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Highlands Elementary School
Home of the Hawks
May 4, 2010

Dear Dylan,

Welcome to May (already!). Although we're quickly approaching the end of the school year, we're not there yet. While some grades will be finishing up **STAR testing** this week, others are just getting started. Your child's teacher will have more information regarding grade level testing schedules.

Before we close off the year, we still need to fill 3 parent/community member positions on our **School Site Council** for 2010-2011. Please pick up a nomination form in the office if you are interested, or know someone who might be a good candidate. We are also looking for representatives for the district's **School Closure Committee**. More information is available in the office. If you're interested, applications are due this Friday! Our School Site Council will be reviewing the applications next week, and submitting site representative recommendations to the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services.

Congratulations to the following students for winning the Mother's Day Essay Contest. The winners and their moms will be recognized at Todos Santos Plaza on Mother's Day:

- Katie Jane Hinman (Room 26)
- Gianna, Desiree and Dante Maurino (Room 27)
- Kari Berrios (Room 27)

Mark your calendars! Our last day of school is **Monday, June 14th**. Although we realize this is not ideal, we ask that you still plan on sending your children to school that day. Poor attendance could still impact our already precarious district budget.

This week:

Wednesday, 5/5

-Book Swap (through Friday)

Thursday, 5/6

-PTA Meeting and "Preparing for Middle School" presentation (7:00pm, Library)

Friday, 5/7 - School Closure Committee Applications Due

-Monthly Morning Coffee (8am, Room 9)

-"Gold Dust or Bust" 4th Grade Play (8:15am, MU)

-5th Grade Panoramic Photo (2pm)

Next Week:

Tuesday, 5/11

-Los Vaqueros Field Trip (3rd Grade)

Wednesday, 5/12 - California Day of the Teacher

Thursday, 5/13

-School Site Council (2:45pm, Library)

Please refer to the [school website](#) to view our school calendar and learn more regarding upcoming events and to find the latest PTA Newsletter.

Please be sure to scroll down for additional announcements!

Mt. Diablo Music Foundation Raffle - Raffle prizes include: 1) a Disney Cruise, 2) a Vacation to Walt Disney World, or 3) a Vacation to Disneyland. The prize drawing is **May 15** at the MDMEF Music Festival at the Concord Pavilion. Richard Pearson is selling raffle tickets in front of the office almost every day after school between now and then for \$10 per ticket. Don't miss this chance to support our music programs and win yourself a much-deserved vacation! For more information, visit their website at mdmusicfoundation.org

Facilities Bond - The School Board approved a resolution authorizing a general obligation bond measure for a principal amount not to exceed \$348 million for the June 8, 2010 election. Like Measure C, funds derived from the bond measure would be used specifically for facility improvement projects including projects such as the installation of new heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems, paving, roofing, energy efficient improvements, solar panel installations and general modernization and infrastructure improvements. For more information click on the 'community' button on our district's [website](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety Considerations:

- Please remember to leave your dogs at home when coming to the school (no matter how small). We appreciate your cooperation in helping everyone feel safe, and keeping our campus clean.

Fingerprinting: If you are interested in volunteering on campus in any capacity, state law requires that you be fingerprinted *through the district* and show proof of TB clearance through your medical provider. The cost of fingerprinting through the district is \$32. Please see Connie or Maryanne in the office for more information, or check the school's [website](#). Due to the long waiting list, parents who have an appointment may volunteer on campus, under supervision. No parent may chaperone on a field trip, however, until his/her fingerprints are cleared.

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