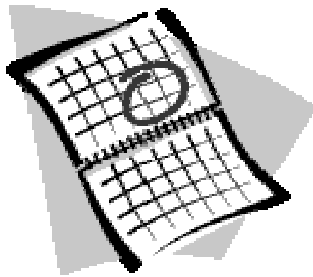


HIGHLINE HIGHLIGHTS

What YOU Need to Know

October 2, 2008



DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, October 4th

Saturday Detention 11:00-1:00
Saturday Academy 11:00-1:00
Lobster Pick Up

Monday, October 13th

Board Meeting 6:15pm

Wednesday, October 15th

Picture Re-Takes

Thursday, October 16th

Fall Festival

Friday, October 17th

NO SCHOOL
Teacher Planning Day

Tuesday, October 21st

Parent Education – Town Hall

Thursday, October 23rd

Silent Auction Planning Meeting

Saturday, October 25th

Saturday Detention 11-1
Saturday Academy 11-1
CSAP Academy Begins 9-11

Monday, October 27th

REACH Assembly 8:00am

Friday, October 31st

Spirit Day

REMINDER

Principal and Honor Roll Celebrations:

The Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll celebrations for the spring trimester of 2008 are being held during the next few weeks. If your child made either the Principal's Honor Roll (All A's) or the Honor Roll (B's and above) they should have received an invitation last week. Please read the following schedule closely to find the day and time your student's grade is scheduled. Due to the large number of students on the honor roll, the events are for students only.

Principal's Honor Roll (All A's);

2nd Grade

Tuesday, October 7th, 12:20

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

Wednesday, October 8th, 12.20

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Tuesday, October 7th, 11:20

Honor Roll (B's and above)

3rd Grade

Tuesday, October 7th, 10:25

4th & 5th Grade

Tuesday, October 7th, 1:10

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Tuesday, October 7th, 7:50

DU Public Achieve Class:

Students from Denver University will be starting their Public Achieve Class on Tuesday. Middle school students will have the opportunity to discuss community issues and collaborate on solutions with their classmates. This class is an excellent way to help students practice empathy and

will provide a place to sharpen their problem solving skills. All students interested in helping their community and honing leadership skills should contact Ms. Walling to join the class.

Discover HA Opportunities:

It seems like we're just getting settled in to this year and it's already time to think about the next school year. We are having several open houses in the next couple of months. If you would like to be part of our open houses by being available to prospective parents and students for questions and tours, please contact Faye in the front office. Word of mouth has always been our best form of advertising. If you know of anyone who might be looking for a school, please send them to Discover Highline Opportunity; the dates are as follows:

Tuesday, November 18th 6:00pm

Saturday, January 17th 10:00am

Thursday, January 29th 6:00PM

Halloween: Highline does not celebrate Halloween. Students must be in uniform on Halloween and candy will not be distributed so please keep it at home.

Parent/Guardian Conferences:

Thank you to all of the parent/guardians who came to conferences last week. Parent-teacher conferences provide needed opportunities for parents/guardians and teachers to exchange useful information about the educational and social needs and progress of students. At conferences, teachers review student progress and note any areas of special concern. By attending conferences, parents/guardians have the opportunity to assist in catching and correcting any academic or behavioral problems early in the

school year so that they do not accumulate to have a negative impact on a student's overall performance. By attending conferences, parents/guardians send a clear signal to their students that school is important and that they are willing to partner with teachers to further their child's education.

Per its contract with Denver Public Schools, Highline has committed to maintaining a 95% fall attendance rate at parent/teacher conferences. Attendance is required. If you could not make conferences last week make sure you call or email your students' teachers to make alternate arrangements.

Facilities Update: The facilities team has been hard at work looking at options for our location. They have a three year goal of choosing one of the following: stay at our present location, build a new building within our boundaries, find an existing building within our boundaries, move into an existing DPS building. Potential vendors are still being interviewed for the project. Companies are being rated by the facilities committee, made up of board members, parents, administration and faculty using a rubric. More details will be coming once a vendor is chosen.

Principal's Coffee: This year's coffee with the principal will happen the first Wednesday of each month from 8:00-9:00am.

Deliverables We Need From You

Update email address in Veracross: In an effort to reach all of our families we will be adding e-mail as one of our forms of communication. Please check your e-mail address in Veracross and make any necessary changes.

Veracross Student Directory: If your child's name does not appear in their class list it is

because you chose not to be included when you registered. If you would like to change that, call or email the front office and we will make the change for you.

Student Activity Fees: The student activity fee helps streamline our financial process by reducing the number of checks we collect from you and allows us to take advantage of using the resources at the beginning of the year. If you have already paid your student activity fees, thank you. **If you have not, you must do so now.** Several classes have field trips coming up. If you have not paid the activity fees, your child will not be able to attend. If your family needs assistance and qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program, just bring us a copy of your letter from DPS.

Lunch Money: The best way to send lunch money in is by check. Please include your students' name, grade, and 6 digit ID number on the check or on the outside of an envelope with the check enclosed. If you have any questions about your child's lunch money balance, please call Gwen at 720-424-0982.

Shout Outs

Scholastic Book Fair: A huge shout out and thank you to Julie Rodriguez for the phenomenal job organizing and running the Scholastic book fair again this year. Thank you too, to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair! It was a huge success this year and Highline will be receiving over \$4,500 in new books and accessories for our library! We would like to thank the following volunteers for their time helping make the Book Fair and Literacy Night a success: Co-Chairs Julie Rodriguez and Lyn Gore, Alison Cavecchi, Beth Mittlestadt, Dianne Rogers, Lisa Esola, Lori Lowenthal, Maria Wilson, Gwen Fisher, Denise Hohl, Jackie

Graves, Nicole McConico, Lisa Brown, Therese Tate, Laurie Heiken, Natalya Katsenelson, Jen Roder, LaToiya Ancar, Lisa Spence, Kellie Baldwin, Jennifer Burnette, Erin Ganley, Bruno and Eva Cavecchi, Becca Koston, Keehnan Anderson and of course, our librarian, Lisa Dewane!

This year we had two guessing games, one for older students and one for younger students. Every winner received a \$5.00 gift certificate to the fair. The amount of jelly beans in the jar was 361. Our winners for that game were: 5th grade - Natalya Montellano, 6th grade - Jordan Kimmel, 7th grade - Bruno Cavecchi, 8th grade - Staci Gentala. There were 78 safari animals in the jar for the younger grades and here are the winners: Kindergarten - Emerson Smith, 1st grade - Aidan Byford and Ti'ana Almanza, 2nd grade - Alex Moreland and Hannah Mendel, 3rd grade - Jackson Gore (who guessed the number right on) and 4th grade - Katie Crilov and Candy Lysaker. Congratulations

Volunteer Opportunities

Fall Festival: This year's Fall Festival is on Thursday, October 16th and still needs a coordinator as well as worker bees. If you can help please sign up in the volunteer opportunity book in the office. We will also be looking for donations of treats. You can earn 1 volunteer hour for your donations.

Silent Auction: The auction committee is holding its first organizational meeting on Thursday, October 23rd beginning at 7:00 at the Bulger's home, 8200 E Princeton Ave, Denver 80237.

The following positions need to be filled: donation chairperson and committee members, marketing chairperson and committee members, set-

up/decorating chairperson and committee members, bid/table closing chairperson, check out chairperson, technology chairperson, wrap up chairperson and committee members.

If you are looking for a fun way to get your volunteer hours that doesn't require time in the school, this is a great place to get involved. You can volunteer for as many or as few hours as you would like! All time spent

working on the auction, Highline's most important annual fundraiser, counts toward your volunteer hours.

If you are interested in joining the team or volunteering but can't make the meeting, contact Tom Bulger at 303-221-6735.

Lunch Recess: We would love to have more help on the lower school playground from 12:20-1:10 Monday – Friday. If you commit to two days a week for two months you will get a front

office parking space during your volunteer time. Please call Mr. Gonzales at X148 to sign up to help.