

Highlands Elementary



PTA Newsletter

May 7, 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Music Festival • **Saturday, May 15**
Scholastic Book Fair • **May 24–27**
Basket Raffle • **Thursday, May 27**
PTA Meeting • **Thursday, June 3**
Coffee Morning • **Friday, June 4**

BELLWORK'S SUMMER CONNECTION

The PTA is currently taking orders for the Summer Connection workbook, which is designed to ensure a smooth transition from one grade level to the next. It provides 50 days' worth of math and reading/language arts practice. Please return the green order form to your child's teacher by **Thursday, May 13**. Highlands PTA will earn \$8 from the sale of each book! Feel free to contact Tessa Keys or Angie Muniz if you have any questions.

KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING

The Mount Diablo Music Education Foundation will present a festival on **Saturday, May 15** at the Sleep Train Pavilion. Featured artists include our own instrumental students (at 4:15 pm) and a huge elementary chorus (at 3 pm). For tickets, please go to www.highlandswebsite.com or www.mdmusicfoundation.org.

DINE AND DONATE ALL DAY LONG

Buttercup Grill at Clayton/Treat Roads will host a fundraiser to accommodate every schedule on **Tuesday, May 18**, from 6 am until 10 pm. Early breakfast for commuters, breakfast or brunch for stay-at-home parents, lunch or dinner, or you could go just for the great desserts. Highlands will receive 20% of the tab. Fliers will be sent home soon, so save the date.

• **Every Thursday**, our local **Mountain Mike's** will donate 15% of your tab to the school for any customer who mentions Highlands. Team party on a Thursday, mention Highlands. Ordering for delivery on a Thursday? Mention Highlands.

BASKET RAFFLE ADVANCE TICKETS

The Basket Raffle is happening on **Thursday, May 27** from 5 pm to 7 pm! Avoid the lines and purchase your raffle tickets beforehand. Tickets will be sold in front of the school from **Friday, May 21 to Thursday, May 27**, from 2:15 to 2:45 pm (except **Wednesday, May 26**, 12:50 to 1:20 pm), and also on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** of that week from 11:15 to 11:45 am for the early bird kindergarten families. Get 10 tickets for \$5 or 25 tickets for \$10. You can also purchase raffle tickets at the door. The event will offer pizza, hot dogs, drinks, and baked goodies, and Tavo's pizza will be available for pre-order—watch for fliers coming home shortly! Remember: drawing begins at 6:30 pm, and the doors will close promptly at 7 pm for Open House. If you would like to volunteer for this event or would like more information, please contact Nicky Henzie at nicky_henzie@mac.com (925-689-6420) or Sarah Hinman at sarah@stornetta.com (925-429-0779).

BOOK FAIR GOES RETRO

The Scholastic Book Fair theme this year is "Diner," so slip on your letterman's jacket and slide into a book booth. Visit the Scholastic Book Fair **Monday, May 24–Thursday, May 27**:

Monday, Tuesday: 11:30 am–1 pm and 2:30 pm–4 pm

Wednesday: 11:30 am–2 pm

Thursday: 11:30 am–1 pm and 2:30 pm–7 pm

Earn a free book for your child by working a shift! Please contact Jackie Byrd at 925-969-9151 or byrdhouse@astound.net.

VOTE FOR 2010–11 AUCTION THEME

We would love to get your input for next year's auction theme. Here are two suggestions that prompted a lot of fun ideas:

• **Get on Board for a Cruise:** Whether you're in tourist attire or your best eveningwear, you'll enjoy all that this ship has to offer—from shuffleboard to the cheesy lounge act.

- **'80s Night:** Dress in your favorite '80s band t-shirt or get all decked out "like, to the max" in '80s garb, you know it will be fun!

- **OR YOUR OWN SUGGESTED THEME**

Please email your vote or theme idea by **Tuesday, May 25** to debldvo@hotmail.com

READING INCENTIVE WINNERS

Congratulations to Tanner Keys, Devan Soliman, Taylor Keys, Kathryn Styrlund, Anika Norman and Amanda Mac for reading the most minutes in their grade levels. The grand prize winner with 4,543 minutes is Rosemarie Kiyemba from Mrs. Rovere's class. Great job, everyone, and keep reading!

S.H.A.R.E.S. CARDS SHARE FUNDS

Thank you to the many families here at Highlands who support the S.H.A.R.E.S. program! By swiping your S.H.A.R.E.S. card every time you shop at Lucky, FoodMaxx or Save Mart, our school earns 3% of your qualified purchases! This is an EASY way to help our school earn money. We just received another profit check of **\$1,436.87** for the quarter! Way to go! If you need additional cards, feel free to contact Vixen Calica at vixenandjames@astound.net or 925-681-3382.

A'S TICKETS SCORE FOR HIGHLANDS

Thanks to all our Highlands baseball fans who helped raise **\$372** for our school. Fantastic! Thanks to Chris King for running the fundraiser.

GRANTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Highlands PTA has received a check for **\$500** from Chevron, which sponsors their employees' volunteer time. Our thanks go to Chevron employees Denise and Bernie Zurlo, who volunteer in the classroom. Parents, please check with your employer to see if they will sponsor volunteer time or match a donation.

HIGHLANDS WEBSITE MAKEOVER

The Highlands Website needs a makeover. Plans are under way for a new look and feel for

Fall 2010. If you have ideas about the design, information to post, blogs, etc., please join the Internet Committee. (No computer experience required.) We want to shape the website to serve our families better. Anyone interested in this venture please contact Kristin Kupsh at kupshfamily@gmail.com.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

- Come to Coffee Morning after drop-off the first Friday of the month in Room 9. Thanks to the moms who brought goodies for April's gathering: Annette Sullin, Shawn Pournaras, and Shannon Bell. Our final monthly Coffee Morning is **Friday, June 4**. We hope you can join us.

- All contents of the Lost & Found have been on display near the office on the first Friday of every month. We thank Karen Christensen for her efforts to return items to their owners.

GIFT CARDS FOR EVERY DAY

With all of the budget cuts, it is more important than ever to make a conscious effort to support your school. By purchasing gift cards from Highlands and using them for everyday purchases like groceries, gas, or coffee, Highlands gets an easy donation. Just treat gift cards as cash. Costco and Trader Joe's have been added to our growing list of stores. Gift cards are on sale every Wednesday and Friday after school in front of the office. We accept cash, checks and credit cards just like the retailers. Questions: Jessica Sprague 925-595-8415 or Jessica55@astound.net.

eSCRIP (SAFEMART CLUB CARD)

What is eScrip? eScrip is a hassle-free way for our schools to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip Merchants. Safeway is an eScrip merchant that many of our families shop at weekly. Less than 1/3 of our current Highlands families are enrolled in this program to earn free money for the school. For more information, please contact Jessica Sprague at 925-595-8415 or sign up online at www.highlandswebsite.com.

Thank you for all your support and school spirit!

PTA CO-PRESIDENTS CHRISTINE FLINN AND DEBBIE DVORAK

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