

Highland Happenings

The Home/School Connection

November 2009

PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG) News & Information

THANK YOU

Fall Fun Night/Open House & Book Fair was a huge success. It was nice to see so many faculty & staff members attend and help to make the night so enjoyable for all! THANK YOU & MUCH APPRECIATION TO ALL FACULTY, STAFF & PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

NOVEMBER PTG MEETING

Our next PTG Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 18th @ 7 p.m. in the Library. We will be discussing ideas for our Holiday Fun Day to be held in December. All parents and teachers are invited!

FALL FUNDRAISER PICK UP

Thursday November 19th from 3 - 6 PM - All Purpose Room, next to the Cafeteria – down the stairs. All items MUST be picked up during this time, as there is no place to store unclaimed items or cookie dough! Volunteers needed – please call the school to leave a message for Lisa Scheidel.

BOX TOPS

Thank you to Mrs. Kathy Wilson for her hard work organizing & tallying up all the Box Tops! Congratulations to Mrs. Crupe's class for collecting the most Box Tops! At 877! Remember to keep saving your Box Tops!

NOTE PADS FOR SALE - \$1.00!

Make writing notes to school EASY – use for absences, late arrivals, early dismissals, or bus pass requests! Pads are available for purchase in the Main Office – *what a bargain!!*

Happy Thanksgiving To ALL Faculty, Staff & Students From Your PTG!

November

5th – CSE Meetings

11th – No School - Veteran's Day

16th & 17th – NYS GRADE 5 Social Studies ASSESSMENT

16th – Arts In Ed – Grades 2 & 3 – depart at 8:55

19TH – FALL FUNDRAISER ITEM PICK UP – 3:00-6:00 PM

19th – Building Staff Development – Daily Café – Meet At Teacher Center

23rd – Picture Make Up Day

25th – 29th – Thanksgiving Recess – No School

December

3rd – CSE Meetings

10th & 11th – Parent Conferences – HALF DAY OF SCHOOL – 12:00 DISMISSAL

11th – PTG Holiday Fun Day

17th – Holiday Concert

22nd – Instrumental Concert

24th – Jan. 3rd – Holiday Recess

****Principal's Message****

Dear Parents,

Thank you to parents and families for working with us during this flu season! Your assistance in keeping your children home when they are ill is appreciated!

****Highland Health Office Direct Call Line is 926-2465****

Please call to let us know the name of your child, reason/symptoms, and the grade/classroom. A note must accompany your child when returning to school. For additional flu/health related information, please visit the Lake Shore Website at <http://www.lakeshore.wnyric.org/content/view/1405/1/>.

All 5th grade students will be taking the **New York State Social Studies Assessment on Monday, November 16, and Tuesday, November 17.** Testing will begin promptly each morning at 9:10 AM and schedule adjustments have been made to allow all students to be tested at the same time.

Parents often ask for suggestions on what they can do to help their child prepare for standardized tests. Here is how you can support your child in this experience:

- Encourage your child to employ good study habits that are useful in test taking as well as in other work. These habits include following directions carefully, avoiding careless errors, and rechecking their work.
- Explain the purpose of the test. Remind your child that ***this is not a test that a student can fail.*** It is an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in school. ***It provides the school with valuable information that is used to develop curriculum and programs to better serve the needs of our students.***
- Let your child know that the test clearly shows what they have learned during their school experience. Studying at the last minute for this test won't help very much because the tests will cover more than can be learned in a few extra hours.
- Let your child know that you consider the test important, but try not to be overly anxious. Students who are calm and confident perform better on tests.
- Be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and has a good, nourishing, healthy breakfast. Test taking is hard work and requires lots of energy.
- Be sure that your child is at school on time. Rushing and worrying about being late could affect performance on the test.
- Remember to discuss the test with your child at the end of each day.

For a complete listing of NYS Assessment Dates,

please visit the Lake Shore Website, under Documents & Download Center – District Public Documents at

<http://www.lakeshore.wnyric.org>

Thank you for working with us as partners in the education of your children. If the faculty, staff or I can assist you in anyway, please do not hesitate to call upon us!

"Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart." ~Seneca

Warm wishes to you and your families for a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

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