



**March 10, 2010**

## Upcoming Events at Highland Oaks

- March 8 - 12** Red Cross Drive
- March 10** "Wear Red" Day
- March 15 & 16** Talent Show Rehearsals; 2:30pm; MPR
- March 16** PTSA Meeting; 8:45am; MPR
- March 17 - 19** *Astro Camp - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*
- March 30** Family Reading Night, 6:30 - 8:00 pm



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reminders

It's time to submit your photos to the yearbook committee for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook. Submission forms will be sent out this week asking parents to submit photos of 5<sup>th</sup> grade events. Please forward your questions to Claudia Ramirez at (626) 862-1572 or email [Cjanett@msn.com](mailto:Cjanett@msn.com).

## Dear Parents of Fifth Grade Students,

We will have our next Fifth Grade Party meeting on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the lunch pavilion area. We hope that you will be able to join us. If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved please contact us. We are looking forward to providing our children with a day to remember!

Nana Shen at 825-9121 Jill Atkinson at 836-6800  
Alice Cheung 355-9520 Renate Stroup 355-1167

## HOPTSA President Posting

### **Red Cross Week:**

Please support the Red Cross and Highland Oaks by contributing to the Red Cross Drive this week. Make a check out to Red Cross, put it into the envelope provided (these should have come home with your child last week) and return it to school by this Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. 75% of the funds collected will come back to Highland Oaks to purchase supplies that will ensure we are prepared for any emergency.

### **PTSA Meeting:**

Join us at our next PTSA meeting on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the MPR. This meeting is an opportunity to learn more about HOPTSA programs, and to find ways to be more involved in your child's education. We will not have the kinds of opportunities available to us in future years that we have here at Highland Oaks, so take advantage of them while you can! If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to be more involved, or if you have any questions, please contact me. I would love to hear from you!

Amy Stone  
President, Highland Oaks PTSA  
[amykstone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amykstone@sbcglobal.net)

## SCRIP of the Week



### **Cheesecake Factory**

Offered in increments of \$25,  
5% of your purchase comes back to Highland Oaks. See Mrs. Barrett in the office to order SCRIP.



**Red Cross Week 3/8 - 3/12. Think of Disaster Preparedness!  
Please send in your donations by Friday.**

Alice Cheung, Red Cross Drive Chairperson, [Yipwonderful@msn.com](mailto:Yipwonderful@msn.com)



## Rockin' Recess Needs Your Help!

Got about a half-hour to spare during the week? Rockin' Recess gives parents an opportunity to come on campus and provide 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with more playground equipment, adult interaction and engaging games during recess time. Please contact Willie Masri at [willie@5ponies.com](mailto:willie@5ponies.com) or Rachel Estuar at (213) 446-2935. Come join the team. Thank you to the volunteers who are already a part of RR!

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## **FAMILY READING NIGHT DATE CHANGE!**

### **AUTHOR LISA YEE**

## **NOW COMING TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

### **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Award-winning writer Lisa Yee will be our guest for "Author! Author!," an event that will celebrate the art and magic of creating books. Younger students may hear stories read by some of our favorite teachers in the library.

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 and their parents can go to the Multipurpose 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 aimed at grades 2 to 5, which started with *Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)*. (The next book in the series comes out this fall.) She also has written three novels aimed at the middle-school 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. A limited number of Ms. Yee's books will be available for sale at reading night; orders can be placed as well.

Questions about reading night? Please contact Clark Stevens and Karen Wada, 626-355-7869 or [kjwada@netscape.net](mailto:kjwada@netscape.net).

