



January 11, 2012

**Upcoming Events at Highland Oaks**

- Jan. 12 HOPTSA Nominations Due
- Jan. 16 No School – MLK Holiday
- Jan. 17 – 31 Can You Help? Food Drive
- Jan. 19 Family Reading Night
- Jan. 20 Lunar New Year Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Jan. 24 PTSA meeting - 8:45 am District Conf. Rm
- Feb. 8 Hawk Walk

**“Can You Help ?” Food Drive**

The “Can You Help?” food drive is starting January 17<sup>th</sup> and ending January 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. On Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, the collection will be distributed to needy families. If you have any questions, please email [maylinaraki@yahoo.com](mailto:maylinaraki@yahoo.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 profits 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 Hawk Walk pledge envelopes, which will be sent home 2 weeks prior to the event in all students Wednesday folders. If you have any questions, please call/text/email Joycel La at (626) 378-2985 or [joycela@ymail.com](mailto:joycela@ymail.com).

**HOPTSA President Posting**

Happy New Year! Anyone make a New Year's Resolution to become more involved in your children's lives? PTSA offers many opportunities to be involved here at Highland Oaks. Come check it out at the next Highland Oaks PTSA meeting on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the District Conference room (next to Rm. 33). I hope to see many new faces, and I look forward to seeing all the dedicated volunteers who regularly attend.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to get involved? Contact your child's room representative or any member of the PTSA Board (you can find the contact information in your gold Highland Oaks Directory). We would love to help you find an opportunity that best suits your interests and availability.

Also, please note that HOPSTA Officer Nomination forms are due on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Forms should be returned to the Parliamentarian folder located in the PTSA closet in the hall entering the workroom. Forms are available on the HOPSTA website at: [http://hoptsa.org/pdf\\_forms/nominatingform11-12.pdf](http://hoptsa.org/pdf_forms/nominatingform11-12.pdf) or in the school office.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns about HOPTSA. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Nicole Reed**  
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**Calling all Fifth Grade Parents!**

*If you have pictures from Highland Oaks events that you would like to include in the yearbook, please follow the instructions below to upload them:*

- Go to <http://images.balfour.com>
- Log in by entering project # 216509 and password "eagle".
- Enter your contact info and click Next button
- You may upload up to 5 photos each time on the Upload Wizard screen.
- The required image format is JPEG. 1 MB minimum, 8 MG maximum.
- You may start uploading photos now.

*For questions, please contact Narma Ali (626)676-0339 [narmaali@aol.com](mailto:narmaali@aol.com) or Yiren Wang (626)272-3535 [yirenw@gmail.com](mailto:yirenw@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