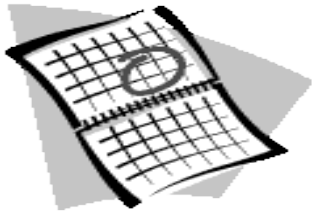


# HIGHLINE HIGHLIGHTS

## *What YOU Need to Know*

October 16, 2008



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Tonight, October 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Fall Festival

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**  
NO SCHOOL  
Teacher Planning Day

**Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Parent Education – Town Hall

**Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Dinner at White Fence Farm

**Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Silent Auction Planning Meeting

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Saturday Detention 11-1  
Saturday Academy 11-1  
CSAP Academy Begins 9-11

**Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
REACH Assembly 8:00am

**Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Spirit Day

**Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
PWP Meeting 7:00pm

**Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
CSAP Academy 9-11  
Saturday Detention 11-1  
Saturday Academy 11-1

**Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Board Meeting 6:15pm

**Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Lucky 5

**Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Discover Highline 6:00pm

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
CSAP Academy 9-11  
Saturday Detention 11-1  
Saturday Academy 11-1

**November 26<sup>th</sup>–November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
NO SCHOOL Fall Break



**Tonight, Fall Festival 6:00-8:00pm:** Come in costume and join in the Halloween fun and games.

**White Fence Farm Dinner:** Bring the family, friends and neighbors to White Fence Farm for dinner on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 15% of your dinner bill will be donated to back to Highline. Dinner is served from 4:30 – 8:30pm. White Fence Farm is located at 6263 W Jewell Avenue, Lakewood CO 80232. Visit their web site at [whitefencefarm.com](http://whitefencefarm.com)

**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.

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am  
Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM

**Update E-mail 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.

### **Deliverables We Need From You**

**IDLE FREE** Did you know that idling more than 10 seconds

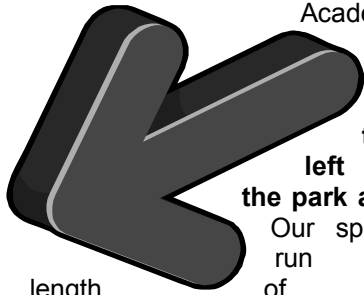


uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and on again and idling is not generally beneficial to a vehicle's

engine because it wears engine parts? The folks at Idle Free You and Me are reminding drivers to turn cars off when stopped, **especially near schools and playgrounds.** Do we really want our kids breathing in all that exhaust? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children's exposure to diesel exhaust particles should be decreased

and that idling of diesel vehicles in places where children live and congregate should be minimized to protect their health. The New Jersey Environmental Federation has created a very informative Web site at [www.cleanwateraction.org/node/140](http://www.cleanwateraction.org/node/140) they offer great facts and statistics. **"Turn the key. Be idle free."**

**Stay Left:** Parking at Highline Academy is to



the left of the park area.

Our spaces run the length of our building **between the school and the median park**. Parking anywhere else on the complex property can result in **ticketing and/or towing**. Please respect our neighboring businesses.

**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 e-mail the front office and we will make the change for you.

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

**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.

### Spanish Update

*Saludos a todos los padres de familia!*

The 2008-9 Spanish team would like to take a moment to say that

we are extremely proud to be serving your students this year and thrilled with the progress they are making. We, Senor Blandino (MS), Senora Guevara (elementary), and Senora Galindo (7th & 8th grades), are working together to create an integrative program that will allow students to learn to read, write, speak and understand Spanish. As many of you know, we are moving away from a purely textbook-based program to a more communicative, expanded curriculum.

We are aware that students may be experiencing some "growing pains" as we make this transition and help them build their skills in more comprehensive ways.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we welcome your feedback. Remember, even if you don't speak Spanish, you can help your student immensely by checking their Spanish binders (MS) and folders (elementary) and helping them stay organized with their study materials to maximize their success.

We welcome volunteers in our classrooms and would be grateful for Spanish-speaking helpers. In addition, we seek to enhance our relationship with the greater Denver area so that we may benefit from the deeper learning experiences that take place when making connections with guest speakers, visitors, and the community at-large in other excursions. Thank you in advance for your collaboration-- together we will ensure students' experiences with Spanish at Highline Academy will serve them well in the years to come.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Silent Auction:** The auction committee is holding its first organizational meeting on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

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, and 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.

### Love and Logic

**Make them part of the family:** I last wrote about the importance of kids contributing to the workload of the family. One of our basic human needs is to be needed and to be a part of a family. When children live their lives as guests in a four star hotel instead of as a contributing member of a family, this basic need is denied. The usual result is for them to feel increasingly resentful without knowing why.

One way to help a child feel

needed, important, and valued in the family is to put him/her in charge of one family meal per week. This means planning, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Most kids are capable of doing this by the time they are eight years old.

Of course the quality of the food will suffer temporarily while they are in training mode. But this changes dramatically as they learn and become excited about being able to cook.

Many parents report to us that their kids resist at first, but soon think that they enjoy cooking. In many cases, what the kids enjoy and don't recognize are the wonderful feelings of being valued.

Thanks for reading! Jim Fay

P.S. You can learn more about involving kids in the family workload in Pearl #7 in the book, "Parenting With Love and Logic." Another good resource is the audio CD, "Didn't I Tell You To

Take Out The Trash?"

**The Love and Logic Show**  
[Visit this page](#) to listen to the most recent Love and Logic Show, "Winning the Motivational Battle." Dr. Charles Fay offers tips to help parents teach their kids to be independently responsible without having them be overwhelmed by homework. [Podcasts](#) are now available.