



Sept. 1, 2010

Upcoming Events at Highland Oaks

- Sept. 2 *Back to School Night*
- Sept. 6 *No School, Labor Day Holiday*
- Sept. 9 Room Rep Meeting, 8:45 AM MPR
- Sept. 12 Kindergarten Welcome - Kindergarten Play Area, 3 - 5 PM
- Sept. 14 Committee Chair Orientation – 8:30 AM, MPR
- Sept. 21 PTSA Meeting - 8:45 AM, MPR**

Attention all Room Representatives



There will be a meeting in the Multi-purpose room on Thursday, September 9th at 8:45 AM. It's important for all Room Reps to be there to pick up your information packet.

If you did not get a chance to sign up and are interested in being a Room Rep for your child's classroom or would like more information regarding the program, please contact Jennifer Braun at (626) 294-9299 or braunfamily5@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers!

Student Store Open this Week!



Wednesday, September 1, 8:05 - 9:00 AM and 1:10 - 2:10 PM and Thursday and Friday, September 2nd & 3rd, 8:05 - 9:00AM and 2:15 - 3:15 PM

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES!

Save the Date!



Sunday, September 12, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Please join us on the kindergarten playground for a WELCOME celebration! This is a great way to start the year and get to know your teachers, meet our principal, Dr. Anderson, other kindergarten families, and members of the HOPTSA board. Make new friends, set up carpools, and get your questions answered! For more information, please contact Teresa Kelley at teresa3.kelley@gmail.com.

HOPTSA President Posting

Welcome back Highland Oaks families! Special greetings to our new families! I hope you had a fantastic summer. It is my honor to be your PTSA president this year. I am excited about the many wonderful PTSA programs and events that we have planned for our school year. "Hand in Hand, We Can!" is our theme for this year.

Our new Student Services Building is truly amazing. The new library and computer lab are spectacular. We are so fortunate to start off our school year with our improved and modernized campus.

There are many ways to find out what's happening at Highland Oaks. Hawk Talk, the weekly PTSA newsletter, is an excellent source of information. In an effort to communicate to you more efficiently, our goal is to go paperless. Please see instructions on how to sign-up to receive the Hawk Talk via e-mail on page 2 of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to working with Dr. Anderson, the faculty and staff, and all the families at Highland Oaks to help make this school year a memorable one. There are many ways to get involved at Highland Oaks. If you are interested in volunteering, please see page 2 for a list of programs and volunteer opportunities. I especially encourage first-time volunteers, so please join us. Caring families like you make Highland Oaks so special!

Feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karyn Chien
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Hand in Hand, We Can!

Highland Oaks PTSA 2010-2011 Membership Drive

Our Highland Oaks Parent Teacher Student Association (HOPTSA) membership drive began on **August 27** and is running through **September 17th**. Highland Oaks families, teachers and staff are encouraged to join. Highland Oaks PTSA sponsors many programs in our school: Book Fair, Family Reading Nights, Foundations in Art, Rolling Readers, Rockin' Recess, Student Talent Shows and many more! Your membership makes these programs possible.

Follow instructions provided in your first day packet, make your check payable to HOPTSA and return the envelope to your teacher. When our membership reaches 100%, PTSA will celebrate with the students by giving out popsicles at lunch!

Questions? Feel free to call or e-mail us!

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HOPTSA still needs chairperson(s) and volunteers for the following programs:



- **Honorary Service, Committee coordinates nominations for Honorary Service Awards to honor volunteers that have served HOPTSA and the community.**
 - **Installation, Committee organizes installation of the incoming HOPTSA officers.**
 - **Literacy Week, Liaison works with teachers to organize events promoting literacy in conjunction with National Literacy Week.**
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HELP THE HAWK TALK GO PAPERLESS

Hawk Talk is our PTSA sponsored Highland Oaks School newsletter. It keeps you informed of current and upcoming events at our school. In the past, many volunteer hours were spent copying the Hawk Talk for distribution in your child's Wednesday folder.

By going paperless, we save our school's precious resources by using less ink and paper to print the Hawk Talk. We also save our volunteers hours of copying.

By completing the Information Release Form included in your child's First Day Packet, you give Highland Oaks permission to add your e-mail address to the Highland Oaks List Serve. The list serve is the easiest delivery method for the Hawk Talk. You will receive your copy of the Hawk Talk via e-mail. It's that simple! You will never have to worry about a misplaced copy or papers cluttering up your desk.

Please sign up to receive the Hawk Talk via the Highland Oaks List Serve. Thank you.



Mirna Peterson
VP of Communications