

Calendar

Monday, Feb. 6	No after school activities		
Tuesday, Feb. 7	Highlands Choir	8:30-9:15	Room 10/11
	Spanish	3:55-4:55	Room 28
	Mad Science	3:55-4:55	Room 3
Wednesday, Feb. 8	Math Olympiads- 4 th	8:30-9:10	Media Center
Thursday, Feb. 9	Chess Club	4:00-5:00	Room 4
	Chinese	3:55-4:55	Room 2
	Site Council	4:00-5:00	Media Center
Friday, Feb. 10	Young Rembrandts	3:55-4:55	Room 28

Field Trips

Tues. Feb. 7	Frier/Haerter/Johnson	Mill City Museum	9:30- 2:15
Wed. Feb 8	Anderson/Hopkins	Wolf Ridge	lv 7:00
Thur. Feb. 9	Seaman/Wallace	Mill City/State Capitol	9:30- 3:30
Fri. Feb. 10	Anderson/Hopkins	Wolf Ridge	Rtn 4:30

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.

On February 23 the Highlands Site Council will hold a discussion on the concepts described in Daniel Pink's book: [Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us](#). The book offers a great deal of insight about motivation. It is also a description of the view of motivation we have at Highlands.

In the book Daniel Pink talks about the old carrot and stick method of motivation which is based on extrinsic motivation including punishments and rewards. Pink describes a new motivation model based on scientific research. The new model of motivation is based on intrinsic motivation and has 3 parts.

The first is *Autonomy* which is the desire to direct our own lives. Autonomy has a direct relationship to the Restitution Self Discipline model we use at Highlands. Restitution helps students be self directed and to be responsible for the choices they make. The new model of motivation helps us understand that we do our best work when we are self directed and have some autonomy.

The second part of the model is *Mastery* which is the urge to get better and better at something that matters. Restitution helps people learn that they can make choices and that they are responsible for those choices. We are also responsible for our own learning and mastery. Mastery has to do with internal motivation, taking control of your learning and finding your spark.

The third is *Purpose* which is the yearning to do what we do in the service of something larger than ourselves. This is similar to the Restitution idea of *being the person I want to be*. Finding meaning in what we do and thinking about the person we want to be helps make purpose clear.

Autonomy, mastery and purpose are powerful forces that help us develop an internal drive. Helping our children become internally motivated will benefit our children throughout their lives. I hope you will be able to be part of the discussion on February 23.

Peter Hodne

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

2012 “Foot in the Fair” Program

Edina Art Fair and Edina Public Schools

The Edina Art Fair sees the value in partnering with the community and really appreciates youth and the arts. And for the second year, we are seeking to display original works of Edina Public School students between 1st and 12th grade for an exclusive art exhibit called *Foot in the Fair*. **If you are interested, please take a photo of the original work and submit jpeg image to footinthefair@hotmail.com and include the following; students’ name, grade, school and art teacher.** The maximum size for work displayed at the fair can be no larger than 12”x 18”. Two dimensional and three dimensional pieces can be entered. All entries are due by April 15, 2012. Any entries submitted after this deadline will not be considered. All entries will be juried by the Edina Art Fair committee and only a limited amount will be selected for the fair. All work must be made between the 2011-2012 school year and done within Edina Public Schools. You will be notified by email to the email address that submitted the photo if art was selected by the end of April and further instructions and details will be given at that time. All art chosen for the fair will be juried by the Edina Art Fair committee; work will be divided by elementary schools and junior and high schools, ribbons will be given to each of these categories. Only one photo entry per student.

For more information on the Edina Art Fair, please visit our website at www.edinaartfair.com or email Julie Boehm at footinthefair@hotmail.com.

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, "*A 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. 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.

[South View Middle School Events & Upcoming Dates for Parents of Current 5th 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 5th graders) – Dragseth Theater (Door 6 or 7 on west side)

February 28th

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

Friday, April 27th 5th 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)

**It's So Easy—
Parents as
Sexuality Educators**

Why do we have a difficult time talking with our children about sexuality? What do our children really need to know and when do they need to know? Why is it so important in our culture for parents to be a sexuality resource for children? This workshop is for parents of children ages 5-12 . Join us to consider these questions, review resources and walk away with pertinent handouts.

**Taught by Kris Shelley M.Ed
Licensed Parent Educator**

February 23, 2012
\$10.00 Per Person
Room 351
6:30 to 8:30 pm

**Register on-line at :
www.edinacommunityed.org/familycenter
or call 952-848-3949**

Come consider the innovations and possibilities made possible by the Edina Education Fund. The **5th Annual Show and Tell Luncheon** will share the latest Innovation Grants impacting the students in our district. Event: Monday, February 6, 2012 11:30 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. To register contact: edinaedfund.com or call **952-848-4224**.

Trivia Corner

There are more than 15,000 different varieties of rice.

Frogs never drink. They absorb water from their surroundings by osmosis.

According to a recent study, there are more than 100 art galleries in Scottsdale, Arizona, which, surprisingly, exceeds the number in either Los Angeles or San Francisco.

On this Day 1913 - The 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, giving the government the power to impose and collect taxes on income.

***"Some men see things as they are and say why? I dream things that never were and say 'Why not?'"
- Robert Kennedy***