

## Calendar

<b>Monday, Feb. 13</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Meeting	9:30	Cafeteria
	Green Team	3:55-5:00	Room 16
	Piano Lessons	4:00-7:00	Room 5
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 14</b>	Highlands Choir	8:30-9:15	Room 10/11
Happy Valentines Day	Spanish	3:55-4:55	Room 28
	Mad Science	3:55-4:55	Room 3
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 15</b>	No after school activities		
<b>Thursday, Feb. 16</b>	Chess Club	4:00-5:00	Room 4
	Chinese	3:55-4:55	Room 2
<b>Friday, Feb. 17</b>	Young Rembrandts	3:55-4:55	Room 28

## Field Trips

**Fri. Feb. 17 Baker/Hopkins**  
**9:30-3:30**

**Mill City/State Capitol**

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## LINKS

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

Impact Lives photos are now downloaded on our Highlands PTO home page:

<https://sites.google.com/site/highlandsptaonline/>

*Thank you to photographer/parent volunteer Pamela Diedrich.*

## [Senior Party Chipotle Coupon](#)

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### *Notes from the Principal*

**02/10/12**

Last fall, Highlands Site Council (HSC) changed its bylaws relating to membership elections. The HSC decided to move to a model more like the one the PTO uses to fill PTO positions. This will be the first year are using the new process for HSC elections. Under the new process, there will still be three notices run in the listserv letting people know about the open positions and there will still be a self-nomination form. There is also still a three week period for turning in the forms, which means that self-nomination forms are due by March 2.

Once the self-nomination forms are in the new procedures will take place. Candidates' self-nominations forms will be available for review in the office and on Highlands' web site. Candidates will attend the March 15 Highlands Site Council meeting and have an opportunity to make brief remarks. Election of the new members will take place at this meeting. This meeting, as are all HSC meetings, is open to all parents/guardians of Highlands students and all attending the March 15 meeting will be allowed to vote. Hopefully this will make it easier for parents to become part of the HSC.

The Highlands Site Council meets each month to work on important issues at Highlands. The HSC is made up of fourteen members, including staff and parents. There are two parent representatives from the Discovery Program and two from the Continuous Progress Program. There is also a position for a parent representative living outside the Highlands neighborhood area. The parent outside the Highlands neighborhood area can be from either program. Parent representative terms are for three years.

This year there is one position open on the HSC. The position is for a parent in the Continuous Progress Program. If you are interested in being on the HSC here is the link to the self-nomination form:

### [SELF-NOMINATION FORM](#)

*Peter Hodne*

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### ***What motivates you? Rewards? Penalties? A sense of purpose? Money?***

Author Daniel Pink discusses the surprising truths about what motivates people in his bestselling book [Drive](#). Highlands Site Council in collaboration with the Highlands staff invite you to join us for a lively discussion on this topic on **Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00pm in the Highlands Media Center**. Hear from Principal Peter Hodne and staff from CP and Discovery programs, as well as meet and exchange views with other Highlands parents. We encourage you to read the book, but please join us even if you only have time to watch a short video, read the book cover or just this invite...No tickets are required, the event is free, but please let us know if you are coming! **RSVP to: [www.drivediscussion.eventbrite.com](http://www.drivediscussion.eventbrite.com)**

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## **CIRCUS HIGHLANDS CARNIVAL WILL BE ON MARCH 16!**

**We can't do it without you.**

**Please Volunteer and Donate!**

Look for the carnival information letter in your child's backpack this week. Save this letter to refer back to as carnival gets closer. Check out the theme for your classroom's basket.

Sign up to volunteer and donate at [www.highlandsvolunteers.org](http://www.highlandsvolunteers.org). It's not too early!

Please direct questions to Melanie Allen at [allens4617@yahoo.com](mailto:allens4617@yahoo.com) or Kathy Snell at [kosnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kosnell@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your support of this important Highlands fundraiser.

**Calling all Highlands parents and young artists!**

*The carnival decorations committee needs your help transforming our school into the **Highlands Circus**. Please join us as we make & create decorations for this year's carnival.*

***This is a parent and child activity.** There will be no teachers present and no one monitoring the coming/going of the artists. We ask that there be one adult for every 2 children attending.*

**Dates:**

**Art Creation Sessions:**

**Thursday, February 23rd (room 19)**

**Tuesday, February 28th (room 5)**

**Wednesday, March 7th (room 5)**

**Time: 3:50-5:15**

**Questions:** contact Kat Drefs [karadrefs@hotmail.com](mailto:karadrefs@hotmail.com)

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**EDINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SEEKING TASK FORCE APPLICANTS:**

Edina Public Schools is seeking applicants for 2012 appointments to the District's various committees and task forces. Staff and community members of the committees and task forces serve in an advisory function by providing input, advice, direction and insight to District leadership. The advisory positions include membership on various Teaching & Learning, Finance, and Leadership committees, councils, teams and task forces. The appointments will be made by District administration and the School Board to ensure a balanced representation of community and staff. Most terms are for one year and begin with the start of the 2012-13 school year. Deadline to apply: February 21st.

Contact Julie Deitte for more information at 952-848-4000

Access District committees here:

<http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/news/images/pdfs/2012-13%20District%20Committees,%20Councils,%20Teams.pdf>

Access Application here:

<http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/news/images/pdfs/2012%20District%20Appointments%20-%20Application.pdf>

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We are seeking input regarding the grading and reporting processes and tools in the Edina Schools as we work to better standardize our practices. The link provided is to a survey we invite parents to respond to. It will be open through February 17. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CLLH6VQ>

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Does your calendar look like a complicated puzzle? Are your children filled to the brim with homework and activities? Do you sometimes wonder whether it's worth it, or even good for them? Are you and your children just stressed out? These are some of the questions posed by the ground-breaking documentary, "*Race to Nowhere*". A concerned mother turned filmmaker aims her camera at the high-stakes, high-pressure culture that has invaded our schools and our children's lives. This remarkable new film shines a light on the price young people pay for this "race to nowhere".

Edina PCN will host a viewing of the film on **Monday, February 27 from 7-9 pm at South View Auditorium.**

Please see: [http://www.edinapcn.com/forum\\_race\\_film.php](http://www.edinapcn.com/forum_race_film.php). Whether you agree or disagree with the film's message, it should raise some interesting questions and provide a great opportunity for discussion in our community. Admission is free.

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## **Valley View Sixth Grade Parent Registration Information Evening**

**Monday, March 5, 2012**

**7:00-9:00 PM**

**Valley View Auditorium**

**Attention 5th Grade Parents:** Valley View Middle School warmly welcomes parents to Sixth Grade Parent Registration Information Evening! This evening is specifically for parents of students who will be in 6th grade at Valley View in 2012-2013. Students will be receiving information from their 5th grade teachers soon! Fifth grade students will also be visiting Valley View Middle School this spring for tours, fun and more information.

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## South View Middle School Events & Upcoming Dates for Parents of Current 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

### February 13-16 window

Elementary School Visits by SVMS Counselor, Carmine LeVoir, and Student Ambassador Representatives

### February 21st 7:30 PM

Parent Information Night/Meeting at SVMS (this is for parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> graders) – Dragseth Theater (Door 6 or 7 on west side)

### February 28<sup>th</sup>

Online/SchoolView Course Registration Entries Due (for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Visits SVMS - (9:45-11:45 AM) – buses picking up Cornelia/Highlands students at 9:30 AM and Concord students will be walking to/from SVMS.

Late April/Early May – Districts sends math placement letters. Info will be given regarding additional (optional) math placement testing dates

August – Get Connected Day/Meet Your Teacher/WEB Day and other transition events (actual dates: TBD)

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## **Edina High School**

**SENIOR CLASS PARTY**

**JUNE 11, 2012**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, February 6, 2012**

Every year since 1958, the parents of Edina seniors have hosted an all-night party for their graduates. The senior party is planned, organized and run entirely by the parents of each graduating class. Every year, the theme changes and the seniors eagerly anticipate how their high school will be transformed into a colorful and magical place filled with fun, food, games, entertainment and activities that last the whole night long. The party has become a tradition – for the graduates, their parents ... and the entire community! The seniors are safe and have a wonderful time on their last night together as a graduating class. It has become so successful over the years that many other schools have adopted our model.

We are excited to promote our partnership with the **Edina Community Foundation** (ECF). The ECF is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The partnership allows individuals and business to make *tax-deductible* contributions to the Edina Senior Party.

**PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT THE ALL NIGHT SENIOR PARTY WITH A  
TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF CASH, GOODS OR SERVICES!**

**DONATE CASH TO HELP US BUY PRIZES – THIS IS THE VERY BEST FORM OF CONTRIBUTION!**

**ONLINE:** Go to <http://www.edinaseniorparty.org>. Click on the DONATE tab on the top right, Click on 2012 DONATE to register, Click on Sign up to create a new NGIN account, Login-Sign up or Continue as guest.

Enter your name, phone #, e-mail address, •monetary donation, •to be used for prizes. Enter \$ amount donated.

Continue to Shopping Cart, Checkout and pay with PayPal or credit card. Complete Order. Print a receipt of your tax deductible donation.

**MAIL A CHECK:** Make check out to *Edina Community Foundation* Send check to: Cate Faulkner Prize Chair 7104 Tralee Drive Edina, MN 55439 (952) 942-7188 In Memo: write PRIZES

**DONATE A PRIZE/GIFT CARDS OR AN EVENT**

**GIFT CARDS** Seniors LOVE gift cards from local restaurants and businesses. Costco has discounts on gift cards. Gift Cards from iTunes, Best Buy, Starbucks, Caribou, Noodles, Chipotle and gas stations have all been big hits! **DONATE AN EXPERIENCE OR AN EVENT - Making Memories 2012** - We are looking for prizes that the students can experience in groups of 4 - 12 from June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. It might be a night at a concert or sporting event. Do you have access to a box or seats to an event?

**TARGET.COM** Go to [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), click on Target Lists, Advance Search and type in the Search by Organization box: Edina High School Class of 2012. This list consists of some of the most popular electronics and appliances: iPods, LCD HDTV's, DVD players, cameras, clock radios, small refrigerators, microwaves, Coleman grills, etc. There is also an option to purchase Target gift cards in \$20 and \$50 increments. **Send all prize donations to: Cate Faulkner, 7104 Tralee Drive, Edina, MN 55439 Phone: 952-942-7188 or 612-940-4143**

**PARTY SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE:**

If you have a business or know of a business that would be interested in supporting this community event in addition to the exposure by thousands of people in Edina and surrounding communities please contact our sponsorship chairs: Guy Wikman [guywik@yahoo.com](mailto:guywik@yahoo.com)  
Nancy Barnard [mbarnard1@comcast.net](mailto:mbarnard1@comcast.net)  
Email: [edinaseniorparty2012@gmail.com](mailto:edinaseniorparty2012@gmail.com)

On behalf of the Edina High School Senior Class of 2012, we sincerely thank you for your support! For more information regarding events, fundraisers, committees and everything you need to know about the senior party go to our website at: <http://www.edinaseniorparty.org> or email: [edinaseniorparty2012@gmail.com](mailto:edinaseniorparty2012@gmail.com)

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## Trivia Corner

George Custer, a West Point graduate, was the youngest U.S. Army officer ever to become a general. He made his rank at age 23, 14 years before the battle of Little Big Horn.

Because it is continually losing body heat, the shrew must keep moving to stay warm. If inactive for more than a few hours, the animal will lose enough body heat to freeze to death.

The highest known score for a single word in competition Scrabble is 392. In 1982, Dr. Saladin Khoshnaw achieved this score for the word "caziques," which means an Indian chief.

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**On this Day 1895 - The first ever college basketball game was played as the Minnesota State School of Agriculture beat the Porkers of Hamline College, 9-3.**

**"Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish. High expectations are the key to everything."**

***- Sam Walton***