

Highland Happenings

The Home/School Connection

February 2010

PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG) News & Information

MARCH PTG MEETING

The next **PTG Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00PM!**
All are welcome!

Thank You Mrs. Michelle West, Highland Parent, and her daughter Paige West, Highland Fourth Grade Student, for organizing "Highland Helps Haiti".
As a result of our collective generosity, Mrs. West was able to deliver to the WGRZ Studio in Buffalo, a couple of truck loads of much needed supplies to benefit children in orphanages.
Highland salutes you!

****CAMPBELL'S LABELS AND BOX TOP CONTEST****
SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION – YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!
Contest ends February 12th!
Pizza party to the class who brings in the most labels and box tops!

Kids Not Cooperating? Little Ones Not Listening? Traumatized By Teens?

Active Parenting Workshop

Presented by Health Community Alliance
A.J. Schmidt Elementary School - *Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM*
Program runs for six consecutive weeks - Free of Charge
Call 716-926-2296 for more information

February

8th - ELA Meeting @ Hoag for Grades 2 & 3 Teachers
11th - Faculty Meeting 7:50 AM
15th - 19th - Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL
22nd - ELA Meeting @ Hoag For Grades 4 & 5 Teachers
23rd - AFTER SCHOOL GRADE 4 ELA Classes Begin
24th - Dental Assembly - Grade 3 - 9:50 - Cafeteria
25th - AFTER SCHOOL GRADE 4 MATH Classes Begin

March

4th - CSE Meetings
4th - Grade 4 & 5 To HS at 9:30 to see Godspell
10th - Building Planning - 5:45 PM
10th - PTG - 7:00 PM
18th - Faculty Meeting - 7:50 AM
23rd - Spring Picture Day
23rd & 24th & 30th - Annual Review CSE Meetings
25th & 26th - Parent Teacher Conference - 12:00 DISMISSAL

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

Dear Parents,

Reading is the key to your child's success! You are your child's first and most important teacher. Regular exposure to books and reading will provide experiences that will enhance language development (vocabulary) and stimulate learning skills. Please partner with us and resolve to raise a reader!

Here are a few suggestions from www.readingrockets.org:

Read every day

A daily reading routine will give all the readers in your family a chance to read with your child. Dads, moms, siblings, caregivers, and friends can all be a part of ensuring your child gets 20 minutes of being read to each day.

Do things, and then talk about it

It's great to offer new experiences to your children, such as a trip, visit to the zoo or museum, but a trip to the grocery store or a neighborhood park can be just as educational. Talk about what you are seeing and ask your child what he thinks of it. When possible, use interesting words to describe what you're seeing.

Read every where you go

You can find reading on the road, at the bus stop, in the store, and at the restaurant. Play a game to find words when you are out and about or take a look at home for words on everyday items like cereal boxes, toothpaste, and household appliances.

Be a reading role model

Your child wants to imitate you and be like you. Have plenty of reading material for yourself as well as for your child. Tell your child how much you enjoy reading.

Keep your pulse on progress

Please be sure to see your child's pediatrician or teacher as soon as possible if you have concerns about your child's language development, hearing, sight or academic progress.

HIGHLAND MORNING WALK PROGRAM

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-8:35 AM

Wear sneakers, loose clothing, t-shirts!

Drop off & enter through back door

Send in a permission note wit your child to participate

Contact Mrs. Hegyi, School Nurse at 926-2465 for more information!

STAND UP & BE COUNTED!

Be sure to participate in the SCHOOL DISTRICT & THE 2010 US Census.

Visit www.census.gov for questions!

Consider this by Margaret Fuller, "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."

Warm Regards,
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