

Calendar

Monday, Dec. 5	Piano Lessons- Community Ed.	4:00-7:00	Room 5
	Anderson/Hopkins	6:15-8:00	Cafeteria
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Highlands Choir	8:30-9:15	Room 10/11
	Real World Spanish - Community Ed	3:55-4:55	Room 28
	CP Information Night	7:00-9:00	Cafeteria
Wednesday, Dec. 7	Math Olympiad- Practice	8:30-9:10	Media Center
	Orchestra Concert	3:10	Gym
	Lego X- Community Ed	3:55-5:10	Room 9
Thursday, Dec. 8	Sport Stacking- Community Ed	8:15-9:10	Media Center
	Chess Club	4:00-5:00	Room 4
	Clay Play- Community Ed	3:55-4:55	Room 28
	Chinese- Community Ed	3:55-4:55	Room 3
	Site Council	4:00-6:00	Media Center
	Prowell/Pusey Potluck	6:30-7:30	Cafeteria
Friday, Dec. 9	Young Rembrandts-Community Ed	3:55-4:55	Room 28

Field Trips - No field trips this week

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Notes from the Principal

12/02/11

At Highlands we have created many learning opportunities for kids that go beyond the classroom. These include the Outdoor learning areas, Highlands News Show, Leadership block activities and service projects like Impact Lives. Students at Highlands understand the value of these programs and below you can read some of their comments:

Comments about the news show:

- It helps people get ready for life
- So we can learn talking in front of groups

- New shows will give kids an opportunity to meet new people and learn more stuff
- It works on responsibility
- We learn to speak to an audience
- So students get better at technology
- So students get inspired for jobs when they are older

Comments about the outdoor learning areas:

- Kids have more fun on the playground
- It helps kids be creative
- The equipment tells parents that Highlands is a good school for kids
- Makes more choices at snack or recess
- It's fun for all ages in school
- It shows kids new ways to have fun outside
- Helps kids share their resources
- Kids get connected to nature
- Kids respect nature

Comments about Impact Lives:

- It helps the kids step up and volunteer for themselves
- It helps kids learn about the world around them
- It will help you as an adult so you can come back and help too
- To teach kids they can give, not take
- It feels good helping people
- Kids have more fun seeing all the goals they are reaching
- Kids get to have fun while helping other people in the world
- Gets kids involved in the world
- We will be able to teach our kids when we grow up to help too
- You can show your kids how we are grateful for what we have and they can help others who don't have what we have
- It teaches us about caring for others and to not be selfish
- It allows us to learn about different places
- It shows kids that they save kids
- Kids learn caring
- Kids make a difference

Comments about leadership block:

- Clubs help you express yourself
- Kids can learn about something of their choice
- If kids get interested in it then maybe they can open up more opportunities
- Kids can learn about something of their choice
- The classes give kids experience
- Kids can make new friends
- They can get smarter in different ways
- Teaches kids that they can do different things to help or have fun

- To get a chance to know what you like to do at a young age
- We can work on kids smarts

Students at Highlands understand the benefits of the different opportunities we offer at Highlands.

Peter Hodne

ImpactLives Day - December 15

For Students: Raise that money! **A contribution of \$15 feeds 100 people in Haiti!**

There's a jar in each classroom to collect money. We've only got two weeks left, so now's the time!

For Parents: If you'd like to volunteer on ImpactLives Day, **you can sign up for a shift at [Highlands Volunteers](#)**. And, since we don't have room for every parent who wants to volunteer,

please also consider signing up to pack meals over the lunch break -- for a \$20 contribution, you can pack for an hour and feed hundreds of people! Bring your friends and co-workers!

Recycling Holiday Lights

It's that time of year when we're hauling out the holiday decorations. Ever find yourself untangling a ball of lights then they don't work? Instead of throwing them out, you can recycle them.

Collection will occur Nov 15 - Jan 31, 2012.

Our local drop off site is Edina City Hall. For more information go to:

<http://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/campaigns/ryh-11-12#map>

or

<http://www.recycleminnesota.org/index.php/programs/recycle-your-holidays>

Be sure to check Community Opportunities for Youth on the [EPS Facebook page](#)

Trivia Corner

Llamas are reported to be inquisitive, friendly animals. A llama greeting is marked by softly blowing on each other. According to animal experts, a soft blow to a person is the llama's way of saying hello.

Madagascar is the fourth-largest island in the world. It is approximately the same size as the state of Texas.

The first letter of every continent's name is the same as the last: America, Antarctica, Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa.

On this Day in

1887 - Britain's acclaimed author Charles Dickens performed his first United States public reading in New York City.

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."

- William Arthur Wood

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