

Highland Hawks

PTA Newsletter

October 2017

Oct. 4	PTA Meeting in Faculty Room 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 3-5	Book Fair
Oct. 4-5	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Reflections Entries Due
Oct. 12-13	Art Exhibit
Oct. 18	Hawk Walk Awards, 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 19	NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
Oct. 23	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
Oct. 23-31	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 31	HALLOWEEN
Nov. 1	PTA Board Meeting 10 a.m.

those who help. From parents who come and cheer and walk with the kids, to those helping with water tables and otter pops, to those who help with racing chips, to those who coordinate mascots and cheerleaders, to the teachers and staff who prepare for the day and clean up after, to our tireless Hawk, to Mr. Hodson and his groovy tunes – Thank You for all your help! A special thanks to The Race Time for helping us out again so we could use the timing chips. And a great big THANK YOU to our Hawk Walk chair, Emmalie Staley who brings all of this together seamlessly! The Hawk Walk is our one and only fundraiser at Highland Elementary (Hooray!) and the best part is that 100% of the funds earned stay at the school. You can't beat that! We thank everyone for their generous donations. We will celebrate the success of the Hawk Walk at our assembly October 18th .

October is a super busy month at Highland Elementary. We have so many programs that are continuing or starting. Dinners for the teachers during parent teacher conferences (October 4-5), Book Fair (October 3-5), Reflections (entries due October 12), Box Tops (October 2-18), Battle of the Books (permission slips turned in by October 5), Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31), and spirit wear (the second ordering period will open



Message from the PTA President

Fall is in the air! Although, at the start of the Hawk Walk it almost felt like winter might make an appearance. But the skies cleared and it was a great day for the walk! The Hawk Walk takes a huge volunteer effort to put on, and we are so grateful to all

October 16). If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please let us know! We are happy to have the help. Also, all are welcome at PTA meetings which happen on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the faculty room. The PTA thanks you for your continuing support.

Jody Graham

Questions, nice comments, or interest in helping – email
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Hawk Walk

Our Highland Hawks were fantastic at our 16th Annual Hawk Walk. Our students completed 13,372 laps for a grand total of 2,768 miles! Thank you for supporting our school and helping us to have another great year.

Let's keep the fun going... Come join us for our Highland Hawks Ninja Warrior Awards Assembly on October 18th. Our chosen teachers and students will put their athletic abilities to the test as they compete in an epic Highland Hawk Warrior Obstacle Course – a face full of whip cream is at stake! All students will receive a treat to celebrate their warrior work ethic and positive attitudes.

We also have some fantastic prizes for the most laps walked, most money raised, the \$100 club, and classes that return 100 percent of their envelopes. In addition, we will do some random drawings so that every child has the chance to win a prize! We are so proud of our Highland Hawk Warriors!

Work Hard, Be Kind, Find Greatness

Be a Highland Hawk Warrior



REFLECTIONS

Just a reminder that student artwork is due the morning of THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12. Students can turn in their projects as they come into school. Please make sure to sign their Entry Form, and make sure they've written their Artist Statement. We can't wait to see what they've created!



Book Fair: October 3-5

Come check out the Book Fair! Not only is the Book Fair a convenient way to access new books for your child, it is also a great opportunity to help your child's teacher. Did you know that over 50% of the sale of every item comes back to our school for

the teachers to build up their classroom libraries and for the librarian to add new books to our well-loved library? Come check out hundreds of titles. We've been told that some Battle of the Books titles will be there as well!

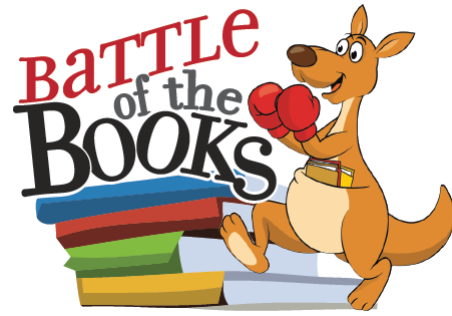
We will be instituting a new lunch hour rule. To decrease the theft problem, we will not be allowing students into the Book Fair during lunch unless they have money. Most schools already have this rule. Last year it became apparent that we need a similar rule. We do want every child to come to the Book Fair. Every child should get an opportunity to come with their class. They are also welcome any other time, regardless of access to money. We do love seeing their happy little faces!

October 3-5

**Tuesday, October 3 - 10:00 a.m. -
2:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, October 4 - 10:00 a.m.-
2:00 p.m.
& 3:45 -7:30 p.m.**

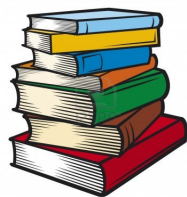
**Thursday, October 5 - 10:00 a.m.-
2:00 p.m.
& 3:45 -7:30 p.m.**



Battle of the Books:

Battle of the Books is a national program designed for third through sixth grade at the elementary school level, and also at the junior high level. This is the 4th year that we've had it at our school, and the program is growing! The books are great, and the kids love reading and then getting to compete against each other. At the end of the tournament, in March, the winning teams get to compete against a team of teachers!

The permission slips should have come home, but if they have not, they are available on the school website. The permission slip must be turned in to Mrs. Chadwick by **Thursday, October 5**. There is also an optional t-shirt for \$6. That form and money gets submitted to the PTA box in the office. The kids can form their own teams, or we can help them. There are 20 books on each list, so on a team of 5 each student would only need to read 4 books (though it is encouraged that they read more). The books vary in genre, reading difficulty, and length so that every student can enjoy the experience and have success.



Book-of-the-Month

At Highland Elementary we believe in putting literacy at the heart of our school. We have bottom-line standards for kindness and respect across the entire school community. Book-of-the-Month is one way that we are creating a community of shared literacy as well as fostering kindness and respect. Each month all students at Highland Elementary listen to the Book-of-the-Month and have conversations about it. Sixth graders and kindergarteners alike should be able to talk to you about the book that they have heard. We invite you as parents to find the book at a library and read it so that you can discuss it with your children. Conversations at the dinner table can be about the literature and what it means in your children's lives. Each month we will post the book that will be read that month along with a summary. The book for October will be: *Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street* by Roni Schotter.

“When Eva sits on her stoop trying to complete a school assignment by writing about what happens in her neighborhood, she gets a great deal of advice and action.”



Highland Hawks want to welcome Mr. Dickson to our school! He graciously agreed to share with us a little bit about himself:

Hello Highland Hawks,

What a pleasure it has been to be a part of this great school and this beautiful community. For those who don't know me, here is a little more information.

I was born in Utah, but grew up in the great state of Washington. I spent my growing up years in the small town of Arlington, about 50 miles north of Seattle. Arlington is sandwiched between the Cascade Mountains and the Puget Sound. I come from a large family with 4 sisters and 1 brother. You could almost always find me in the back woods riding bikes, building forts, or climbing trees.

After high school, I left the U.S. for a couple years and served the good people of Brazil. When I returned, I attended college at UVU, BYU, and recently acquired my Administrative degree from SUU.

I am married to Christine. We have 4 children (Jacob 17, Jocelyn 13, Katelyn 6, and Allie 6). We currently reside in Springville. We recently built a home at the mouth of Hobble Creek Canyon.

Some of my hobbies include but are not limited to: Fly Fishing, Hunting, Mountain

Biking, Reading, Hiking, Camping, sports, writing books, and Playing with the family. Nature has always been the place where I find peace and solace.

I have been a teacher for 12 years and taught at Manila and Cascade Elementary schools before coming to Highland. I have taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Most of my tenure as a teacher, I was teaching a 5th/6th split class. I love coming to work. I have a passion for teaching, and I always strive for excellence. As an educator, I believe we are molding the future leaders of America.

Best regards,
Cameron Dickson Teacher Administrative Assistant (TAA)



Staff Birthdays

October 7	Tresa Chadwick
October 14	Reed Hodson
October 15	Diane Lewis
October 27	Maren Nielsen
October 28	Candice Stowe



Art Exhibit

I'm carrying on the tradition of having an art exhibit at the end of each term to show off my students' best work. The exhibit will be on display Thursday, Oct. 12, 10:00 am - Friday, Oct. 13, 2:00 pm on the gym stage. All students and parents are welcome to check it out!

Mrs. Christensen