

Calendar

Monday, Jan. 30	No School		
Tuesday, Jan. 31	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. 1	Math Olympiads- Practice	8:30-9:10	Media Center
Thursday, Feb. 2	Chess Club	4:00-5:00	Room 4
	Chinese	3:55-4:55	Room 2
Friday, Feb. 3	Young Rembrandts	3:55-4:55	Room 28

Field Trips - No Field Trips

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.

Notes from the Principal

01/27/11

This year the Highlands Site Council (HSC) is sponsoring a discussion. The discussion will be about Daniel Pink's ideas about intrinsic motivation. You can learn about his ideas in a variety of ways. Here are three options:

1. You can read his book **Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us**.
2. There are a couple of shorter video versions of the concepts presented in the book. One is a TED talk by Daniel Pink:

http://www.ted.com/talks/dan_pink_on_motivation.html

3. There is also an RSA Animate version:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6XAPnuFjJc>

Reading the book or watching either of the videos will allow you to join in the discussion.

Daniel Pink's ideas have a direct connection to the Highlands Way and will provide for a great discussion.

Our discussion will begin at 7:00 in the Highlands Media Center.

We hope you will be able to join us to discuss Drive by Daniel Pink.

Peter Hodne

CARNIVAL CO-CHAIRS – WE NEED YOU!! We're putting together the team for this year's carnival and need to get a few positions filled. This event is a lot of fun to plan – come and give it a try! We are looking for Co-Chairs for the following committees: **Dinner, Prizes, Signage, Decorations**, and finally, **Co-Chair Elect** (this incoming co-chair will learn/work with the two current co-chairs in coordinating the carnival, then take a more active role next year with a veteran co-chair and a new incoming co-chair). Sign up online <http://highlandsvolunteers.org/event/available> or call Kathy Snell 952-929-2703 with questions. Thanks!

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.

4TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS
Save the Date:
FRIDAY, MAY 4TH
FOURTH GRADE FEVER
after-school event for all 4th graders
Please contact Karen Heine (kheine@straticom.us) if you would like to help

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 13-16th

5th Grade Classroom Visits by Carmine LeVoir, SVMS Counselor and Student Ambassador Representatives (parents/Students to receive info about the online course registration for 6th grade)

February 21st @ 7:00 PM

Parent Information Night at SVMS (this is for parents of current 5th graders) – Dragseth Theater

February 28th

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

Late April/Early May (Date TBD)

5th Grade Students from Concord, Cornelia and Highlands Visit SVMS – Special Tour and Assembly 9:45-11:45 AM @ SVMS

May-July (Specific Dates & Registration Directions TBD)

Optional (additional) Math Placement Testing – after initial math placement letters are mailed to parents/guardians of current 5th grade students in late April (more to come this spring!)

August 2012

WEB DAY (Where Everyone Belongs) Retreat for incoming 6th graders @ SVMS
Orientation/Getting Connected & Teacher Meet & Greet Events (more info to come!)

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

In 1874, the first animal purchased for the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago was a bear cub, bought for \$10.

The Sequoias and Redwoods of the American West Coast are not the oldest living trees in the world. The honor belongs to the Macrozamia trees of Australia, which live 5,000 to 7,000 years and, some claim, may even reach 15,000 years

The fastest temperature change on record is a rise of 49 degrees F in two minutes, from -4 degrees to 45 degrees F. This occurred in Spearfish, South Dakota, January 1943, between 7:30 and 7:32 am.

On this Day 1939 - Producer David O. Selznick began filming *Gone With the Wind*. Numerous problems with the script, several directors, and a soaring budget plagued the project. After he turned down the role of Rhett Butler, Gary Cooper remarked, "*Gone With the Wind* is going to be the biggest flop in the history of Hollywood. I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling flat on his face and not Gary Cooper".

"If you can dream it, you can do it."
- Walt Disney (1901-1966)