



October 19, 2011

Upcoming Events at Highland Oaks

- Sept. 15 – Dec. 31 Fresh & Easy Fundraiser
- Oct. 21 No School; Professional Development Day
- Oct. 24 No School; Furlough Day
- Oct. 25 – 28 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 27 Family Reading Night, 5:30-7:30pm; MPR
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade; 8:35 am
- Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 Minimum Days; Student-Led Conferences
After School Recreation Program will be closed.
- Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 Discount Movie Ticket Sales
- Nov. 2 Restaurant Night; Chuck E. Cheese; 3 – 9 pm
- Nov. 7 Fresh & Easy Shopping Night; 4 – 8 pm



National Red Ribbon Week

October 25 - 28, 2011

**“IT’S UP TO ME TO BE DRUG-FREE;
TOO SMART TO START!”**

Next week, we will be celebrating National Red Ribbon Week! Our school, community, and families will be coming together and taking a stand on being drug-free and leading a healthy lifestyle. There will be many fun activities to look forward to like wearing red and decorating classroom doors, and an Arcadia Police Officer will talk to the 5th graders. Hopefully, Red Ribbon Week will be a reminder to families to always have open discussions with your children about being healthy and drug-free all year long. Encourage your child to **WEAR RED** to show support for Red Ribbon Week and enjoy all the activities planned for the week. HOPTSA is proud to sponsor this event, and we invite you to support our commitment to reach each and every student. If you have any questions about Red Ribbon Week, contact Christine Porter at theporters2@msn.com.

An Important Note About Traffic and Safety
Most of the following directions are not just Highland Oaks rules -- they are THE LAW! Throughout the year, Arcadia Police will be enforcing these laws with tickets to violators.

Pedestrians:

- please take extra care when crossing the streets
- instruct children how to walk defensively around the school
- **cross only in crosswalks!**

Drivers:

- **yield to pedestrians at all times**
- arrive early to drop off children (8:10 am)
- consider alternate pick-up and drop-off sites for older children
- **do not turn left out of or into the school parking lot**

HOPTSA volunteers have seen some dangerous and illegal driving around the school from parents and caregivers. Remember:

1. Do not stop in crosswalks, **ever**.
2. The drive-through lane has two lanes, but the left lane is for teachers only.
3. U-turns are illegal if another vehicle is approaching within 200 feet (CA Vehicle Code 22103)
4. Proctors on Santa Anita Avenue are there for the safety of the children. Follow their directions. Do not cross Santa Anita Ave. except at the signal.
5. **Turn off the cell phones!**

Over 600 children attend Highland Oaks. Consequently, a high number of people and cars converge in a few blocks for fifteen intense minutes during drop-off and pick-up every school day. If basic traffic laws and common sense are not followed, accidents may happen and someone may get hurt.

Please share this information with grandparents and other caregivers who pick up your children.

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Spooky Stories

Thursday, Oct 27

5:30pm - 7:30pm in the MPR



Come in your Halloween Costume
Families bring own Picnic Dinner
...celebrate, chat & dine with other HO families



Guest Readers:

Mrs. Felippa (K-2)
Mrs. Kitteringham (3 - 5)



Group Reading Sessions
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*,
and our Computer Teacher, *Mrs. Novak*

Questions? Please contact Sheila Arasawa 626.230.5321 arasawa@earthlink.net



HIGHLAND OAKS FRESH AND EASY SHOPPING NIGHT

Our Fresh & Easy Shopping Night is on Monday, **Nov. 7th, from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fresh and Easy store at 133 E. Foothill Blvd. in Arcadia.** We will earn 5% of the total sales that evening. Please come and join us for a fun night of shopping with the Highland Oaks community and help our school raise some money!

In addition, we are still collecting Fresh & Easy receipts dated Sept. 15th through Dec. 31, 2011. Highland Oaks will earn \$1 for every receipt totaling \$20 or more. There is a collection box in the office.

For questions, feel free to contact Shanila Umerani at (626) 802-0655 or shanila3@gmail.com.

DIRECT DONATION FUNDRAISER



Great news! With only 50% of our families participating, we have already received \$14,375. Imagine what we can accomplish if more families participated? Money received from this important fundraising effort will benefit Highland Oaks children through programs such as Reflections, Foundations in Art, Family Reading Night, Friends of the Library, Red Ribbon Week and Rockin' Recess. For those who have donated, we thank you for your generous donation.

Please send in your donations to the school office. Donation slips and envelopes are available in the office should you need them.

For questions, please contact Abbigale McMahon at abcmahon@verizon.net