

Please note that the Edina Public Schools does not send home informational flyers from local community groups or extracurricular activity vendors.

District departments and schools do not distribute flyers to students produced by or on behalf of non-school, non-school district organizations. Students at Highlands will not bring home from school a variety of flyers and informational pamphlets about non-school–site programs and events. Our families may receive information about activities at school, school district programs and events and other school-related news. Edina Schools will assist in posting non-school options on a social networking space linked to our [Facebook page](#) Families interested in the wide variety of options available to them should subscribe (RSS) or check the site for such information. Please be sure that you notify the principal’s office if you have no electronic access available to you and wish to know about such opportunities.

For anyone wishing to send/distribute info to students:
<http://www.edina.k12.mn.us/district/flyer-policy.html>

Calendar

Monday, Sept. 12	No Activities		
Tuesday, Sept. 13	Running Club	8:30-9:10	Field
	PTO Executive Meeting	2:15-4:00	Conference Room
	PTO Meeting	7:00-9:00 PM	Media Center
	Baker/Johansen Potluck	6:15-8:00	Cafeteria/Gym
Wednesday, Sept. 14	No Activities		
Thursday, Sept. 15	Running Club	8:30-9:10	Field
	Site Council Meeting	4:00	Media Center
	Anderson/Hopkins Potluck	6:30-8:30	Cafeteria
Friday, Sept. 16	No Activities		

Field Trips

Fri. Sept. 16 Frier/Haerter/Johnson Richardson Nature
 Ctr 12:30-3:20

LINKS

Notes from the Principal

9/9/11

I am looking forward to an exciting year at Highlands. We have many new families and this year we have 549 students. We also have a number of new staff at Highlands this year. Our new staff include:

Nichole Peterson will be teaching AM kindergarten. She will join Holly Grimm who will teach the PM section. Holly had been teaching CP 1-3.

Judy Scanlon will be teaching 1st grade in the Discovery Program.

Dan Baier will be teaching 2nd grade in the Discovery Program

Zach Prowell has moved from 5th grade to 3rd grade.

Katie Mahoney will be teaching 5th grade. She has been teaching kindergarten at Highlands.

Kendal Masica will be teaching grades 1-3 in the Continuous Progress Program.

Penny Davidson is our new Health Associate.

Our new staff members bring a variety of previous teaching experiences with them. We are excited about the contributions these teachers will make to Highlands.

The Highlands community has a tradition of working together to benefit all of our children. I hope that you will take an active role in the Highlands community. Working together and communicating openly will help us form solid relationships. The relationships we form will determine the strength of our community, and it is our strength as a community that will allow us to make a difference for all of our children.

Peter Hodne

**“Ask a Highland Parent”
Tuesday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m.**

In the Highlands Media Center/Library

All are welcome, but we especially encourage newer families to attend. We hope this can be a great way to learn about the ins and outs of Highlands. A panel of Highlands parents who have had at least one child progress to 5th grade will be available for your questions.

Discussion is open for many types of questions.

Examples might be:

What are all these events and fundraisers about?

How do I set up a lunchroom account for my child?

What does the PTO do and when do they meet?

What are all these camps that the classes attend? What if I can't afford them?

Who do I call if I have a sick child, and when?

Both general and specific questions will be answered. We hope you can attend, all are welcome. There will be a PTO facilitator to help direct questions.

REMINDER: GET YOUR PTO FORMS IN!

The PTO is proud to announce what was formerly known as First Day Packets is now electronic! Almost all forms can be found on the Highlands' PTO website (www.edinahighlandspto.com).

PARENT ACTIONS:

- <! 1) Go to the above link, print the Dues form, fill it out, and bring or send to school – **Deadline: Friday, September 9.**
- <! 2) If you have any changes, be sure and return your Directory Permission Form to the school – **Deadline: Friday, September 9.**
- <! 3) Visit the volunteer website, <http://highlandsvolunteers.org/event/available> to sign up for classroom, general and many other positions updated throughout the year. Thank you for volunteering!

Please help Highlands transition to a nearly paperless start-up! Thank you!

Highlands GG Three Get Ready to Rock The Club! Friday, November 4th - 7pm

For details, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/highlandsgreatgathering/home>

GIFT WRAP and COOKIE DOUGH - This fall we're combining everything into one, with Innisbrook, our new fundraising partner. Deadline for return of order forms is Tuesday, September 20. Innisbrook offers high quality items: GREEN gift wrap, cookie dough, gifts,

chocolates, and more. Highlands will receive 48-53% of purchases, and the top-selling classroom will receive a pizza party!

We are continuing to do Organics Separating at Highlands this year. This program has diverted many tons of garbage from the landfill and has saved the district money. Please take the time to sort at lunch and help the environment! There will be parent volunteers available in the lunchroom the first few weeks of school to help remind students (and visiting parents) what goes where.

If your child brings lunch from home, please help our effort by packing a Low Waste Lunch when possible. What does a Low Waste Lunch mean? It means to make a lunch that generates very little to no trash. Everything can be eaten, reused or recycled. Here are some tips for creating a Low Waste Lunch:

- Use a reusable insulated bag or lunch box to hold your child's lunch every day. A reusable ice pack can be used to keep perishable food items cold.
- Send food in reusable containers that can be washed and used over and over instead of disposable plastic sandwich bags.
- Use metal silverware or wash plastic utensils and reuse them instead of plastic utensils that are used once and thrown away.
- Use cloth napkins that can be washed and reused instead of paper napkins.
- Buy in bulk and pack individual servings in reusable containers.

FIFTH GRADE PARENTS: Baby Pictures for Yearbook

As part of 5th Grade Recognition, a fun tradition at Highlands is to publish baby pictures of 5th graders in the Highlands Yearbook. The pictures are also used during the year-end 5th Grade events. By **October 7**, please submit a baby picture of your 5th grader.

- Printed Photograph: write your child's name on the back and leave the photograph at the office or with your child's teacher
- Digital Photograph: email the photograph to highlandseyearbook@gmail.com with your child's name as the subject line

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Rhodes, Yearbook Co-Coordinator (jkerhodes@msn.com; 952-922-5073).

**Wednesday, October 5,
Edina City Hall, Council Chambers**

**[Edina School District #273 Levy Referendums](#)
6:30pm**

Superintendent of Edina Public Schools
Ric Dressen, Ed.D

[Edina School Board Candidate Forum](#)

7:15 pm

Candidates: Jason Berger, Cathy Cella (incumbent), Sarah Patzloff, Leny K. Wallen-Friedman

Find more information at lwvedina.org
or LWVE on [facebook](#).

Trivia Corner

The average adult male ostrich, the world's largest living bird, weighs up to 345 pounds.

When a school of baby catfish are threatened, their father opens his huge mouth and the youngsters swim inside to hide. When danger has passed, he reopens his mouth and lets the fry out.

The first automobile to cross the United States took 52 days in 1903 to travel from San Francisco to New York.

On this Day in

1836 - Abraham Lincoln received a license to practice law.

"Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure."

- George E. Woodberry