

Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

May 2016

Calendar

May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4	PTA Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
May 4	5 th Grade – Hope of America
May 6	Box Tops Due
May 10	Click-It Accident Simulator
May 12	SCC meeting 3:40 p.m., library, public welcome
May 13	Chimes Concert 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Field Day at Strasburg Park, 9:15 AM to 12:05 PM
May 18	1 st & 2 nd Grade Field Day, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
May 27	Last Day of School

visual of the school and play areas. Thank you for helping us increase student safety at Highland Elementary.

The window for Requests for Special Consideration for 2016-17 class placements opens Monday, May 2nd. Drop by the office during business hours and fill out a form. Please note the process of class placements is not based on first come first served. Our top priority is to create balanced classes.

The last day of school is Friday, May 27th. Track 1 students (early birds) attend school on the last day from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM and Track 2 students (later gators) attend school on the last day from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM. Kindergarten students do not come to school May 27th and all sixth graders attend from 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM.

Thank you for helping make this a successful year at Highland Elementary



Reed Hodson, Principal

Message from Mr. Hodson

We are very grateful for your support in helping Highland Elementary School secure a school-wide security camera system. The usefulness of the system is beyond measure and provides us a



Message from the PTA President

The PTA's version of "Did you know...?"

- A group of 12 or more cows is called a flink? Not saying anyone is a cow, but we could use a few flinks of PTA volunteers next year.
- Sloths take two weeks to digest their food? PTA receipts should be submitted ASAP.
- Starfish have no brains? Thankfully, our PTA Board does. Join us at our next Board meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 10:00 AM in room 207, especially if you would like to contribute your opinion on next year's budget.
- Most women apply mascara with their mouths open? Mascara or not, we welcome male participants on the PTA Board.
- The word "queue" is just one letter followed by four more silent letters? If you have any feedback about PTA programs, don't stay silent; please let us know.
- Saying something is indescribable is really describing it? To honor our indescribable teachers, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6.
- The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries? If we meet our school goal for Box Tops (due on May 6), there will be a family skate night at Classic Skating on May 11. No stealing necessary.
- May 27 is the last day of school? Of course you knew.
- There are no words that rhyme with orange, purple, or silver? There are also no words to thank Colleen Olsen (teacher), Trevor Peay (student), and Brittney Bills (volunteer), who were honored at a Council PTA Awards Banquet on April 19.
- The musicians on the Titanic kept playing for several hours as the ship was sinking? Thank you to our PHAT Friday volunteers

who stay to the end to finish teachers' projects.

- Ants are capable of carrying objects 50 times their own body weight with their mandibles? Similarly, Kristy Brookhart is able to carry out a successful Book Fair that is 50 times busier than the average ant hill.
- Is it crazy how saying sentences backwards creates backwards sentences saying how crazy it is? It's crazy that it's the end of the year already, but humbling to remember how many people helped us get here.

Thanks for your support of the PTA!

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Three people from Highland Elementary were honored at a Council PTA Awards Banquet on April 19. Left to right: Reed Hodson, principal; Colleen Olsen, teacher; Trevor Peay, student; Brittney Bills, volunteer, holding Ansley Bills; Melissa Adams, PTA President. Thank you for being an outstanding teacher, student, and volunteer!



Band Opportunity

Mr. Hawvermale is offering 2 trombone scholarships for band students during the 2016 - 2017 school year. Included: the band fee, book, and use of a trombone for the year. The only thing your student needs is the time to practice and a desire to learn.

Why the trombone? For parents, the largest expense is the instrument rental. Mr. Hawvermale's daughter has been playing trombone for 12 years and he has a beginning trombone (or two) that are no longer being used. Additionally, he would like someone else in the trombone section to play with.

How does my student apply? Your student needs to write a letter (you can help) telling a small committee why they are the best candidate for a scholarship. The committee will read the letters and rank the candidates. If there are a large number of candidates who "look" the same, they committee will use a lottery system to choose 1 student.



Click-It STATISTIC QUIZ

T or F More fatalities in Utah occur to unrestrained passengers than that of alcohol and drug impaired fatalities.
(Answer: True)

Which two holidays result in most fatalities?
a. New Year's Day, Thanksgiving
b. Memorial Day, Labor Day
c. Independence Day, Christmas
(Answer: b they tie as the 2 most fatal holidays)

T or F More fatalities occur under wet conditions
(Answer: False 81% occur on dry roads and 8.7% on wet roads! 70% of fatalities happen in clear non-cloudy weather)

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T or F Men have more than 2/3rd the automobile fatalities than women in Utah
(Answer: True. Male fatalities are 68% while women are 32%)

Rank these groups in order of most fatalities by age to least:

- a. 70 years plus
- b. 15 years and under
- c. 25 to 39 years
- d. 15 to 19 years

(Answer: C at 23.6% B at 21.5% D at 15.3% and A at 13.5)

So . . . BUCKLE UP--it's the LAW

Note: May 10th the Buckle-up Convincer will be visiting Highland Elementary again. Student ride in this machine that mimics a 5 MPH crash. Thanks to Officer Emery Calkins for giving so much time in promoting the Click-it program at Highland Elementary!



Staff Birthdays

May 2	Denise Roberts
May 8	Susan Petersen
May 10	Laura Botkin
May 12	Anna Jones
May 29	Kristen Whittaker