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HIGHLAND PTO NEWSLETTER

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES

Discover what's coming up at Highland. Head on over to our website to see our full list of events and volunteer opportunities. While you're at it, be sure to check out our calendar and other school-related info!

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June 7, 2019

01 | 2018-2019 Year in Review

Thank you to all of you who donated your time, money, and talents! You are what makes Highland the community it is, and we couldn't do it without you! This year the PTO had...

- 327 volunteers in over 750 Volunteer Opportunities
- 40 Events
- \$513.60 Earned from Box Tops
- \$446.95 Earned from Fred Meyer Rewards
- \$10,312 Donated for School Supplies
- Total Giving Campaign Donation Amount: \$55,663

Giving Campaign Fund Highlights:

Thanks to Highland community's generous support we have provided:

- Over \$10,000 in school supplies for classrooms
- \$30,000 in support for Storyline development, training, and materials
- Nearly \$3000 to help incorporate mindfulness and movement into our classrooms
- Over \$6000 in support of educational program support beyond storyline such as library, reading, speech, Music, PE, Art, Science and technology
- A \$2350 grant for the Brain Pop learning program
- \$2000 in support for Field trips
- Additional funding support for In school Clubs and Activities, Unplugged week, Educational Speakers, Student Store, Field Day, 5th Grade Graduation, Boot Camp, Teacher Appreciation week, and more.

02 | Upcoming Events

Check out upcoming events and activities at Highland!

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Field Day

Thursday, June 13th

This is a super fun annual all school event! There are two sessions: session one is 9:30-11:20, and session two is 1:30-3:20.

Session 1: Hildebrand, Gross, Eriksson, Cross, M. Greene, Reisinger, Martinson, and Vickery

Session 2: Striegel, Chambers, Fetrow, Woock, Therrian, Howard, and C. Green.

This is also a great volunteer opportunity!

03 | Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help to make these events happen for our kids. Please consider donating your time or talents to our kids!

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Field Day

Thursday, June 13th, is field day! This is a super fun volunteering opportunity. There are two sessions: session one is 9:00-11:20, and session two is 1:00-3:20. If you can't participate during the two field day sessions, there are volunteer options before and after as well as helping with supplies.

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iPad Roll in



Tuesday, June 11th, we are looking for a couple volunteers to help Debbie Rychard check in the iPads for the summer. Thank you for your help closing out another great year!

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Variety Show

The end of the school year is fast approaching. This means that the amazing Highland Variety Show will take place soon! Mrs. Greene needs volunteers as she cannot do it alone. Please consider donating some of your time for this great Highland event.

Important Dates:



- Friday, 5/3 - Sign ups after school
- Monday, 5/13 - Audition times/slips delivered to classroom teachers for distribution
- Monday, 5/20 - Friday 5/24 - Auditions before and after school
- Friday 5/31 - Permission slips delivered to classroom teachers for distribution
- Wednesday 6/5 - Permission slips due to Ms. Greene
- Friday, 6/7 - Music due to Ms. Greene
- Sunday, 6/9 - Mandatory dress rehearsal at Highland (2-4pm)
- Monday, 6/10 - Variety Show at Highland (5:30-7ish) - performers to arrive 5-5:15

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04 | Announcements

Stay informed with Highland community news.



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Mileage Club

It was another amazing year of mileage club! For the first time ever we had a student complete a quadruple marathon!

Top 5 girls

1. Asia Young
2. Addison Lynch
3. Eva Dicharry
4. Olivia Lynch
5. Vida Halpern

Top 5 boys

1. Ian Spencer – 4 Marathons, first time ever!
2. Nolan Lynch
3. Caleb Cromwell
4. Caden Wenger
5. Jett Staley

Class party winners:

- K-1: Mrs. Chambers
 2-3: Mrs. Reisinger
 4-5: Mrs. Vickery



Meet your 2019-2020 PTO Board

Get to know your new 2019-2020 PTO Board Members!

Lauren Grigsby- Enrichment Coordinator

Lauren Grigsby will be our new Enrichment Coordinator. Mom to Connor (2nd grade, Ms. Cross) and Dagne (1st grade, Mrs. Fetrow), she is excited to assist our school in

this capacity. When a school is a hub for community enrichment programs outside of the normal classroom experience it is a thriving place! These programs don't run themselves, they are reliant on teacher, parent, and community volunteer time and resources and comes with so many considerations. Enrichment and clubs can be school sponsored or school supported. What does Highland have? What can they do? And what are the legal and financial parameters? These are all big questions to put on an all-volunteer force. Whether we are collecting Box Tops, raising money for our Sparrow or assisting with Running Club, the ultimate goal is to support growth and connection among all Highland students.

Stephanie Wilhite- Giving Campaign Coordinator

Stephanie Wilhite is mom to Fischer, in Mrs. Eriksson's first grade class, and Reid, who is still in preschool. She has worked for over 12 years a speech pathologist in private practice and the Bend La Pine School District and is transitioning to work from home with her husband's custom home-building company, Copperline Homes, this fall. She is looking forward to being a part of the PTO Board to help Highland continue to be the awesome school that it is!

Jess Ardeljan- Volunteer Coordinator

Jess is mom to Roman (entering 5th grade) and Bennett (entering 4th grade). She is a real estate broker and designer for Dream Home Building and Design. We welcome Jess to the Volunteer Coordinator team!

Denise Hewes- Secretary

Hi I'm Denise Hewes. My son, Xavier, is in Mrs. Erickson's 1st grade class and my daughter, Sierra, is in Mrs. Hildebrand's Kindergarten class. Over the past 1.5 years at Highland, I've had the opportunity to get to know some of the Highland families and staff through various activities, including being a Highland Robotics coach, helping organize the Highland school Field Day in June, attending Site Council meetings, attending PTO meetings, serving as Co-Room Parent for Mrs. Hildebrand, and volunteering in my children's classrooms. I would like to do what I can to help our children get an excellent education at Highland and help continue to build our Highland community. I believe serving as Secretary of the PTO will be one way I can accomplish these goals. I work part-time as a market research consultant and love to ride my bicycle and xc ski for fun.



Carina McCarthy- Storyline Liaison

I am presently a stay at home mom who is returning to the board at my son's request (I think it's important to do so while he still cares about my involvement in his school!). I have two kids and two dogs, and as a result always feel like we're moving in a thousand directions. I love the Highland

community and look forward to the next few years.

Kat Sienkiewicz- Communications Coordinator

Kat Sienkiewicz and her husband Pete moved to the family friendly community of Bend in the summer of 2019, just in time for their daughter to start kindergarten at Highland this past fall. Having grown up in the Seattle area and earning her BA in Business Administration from Washington State University, Kat is thrilled to be back in the Northwest. She worked for many years in hospitality and tourism marketing; primarily within the ski industry and as the owner of a successful mobile ski rental service in Lake Tahoe. These days when she's not shuttling her daughter to and from school and other activities you'll find her skiing, hiking, riding her bike or on her paddleboard.

Rebecca Alstott- Events Coordinator

I was born and grew up on the island of Trinidad and Tobago. When I was 19 I moved to Miami to go to University where I graduated with a Bachelors in Finance and a Masters in Hospitality Management. I worked in Hotel Management for about 12 years and during that time I met my husband in Miami, who is originally from Oregon. We got married in 2010 and have two boys, Jaden and Jace. In 2013 we moved to Bend and it was the best decision for our family, in part because I was fortunate enough to be able to stay home with the kids. The boys absolutely love it here! As a family we love the beach, boating, sports, hiking and basically just being outdoors as much as possible. I am very honored to be a part of the Highland PTO Board and I am looking forward to working with such an amazing group of people.



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PTO Scholarships

Families in need can request scholarships for any school or PTO events and items, such as school supplies, boot camp, movie night, Highland apparel, etc. Please use this confidential [form](#) to request funds.

Community Input

Do you have something you would like to share at our monthly PTO meetings? Please use the contact us [form](#),



and we will add you to the agenda!

05 | Calendar

All upcoming PTO, School, and Community Events

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Friday, June 7th

Assembly, 9:15am, Gym

Monday, June 10th

Variety Show, 5:30-7:30pm, Highland Gym

Tuesday, June 11th

iPad Roll In

Wednesday, June 12th

5th Grade Graduation, 9am, Gym

Wednesday, June 12th

3:30 School Release

Thursday, June 13th

Field Day

Friday, June 14th

Last Day of School, 2pm release

06 | Giving Campaign Donors

Thank you to businesses who have donated to the Giving Campaign! Please support businesses that support our kids!

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