. If a child forgets a basic rule of safety, it is up to the drivers to be alert and drive safely and slowly enough to stop their vehicles in time to prevent a serious accident.

Please remember our traffic safety rules: 1) Observe and use the proper entrances and exits from the parking areas. 2) Drivers should never pass another car on the right side. This is the side of the vehicle where students typically exit or enter. 3) Do not park in our “No Parking Zones.” They are



clearly marked with red paint and lettering.  
4) You may drop off students in front of the school when there are no buses present but do not pick up children in the front parking lot at any time. 5) Only drop off and pick up children using the drop off and pick up lane. The inside lane is for drive through only.

We offer many thanks to the parent volunteers who are coming and working in classrooms throughout the school and helping with lunchtime playground supervision. We are so grateful for your help and we love to have this personal interaction with our patrons. Please feel welcome to come to our school anytime.

### ***Reed Hodson, Principal***



### **Message from the PTA President**

#### PTA's New Year of Gratitude—People to Thank

- The school janitors who clean up probably the worst things that come out of children.
- Mr. Hodson for being an elementary school principal. Enough said.
- The people who invented disposable diapers, hand sanitizer, and Band-Aids.
- Our teenagers because they teach us how to use our phones and social media.
- Those magical wizards called Teachers who I'm convinced have special powers.
- Windy Reay for putting the newsletter together every month. And for putting up with my tardy submissions.
- Bob. I don't know who Bob is, but "Thank you, Bob" just rolls off the tongue. Surely there is a Bob out there worth thanking.
- The school secretaries. If you think you've seen it all, just go sit in the office for a few hours.
- The bus drivers because we've all driven kids around and you couldn't pay us enough to do it every day without a DVD player.
- Sorry, but I can't in good conscience thank the people who invented Silly Putty, Nerds, and Crisco on the bottom shelf of the pantry with the lid half off. Ok, so maybe the last one was negligence on my part, but the other two have RUINED MY CARPETS!!
- People who don't believe in Santa because if they didn't exist, no one would get presents.
- Chocolate. I know chocolate is not a person, but how can we go without thanking it? Profusely.
- All the PTA volunteers who run our programs, with or without chocolate. (If you're interested in chairing a program next year, let me know.)
- All you parents who do everything above and more. Especially if you're named Bob.

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## Knowledge Bowl

We have some very excited students preparing to represent Highland Elementary for the first time in the District Knowledge Bowl competition! This year's topic is "The Arts" and our students are studying theory and masterpieces in visual arts, music, and the performing arts. We wish to applaud our students' efforts and studying, and encourage any other interested 3rd-6th grade students (or parents!) to come and see what it's all about. Contact Michelle Buechner ([801-850-8257](tel:801-850-8257) [michellesheide@hotmail.com](mailto:michellesheide@hotmail.com)) with questions. We compete in March. Go Hawks!



### Staff Birthdays

Jan. 3	Teresa Louw
Jan. 24	Hillary Troutner
Jan. 28	Fenja Heinrich

