

# Highland Hawks

P TA Newsletter

November 2017

Nov. 2	Reflections Gala
Nov. 10	Fall Picture Retakes
Nov. 22-24	<b>No School – Thanksgiving Break</b>
Dec. 6	General PTA Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m.



## Message from the PTA President

It is not just because we are now in the month of November that as a PTA we need to express gratitude. No, we need to express gratitude because we have survived the busiest month and a half that we have at Highland Elementary and all with great success!

First let us express gratitude for all our committee chairs who make it possible for us to have the programs we do at Highland Elementary School. These are the committee chairs that have allowed our programs to be successful so far: Ashlee Udall (vision

screening), Lisa Johnson and Jana Rasband (teacher dinners during Parent/Teacher conferences), Kristy Brookhart (book fair), Emmalie Staley (Hawk Walk), Brittney Bills (Hawk Walk Awards), Jodi Scott and Melissa Gillings (Reflections), Lisa Bartholomew (Box Tops), Kristy Brookhart – yes again (Battle of the Books), Randi Davis (Red Ribbon Week), Michelle Buechner (spirit wear), and Liz Hartman (donations). THANK YOU!!!!

That is just the committee chairs. THANK YOU parent volunteers who helped these committee chairs. I would like to name each of you, but someone would surely be missed because there have been so many of you. We had a great turn out to help us for vision screening (even a dad – yay!) and we were able to vision screen the whole school. People signed up and provided food for our great teachers. All our shifts were filled for book fair help. An army of people helped collect the Hawk Walk donations and prepare and hand out prizes. The Reflections committee collected all the submissions, cataloged them, and found judging help. The box top committee made sure that box tops were trimmed, not expired, and accounted for. Another army of people helped kick off Battle of the Books for the record number of students participating. Our Red Ribbon Week committee prepared keys for kids to sign and surveys for kids to take. Our spirit wear committee patiently worked with a vendor and opened another ordering period for

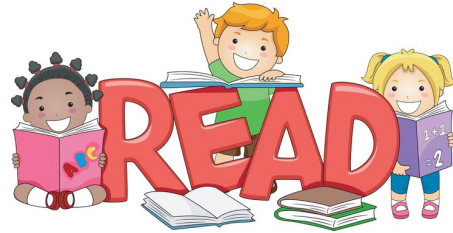
spirit wear. Our donations committee was able to collect prizes so that every student received a participation packet and a Creamie at the assembly.

Let us also express gratitude for your GENEROSITY! The Highland Elementary community is amazing and was able to raise \$26,250 for OUR SCHOOL. Those funds stay 100% at Highland Elementary. That is INCREDIBLE!! THANK YOU!! We are grateful for the kids who love this fundraiser and we hope they enjoyed the Highland Hawk Ninja Warrior assembly. (Thank you teachers who were willing to take a whipped cream pie to the face - you guys make everything fun!) A couple amazing facts about this year's Hawk Walk - our students walked 13,372 laps (that is 2768 miles!) and we had over ninety \$100 club members. Spectacular!

We are super grateful to be a part of a school where parents are invested in the success of their students and the programs they participate in!! We thank you for your continued support of your kids and of the PTA.

Jody Graham

Questions, nice comments, offers to volunteer on the awesome train - email [dougandjody@msn.com](mailto:dougandjody@msn.com)



Message from our Librarian:

Our book for November is Boxes For Katje by Candace Fleming.

"After World War II there is little left in Katje's town of Olst in Holland. Her family, like most Dutch families, must patch their old worn clothing and go without everyday things like soap and milk. Then one spring morning when the tulips bloom "thick and bright," Postman Kleinhoonte pedals his bicycle down Katje's street to deliver a mysterious box - a box from America! Full of soap, socks, and chocolate, the box has been sent by Rosie, an American girl from Mayfield, Indiana. Her package is part of a goodwill effort to help the people of Europe. What's inside so delights Katje that she sends off a letter of thanks - beginning an exchange that swells with so many surprises that the girls, as well as their townspeople, will never be the same. This inspiring story, with strikingly original art, is based on the author's mother's childhood and will show young readers that they, too, can make a difference." -Amazon

\*This is a Battle of the Books book for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Staff Birthdays

Nov. 13	Julie Johnson
Nov. 21	Lisa Lystrup

## Box Top Contest



Thank you for participating in the Box Top Bowl Competition!

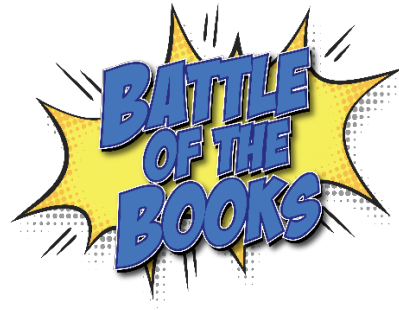
Our school collectively brought in more than \$1,140!

Mr. Ockey's fourth grade class were the champions, with over \$115 worth of box tops.

The other classes that won for their grades were:

Rios AM, Graver, Bushnell, Lygia Johnson, Lystrup/Asay, and Jeppson.

Please keep collecting box tops to get ready for the next competition!



**We had our Team Formation meeting last week. Thank you to all the moms that came and helped! You're amazing! If there are any more children interested in getting a Battle of the Books t-shirt, the cost is \$6. The order form can be found on the school's website. The money and the form are turned into the PTA box in the office. The deadline for ordering t-shirts will be November 21. Happy reading!**



## Knowledge Bowl

We will have two more practices before winter break: Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 3:35-4:30 pm in the library. We will be reviewing Utah counties/county seats, and states and capitals. Come join the teams! All 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders invited.