

September 7, 2011

Upcoming Events at Highland Oaks

- Sept. 13** Orientation for Committee Chairs, 8:30 am, MPR
- Sept. 15** Room Rep Meeting, 8:45 am, MPR
- Sept. 16** *Minimum Day (12:35p for Grades 1-5; 11:45a for Kinder)*
- Sept. 20** PTSA Meeting, 8:45 am, MPR
- Sept. 21** Last Day of PTSA Membership Drive



Calling all Room Representatives!!!! Room Representative Orientation Meeting

For those of you who signed up to be a Room Rep, we will be having a meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, September 15th at 8:45AM. 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 still interested in being a Room Rep for your child's classroom or you would like more information regarding the program, please contact Jennifer Braun at [\(626\) 294-9299](tel:626-294-9299) or braunfamily5@gmail.com

HOPTSA COMMITTEE CHAIR TRAINING



First off, thank you for taking on a committee this year -- all our kids benefit from your time and effort! We will have a committee chair training this coming Tuesday, September 13th, at 8:30 am in the MPR.

Come and meet other parents who are leading events this year, and get familiar with your procedure books. Even if you have been a committee chair in previous years, please come to the orientation. You may learn something new, or share some advice with those who are new to HOPTSA.

If you haven't picked up your procedure books, they are available for pick up in the PTSA cabinet in the school office. Also, there are open positions available. If you would like to learn more about these committees, please contact Maita C. Frame at (626) 836-4998 or maita_c@yahoo.com.

HOPTSA President Posting

We are off to a great start! I was excited to see so many families at our Kindergarten Welcome Wagon, Orientation and First Day Coffee.

Thank you to all who attended and to those who committed their time to help with our wonderful programs. If you did not get a chance to sign-up and are interested in volunteering, there are still many opportunities to do so.

This week we are looking for Committee Chairs for Reflections, Family Fun Nights, Fifth Grade Party, Green Circle, Hawk Walk and Rolling Readers.

I especially wish to thank those of you who agreed to be room parents. This is a special gift to the school and your children. We appreciate you!

Our first PTSA meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 20 at 8:45 in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please join us.

Questions? Comments? I'd love to hear from you. Feel free to contact me anytime.

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Student Store Open This Week!

Visit the PTSA Student Store during the following hours this week and purchase your child's Highland Oaks t-shirt or sweatshirt, and one for yourself as well! Students are encouraged to wear these t-shirts on field trips and every Friday to show school spirit.

Thursday and Friday, September 8th & 9th:
8:15 - 9:30 am and 2:00 - 3:00 pm



The key to HOPTSA's success is in your hands!

Thank you to those families who have responded to HOPTSA's fundraising letter. With your support, HOPTSA can continue to run the programs such as Foundation in Art, Family Reading Night, Rockin' Recess, etc., that our children benefit from here at Highland Oaks. If everyone does their part, PTSA will not need to run a product sale fundraiser this year. Please mail your response card and donation to the school or drop it off in the office. For questions, please contact Abbigale McMahon at abcmahon@verizon.net.



Foundations in Art

Foundations in Art is a volunteer-led Highland Oaks visual arts program providing art instruction across all the grade levels. There are 6 art lessons throughout the year; with each lesson building upon skills learned from one lesson, and one year, to the next. Students explore the mediums of paint, pastels and clay, among other materials.

Whether it's teaching or assisting art lessons, displaying artwork, keeping materials and supplies orderly and well-stocked, or helping fire clay pieces, there's a variety of ways to be involved. If you have an interest in sharing in your child's art education, our FiA arts program is hands-on creative joy. We welcome you to collaborate in the process and pleasure of art!

If you're interested in teaching and/or assisting with art instruction for your child's class, there is training, along with class materials, lessons, and support. Contact Lisa Senft (lisa-san@earthlink.net) or Lauren Hinds (fab4mom@gmail.com).

OUR DREAM, ONE TEAM! Highland Oaks PTSA 2011 Membership Drive August 31 – September 21, 2011

The Highland Oaks Parent Teacher Student Association (HOPTSA) needs your participation in our annual PTSA Membership Drive. HOPTSA sponsors many wonderful programs in our school. Your membership fee pays for our national PTSA dues. Without your membership, HOPTSA cannot exist. Highland Oaks families, teachers and staff are all encouraged to join.

Please follow the instructions provided in your first day packet, make your check payable to HOPTSA, and return the envelope to your child's teacher.

Questions? Feel free to call or email us!

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