

Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

November 2016

Nov. 11	Fall Picture Retakes
Nov. 11	1 st Trimester Ends
Nov. 22	3 rd Grade Market Day
Nov. 23-25	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 7	General PTA Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m.



Message from Mr. Hodson

The Thanksgiving Season presents me an opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who contributes in so many ways at Highland Elementary School. I am thankful for the opportunity that I have to serve as principal. I especially enjoy the interactions I have with our students, teachers, and parents. It excites me to see the many fine teaching and learning moments happen, the smiling faces of students, parents helping children, and being part of the educational process at Highland Elementary. Every year that I am in education, it becomes more interesting and exciting for me.

At Highland Elementary School we focus on helping children learn and keeping them safe. Thank you for not picking-up and dropping-off students in the bus-loading zone while a school bus is present. Please continue using the northeast parking lot to load and unload children. As a school and community we are continuing a couple of practices to provide a safe learning environment for our children. First, we are grateful for the parents that volunteer to help watch our students during lunch recess. Having additional adults on the playground supports student obedience. Second, we ask all school visitors and volunteers to check-in with the office upon arrival. We feel these practices add to the safety of our school.

Thanks for all that you do to make Highland an excellent school.

Reed Hodson, Principal



Message from the PTA President

Take the PTA Gratitude Quiz

- 1.) You walk in the bathroom and see your toddler sitting inside the toilet. You think...
 - a. I'm really glad the toilet was just flushed.
 - b. I hope the toilet was just flushed.
 - c. *[insert swear word]*
- 2.) The PTA just finished a month of awesome programs. You think...
 - a. I'm so grateful for all those who planned and carried out the activities! (Emmalie Staley—Hawk Walk; Brittney Bills—Hawk Walk Awards Assembly; Michelle Buechner—Reflections; Janette Boyer—Box Tops; Kristy Brookhart—Book Fair; Carolyn Hardman—Teacher Lunches; Randi Davis—Red Ribbon Week)
 - b. I'm so glad I wasn't involved in those programs.
 - c. Wait. Did I just say that out loud?
- 3.) You just said that out loud. You think...
 - a. I'm going to change my ways and become more involved with the PTA, and I may even volunteer to be the next PTA Secretary.
 - b. How does she know exactly what I'm thinking?
 - c. *[insert swear word]*
- 4.) Three classes won the first Box Tops contest (Troutner, Whitlock, Bushnell) and will get an Olympic game party. You think...
 - a. Great job! Those students are going to have fun with their new Frisbees.
 - b. What is Box Tops?
 - c. Why do they make Box Tops so dang small? Why?
- 5.) You go to vote while holding your 18-month-old on your hip and she suddenly

reaches forward and starts pushing buttons. Before you know what's happening, your vote is submitted and the receipt is printing. You think...

- a. Oh well. At least she voted for the bond.
 - b. I'm totally selling my child.
 - c. #swearword
- 6.) The Hawk Walk brought in over \$27,000, which goes directly back into the school. You think...
- a. Wow! We have some awesome parents who support the school and PTA!
 - b. I wonder if I could use those bubble balls as a discipline technique for my kids.
 - c. I want a hawk costume.

If you answered:

Mostly a's—You are a grateful person.

You're a perfect candidate for PTA President.

Mostly b's—You are an honest person.

You're the perfect candidate for PTA Treasurer.

Mostly c's—You need to watch your language more.

Thanks for your continued support of the PTA!

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Staff Birthdays

Nov. 2	Tamara Valgardson
Nov. 21	Lisa Lystrup



KUED Kids is teaming up with community partners around the valley to present the 24th Annual Reading Marathon. The annual event challenges children, preschool through sixth grade, to read 20 minutes each day during the month of November. Parents and teachers can print off the reading log at the link below to keep track of minutes read each day from Nov 1-30. At the end of the month, submit minutes online at www.kued.org/reading, or mail the reading log to:

KUED

Attn: Elise Peterson

101 Wasatch Dr., Rm 215

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Reading logs must be submitted by December 15th. Once minutes are submitted, children get an invitation to the KUED Kids Super Reader Party, which takes place on January 28th.

Box Top Contest



Thank you to everyone that participated in our Box Tops Olympic Contest! We had a great response that resulted in us collecting 10,255

Box Tops, earning our school \$1,025.50. It's amazing how those little Box Top coupons can really add up and make a difference. The PTA is excited to announce our Olympic winners...

The following classes took the top winning medals:

Gold- Troutner (3rd grade)

Silver- Whitlock (4th grade)

Bronze- Bushnell (2nd grade)



The following classes brought in 300+ Box Tops:

Rios

Wolfe

Nielsen

Spencer

Johnson

Powell

Ockey

Moore

Louw

Hawvermale

Faulk

Wykstra

A special thank you to the parents that helped to cut and sort the Box Tops this last contest. It was a huge help! We'd also like to thank GymCats for donating free play passes.

Please remember to keep clipping and saving your Box Tops over the coming months.

Another contest will be held this coming spring, so make sure to save your Box Tops.