



February 24, 2010

Upcoming Events at Highland Oaks

- Feb. 22 – 26** Minimum Days, Student Led Conferences
- Mar. 1 - 2** Talent Show Try-outs
- Mar. 1 – 5** Literacy Week presented by HO Teachers
- March 8 - 12** Red Cross Drive
- March 18** Family Reading Night, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Honorary Service Awards

Each year HOPTSA honors a few select volunteers who have an outstanding record of service to children, youth, community and education. Please take time to nominate a volunteer that you believe makes a difference. Honorees are chosen by the Honorary Service Committee from the nominations submitted and are honored at a reception on May 12 at Highland Oaks. Nomination forms are attached to the Hawk Talk and are available at HOPTSA.com. Hard copies are also in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Lihani at 836-6930 or by email at mollylihani@earthlink.net.

Nomination forms are due Friday, March 19.
Please return your form to the box in the office or submit them to Molly Lihani via email.

HOPTSA President Posting

During this week of Student-led Conferences, I am reminded of the wonderful way the students, teachers and parents work together here at Highland Oaks to ensure the best possible academic and social experience. We have a remarkable community, made even more so by the numerous parent volunteers that give selflessly of their time and energy to chair PTSA programs, teach art lessons, organize classroom volunteers, help teachers with clerical work and so much more! I am honored to serve this community alongside so many passionate and dedicated parents.

One of our programs is in need of more volunteers. Rockin' Recess is a program run for our 1st through 3rd graders in which parent volunteers bring out PTSA playground equipment such as jump ropes and sidewalk chalk, and engage children in interactive play during the morning recess. If you have a half-hour to give once a week to help make our students' experience on the playground even happier, please contact our chairperson Willie Masri at willie@5ponies.com.

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Talent Show Reminder

- Try-outs: Monday & Tuesday, March 1st and 2nd, 2:30 in the MPR.**
- First Rehearsals: March 15th and 16th, 2:30 in the MPR**
- Dress Rehearsals: March 15th and 16th, 2:30 in the MPR**
- Talent Show: Wednesday, March 24th and Friday, March 26th. 7:00 pm**

Forms available online at www.hoptsa.org

SCRIP of the Week 
Safeway/ Vons/ Pavillions
Offered in increments of \$25 and \$100,
4% of your purchase comes back to Highland Oaks
See Mrs. Barrett in the office to order SCRIP

And the Nominees Are!

Nominations for the HOPTSA 2010-2011 Executive Board were announced at the last Association meeting on February 16th. The nominees are listed below. The positions of President, Executive Vice President and Treasurer remain open. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these positions, please contact Jill Atkinson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at cj.atkinson@verizon.net. The election of officers for the 2010-2011 Executive Board will be held at the next association meeting on Tuesday, March 16th at 8:45am in the MPR.

President: Open
Executive Vice President: Open
1st VP Communications: Mirna Peterson
2nd VP Ways and Means: Kelli Mace
3rd VP Room Representatives: Jennifer Braun
Recording Secretary: Bernadette Lew
Corresponding Secretary: Angela Ryan
Treasurer: Open
Financial Secretary: Heather Campbell
Auditor: Karyn Chien
Historian: Raymond Ma



FAMILY READING NIGHT!

AUTHOR LISA YEE COMING MARCH 18

Award-winning writer Lisa Yee will be our guest at "Author! Author!"--the next Family Reading Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 18. The event will celebrate the art and magic of creating books. Younger students can stay in the library and hear stories read by some of our favorite teachers. Crafts tables will provide materials to make picture books. The computer room will be available for AR tests and the library will be open for family use.

Older students will move to another room to listen to Ms. Yee, who will share "the inside scoop" on becoming an author as well as secrets of successful writing. She also will read from her work, answer questions and sign books. This year, Ms. Yee will have more than one million books in print, including her new chapter series for grades 2 to 5, which started with *Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)*. She also has written three novels aimed at older kids in the middle grades--*Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius*, *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time* and *So Totally Emily Ebers*--a teen novel, *Absolutely Maybe*, and an American Girl historical novel, *Good Luck, Ivy*. (A fun note: Ms. Yee has the same editor as J.K. Rowling, the creator of the Harry Potter series.) Her books have received many honors, including the 2004 Sid Fleischman Humor Award, given by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Ms. Yee will be reading from *Bobby vs. Girls*, in which 9-year-old Bobby and his best pal, Holly, face off in the student council election--and suddenly it's Bobby vs. Holly, boys vs. girls, in the biggest battle ever to rock Rancho Rosetta Elementary School. *Bobby* was named one of the best children's books of 2009 by the New York and Chicago public libraries. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, her publisher is offering a substantial discount in conjunction with her visit. A limited number of books will be available at reading night and new orders can be placed then as well.

Questions about reading night? Please contact Clark Stevens and Karen Wada, 626-355-7869 or kjwada@netscape.net.