

Calendar

Green Team will now be on the 2nd Monday of the Month instead of Tuesdays

Monday, Jan. 9	Piano Lessons	4:00-7:00	Room 5
	Green Team	3:55-5:00	Room 16
Tuesday, Jan. 10	5 th Grade Group & Patrol Picture	3:15	Gym
	PTO Meeting	7:00-9:00	Media Center
Wednesday, Jan. 11	Math Olympiad- 3rd	8:30-9:10	Media Center
Thursday, Jan. 12	Chess Club	4:00-5:00	Room 4
	Chinese	3:55-4:55	Room 3
	Site Council	4:00-6:00	Media Center
	Band Concert	3:00 & 6:00	Gym
Friday, Jan. 13	No after school activities		

Field Trips -

Tues. Jan. 10

Baier/Racek

Old Cahill School

9:30-2:15

LINKS

Please note link for PTO January newsletter:

<https://sites.google.com/site/highlandsptaonline/ptonewsvol3of5.pdf?attredirects=0>

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

Notes from the Principal

01/06/11

The positive and healthy development of our children must remain a top priority of the Highlands Community. Dr. Peter Benson, President of the Search Institute, has identified ways that we can help our children to develop in positive and healthy manner. He has identified 40 assets that we can help children build. Earlier in the year we looked at external assets and this week we will look at the internal assets.

1. Commitment to Learning

- Achievement motivation - The young person is motivated to do well in school.
- School performance - The young person does well in school.
- Homework - The young person does school work or similar educational activities at home.
- Bonding to School - The young person cares about his or her school.
- Reading for pleasure - The young person reads for pleasure each week.

Positive Values

- Caring - The young person places a high value on helping other people.
- Equality and social justice - The young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.
- Integrity - The young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.
- Honesty - The young person tells the truth even when it is not easy.
- Responsibility - The young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.
- Restraint - The young person believes it is important to practice restraint.

Social Competence

- Planning and decision making - The young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices.
- Interpersonal competence - The young person has empathy, sensitivity and friendship skills.
- Cultural competence - The young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.

- Resistance skills - The young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.
- Peaceful conflict resolution - The young person seeks to resolve conflict non-violently.

Positive Identity

- Personal power - The young person feels he or she has control over “things that happen to me.”
- Self-esteem - Young person reports having high self esteem.
- Sense and purpose - The young person reports that “my life has a purpose.”
- Positive personal view of the future - The young person is optimistic about his or her personal future.

The more assets a child has, the more likely it is that they will develop in a positive and healthy manner. Continuing to build these assets in our children will benefit our children and our community.

Peter Hodne

Reminder for next Tuesday evening:

Please join us for a look at technology in our classrooms at Highlands, as well as a look at technology throughout all district grade levels.

Lisa Dooley, Highlands Media Specialist will update us on purchases and use of technology at Highlands. High School Media Specialist Sara Swenson will present, as well as two EHS students and Director of Media & Technology Services, Steve Buettner. Please take this opportunity to educate yourself on what shape technology is taking in our 21st century classrooms at Edina Public Schools.

Again, PTO General Meeting next Tuesday, January 10th, in the Media Center at Highlands from 7-8:30 p.m. Thank you in advance for your attendance!

5th Graders – Class Photo on Tuesday, 1/10

On next Tuesday afternoon, January 10, Lifetouch will be taking a large group photo of all of the 5th graders for the yearbook. At the same time, we will be taking a group photo of the 5th graders in Safety Patrol. (There will be no retake day).

The Edina PCN January speaker will address the topic:
The Parent - Teacher Partnership

Ada Alden, Ed.D.
Monday, January 9th, 2012
Countryside Elementary Gym
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Teachers provide important snapshots of education into the picture album of a child's education. The collaborative effort of educating child needs to be based on trust and patience.

Join PCN on Monday, January 9th, to hear a well-known local parenting expert discuss the important relationship between parents and teachers.

How teachers include parents substantively directly relates to a student's academic success.

Ada Alden Ed.D., is a Certified Family Life Educator based out of End Prairie, MN. Ada is also an adjunct professor in Family Studies at the University of MN and St. Cloud University.

Reserve your seat at the **5th Annual Edina Education Fund Show and Tell Luncheon**. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about the ways the Ed Fund is impacting our students today and into the future. 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

Scientists say that pigs, unlike all other domestic animals, arrive at solutions by thinking them through. Pigs can be — and have been — taught to accomplish almost any feat a dog can master, and usually in a shorter period of time.

The first stop signs were black-and-white

Americans spend more than \$630 million a year on golf balls.

On this Day 1942 - Pan American Airlines gave the first, commercial, around-the-world airline flight.

***"Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong."
- Peter T. McIntyre***

