

HIGHLAND HAWKS

April 2009

Calendar:

Apr. 9 - SCC in Library at 3:30 p.m. - Public Welcome
Apr. 13 - 17 - Spring Break
Apr. 22 - PTA Board Meeting, 1:00
Apr. 23 - PTA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in Gym
Apr. 24 - Dads & Donuts (R-Z)
Apr. 27 thru Tuesday, May 5 - Spring CRT Tests for Grades 2, 4, & 6
Apr. 28 - Kindergarten to Monte Bean Museum, 9:15 to 12:08
Apr. 30 - 4th Grade to Camp Floyd

April Birthdays:

06 Mrs. Herbstritt
11 Mrs. Lott
18 Mrs. Lygia Johnson
21 Mr. Shane Nielson
22 Mrs. Olsen
23 Ms. Waldron

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

The 2008-09 school year is quickly ending. It has been a successful year and we at Highland appreciate the support of the patrons and students. We have an excellent school and community.

The testing window for the end-of-level assessment is April 20 - May 15. Students in grades second, fourth and sixth will test April 27 thru May 4. Students in grades third and fifth will test May 5 thru May 13. This test is a criterion referenced 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. 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. Children do better with their fuel tanks full. Help them get to bed early enough to get at least eight to ten hours sleep each night. This will allow them to attend more closely to the test items and increase their success rate. Each student needs to have every advantage when tested. Results of the tests will be returned next fall.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that have served at Highland this year and for the wonderful PTA and all of their hard work. Thank you for your help in supporting the school, students, and teachers and the various activities throughout the year.

Reed Hodson

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT...

Happy Easter to all you Highland Hawks! We've almost finished another year together - time has really flown! It's almost Easter, but I'm not sure if Spring has really sprung yet!! Brrrr....! An update on next year's PTA board: the PTA Board voted to approve the PTA Board for 2009-10 as outlined in the attached list. I have been so thrilled to work with all of the wonderful children, teachers and parents here at Highland, but I can't do anything without all the wonderful volunteers! We have some great programs in place with fabulous chair-people running them, but we can't do it alone. We need your help. Take a look at the board list for 2009-10 and think about filling one of the empty spots on the board. It's a great way to get to know the teachers and other parents here at Highland, and we have a lot of fun! Everyone is welcome! Volunteer today! Call me with any questions at 801-492-3445.

Erin Pritchett
PTA President 2006-09

To All PTA Members

Wednesday, April 22nd, at 1:00 pm we will have our monthly PTA Board Meeting.

SCC CORNER

Four Vacant Seats on the School Community Council!

Would you like your voice to be heard? Would you like to help determine the allocation of Trust Land funding at our school? You can help develop our school improvement plan and participate in local school issues. Just one meeting per month. Applications can be picked up in the school office and must be returned by Friday, March 27th. We'd love to have your input. **Submit your application today!**

“What Counts” in Alpine School District Board of Education

After meeting with community members and representatives from each of the schools in our district, Alpine School District has recently unveiled the new and updated Areas of Focus. Student achievement is at the center of the seven areas. The Areas of Focus are as follows:

- Student Achievement—Inspiring all students to engage in learning at their highest level.
- Teacher Quality—Valuing quality teachers by recognizing excellence and facilitating continuous improvement in the art and science of teaching.
- Comprehensive Curriculum—Educating students through a wide range of content and learning opportunities leading to the development of the whole child.
- Resources— Identifying and providing requisite tools, skills and personnel that lead students toward successful participation in the 21st Century.
- Community Relations—Engaging parents and the broader community to support student achievement.
- School and District Culture—Sharing values, beliefs and processes that sustain a positive, safe and nurturing environment to promote pride in the school and district.
- Leadership—Developing and sustaining leaders who have vision and passion for student and employee success.

The Board of Education wants to make sure that “What Counts” to all of our stakeholders involved, are the things that are being focused on in our district. The Board appreciates the many people that were willing to participate in the process. The truth is, we are all “the district.”

REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to Julina Tusieseina and Miles Davis! Their artwork and film/video entries won Honorable Mention awards at the State Reflections Contest!

Thanks to everyone who entered! It was really fun to share your talents and I hope you will start working on your next entry. Next year's Reflections theme is "Beauty is..."

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Keep clipping those box tops. Remember: The money goes directly to the class rooms.

DADS & DONUTS

The next Dads & Donuts is coming up on April 24th for last names R-Z. A.M. students come from 7:30-8:00, and P.M. students come from 8:45-9:15. Don't forget to bring your own books!