



January 18, 2012

Upcoming Events at Highland Oaks

- Jan. 17 – 31** Can You Help? Food Drive
- Jan. 19** Family Reading Night
- Jan. 24** **PTSA Meeting; 8:45 am; District Conf. Room**
- Feb. 8** Hawk Walk
- Feb. 13** No School – Holiday
- Feb. 14** Valentine’s Day Classroom Parties

“Can You Help ?” Food Drive

The “Can You Help?” food drive is underway and will end on January 31st. This annual food drive will benefit the homeless and those Arcadia families who are without. We ask you to donate canned goods (chili with meat, ravioli with meat, Progresso soup, pork and beans, fruit) and essential “take care” items (travel-sized toothpaste, deodorant, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex, toothbrush, water bottle, granola bar). We will also need these “take care” items to be placed in gallon-sized Ziploc bags.

Your donation to this community outreach program is much needed and always appreciated. Please place your donations in the collection boxes in front of the multi-purpose room anytime between 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. After January 31st, the collection will be distributed to needy families. If you have any questions, please email mavlinaraki@vahoo.com.



Highland Oaks Hawk Walk 2012

It's that time of the year again -- our annual Highland Oaks Hawk Walk! This year's Hawk Walk is scheduled for February 8th, 2012. Each child will walk, jog, or run around the field for fun, and at the same time, hopefully raise funds for Highland Oaks!

This event is organized by Highland Oaks PTSA, and staffed by volunteers that include room representatives and parents. 100% of all pledge donations will go to our school. This year, the funds will be used to provide new curtains for the stage in the MPR, a new kiln for the Foundation in Arts program, a new camera for the Video Club and playground equipment.

For more information, please keep an eye out for the Hawk Walk pledge envelopes, which will be sent home 2 weeks prior to the event in the students’ Wednesday folders. If you have any questions, please call/text/email Joyce La at (626) 378-2985 or joycela@ymail.com.

HOPTSA President Posting

With the new drop off and pick up procedures in place, I want to remind everyone of some very important traffic safety rules. First of all, be patient and courteous. Stay relaxed. Leave home at least five minutes earlier than usual to make up for congested traffic. Please, stay off your cell phones!!! This is the law, and it is absolutely essential to safeguard our children, and may save you the headache of a ticket or a fender-bender. Make sure you park within 18 inches of the curb when dropping of your children. They need to exit the car on the safe side, along the sidewalk, and not into the street. I would encourage you to park and walk your child into school. This only takes an extra five minutes of your time, and can make all the difference in your child’s safety.

When using the car line, stay close to the curb so cars can pass the line on the left. Have your child’s backpack in the car with them, not in the trunk! They need to be able to exit the car quickly to keep the line moving.

Thank you for all your efforts to ensure our children’s safety! If you have any suggestions or concerns about traffic around the school, please contact me at reednicole314@gmail.com.

*Sincerely,
Nicole Reed*

Highland Oaks Talent Show is Coming Soon!

Time to let the talent shine! Please remember acts can be no longer than 2 1/2 minutes and a student may participate in only one act. Try-outs will be held in early March for the show in late March. Please note, the performances this year will be on a **Thursday and Friday**. There will be no Wednesday performance. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Angie Jensen 510-9139 grantandang@gmail.com or Lori Gamez 510-9150 4gamezcl@gmail.com.

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Barks for Fun

Thursday, Jan 19

5:30pm - 7:30pm

MPR

Come and share pictures of your Doggy Pals
Families bring own Picnic Dinner
...meet & dine with other HO families

Guest Readers:

Ms. Pagone (K-2)

Dr. Anderson (3 - 5)

Group Reading Session
Crafts & reading activities
Take Accelerated Reader Tests
Stickers, Prize drawings for books

Group reading
sessions promptly
start at 6:15
K - 2: Library
3 - 5: MPR

Browse & check out books
Meet our Librarian, *Mrs. Johnson*
Meet our Computer teacher, *Mrs. Novak*

Questions? Please contact Sheila Arasawa 626.230.5321 arasawa@earthlink.net