



January 24, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHLAND OAKS

Thurs 1/25	Collaboration Day (11:40 dismissal)
Tues 2/7	Hawk Walk (see pg 3)
Thurs 2/8	Collaboration Day (11:40 dismissal)
Wed-Fri 2/14-16	Minimum Day-Student/Parent Conferences
Mon 2/19	Presidents Day (No School)
Tues-Fri 2/20-23	Can You Help Food Drive

The Highland Oaks Master Calendar is available at <https://ho.ausd.net>, click on "Parents", then "PTSA"

Check out the re-designed Highland Oaks Website  
<https://ho.ausd.net>

## From the HOPTSA President

Dear Highland Oaks families,  
Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone!  
I hope that you all had an enjoyable break with time spent with loved ones. I was especially happy to have all 6 of my kids home together for Christmas for the first time in 4 years. We relished the time together, had a lot of fun, and didn't sleep much=)

At this time, I really appreciate taking some time to reflect on the past year and make goals for the New Year. Our family gathers and discusses things we'd like to improve on and evaluates how we did the year before. Often we have accomplished some of our goals, but not all. Instead of feeling discouraged, we like to think that we have improved in some things and that is better than not having tried at all. Being a better person takes gradual progress, but it's important that we are reaching towards our goals and working at them little by little. I hope this year brings you all joy and peace and that we all make a little progress towards the people we want to become.

Speaking of goals, our annual Hawk Walk is coming up on Feb. 7th. We would like to encourage you all to reach out to friends and family to help us reach our fundraising goals this year. The money is such a benefit to our school and the students' experience here. Good luck getting pledges and Go Hawks!!

Sincerely,  
Angie Jensen  
HOPTSA President

## SUPERHEROES

### HOPTSA would like to thank volunteers:

**Karen Hsueh and Maria Vazquez** for their dedication and enthusiasm with community building, fundraising, music program support, and classroom help.

## Coffee Talk with 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Wayne



Mrs. Wayne together with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Mr. Harrison helped organize the recent Holiday Music Performance that spotlighted the signing, dancing and comedic talents of HO students. Her interest in music started back when she was an elementary student.

### **When you were a kid, what did you want to grow up to be?**

When I was a kid, I wanted to be an actress on Broadway. I loved to sing and act and dreamed of being on the stage.

### **How did you decide to be a teacher?**

Growing up, I had a lot of fabulous teachers who encouraged, inspired, and believed in me. I became a teacher because I wanted to be that person for my future students.

### **Tell us about where you grew up and/or about your family?**

I was born in Alaska, but I grew up in Hillsboro, Oregon. I have a family of five and I am the youngest of three girls. I have a big extended family and absolutely love spending time with them.

### **Tell us a favorite memory as a 5th grade kid and/or what you would tell your 5th grade self.**

5th grade was a fun year! I had the best teacher, was obsessed with four square, memorizing the 50 states, and the book Tuck Everlasting. During the summer I traveled to Europe for the first time, and that was when my love for traveling began.

### **If you could be a 5th grader now, what school activities would you enjoy most**

If I was a 5th grader at HO I would definitely be involved in show choir! As a kid, I loved to sing and always wished our school had a choir.

### **What would be a dream field trip to take your class?**

If I could take my students on a dream field trip, I would take my class to the east coast and tour colonial Williamsburg and other Revolutionary/ Colonial sites.



## Reflection Winners at the Arcadia District Level



Shelby Young 2nd place Visual Arts-Intermediate  
Ethan Sung 3rd place Photography-Intermediate  
Kyra Chang 3rd Place Music Composition-Intermediate  
Shaun Sathe 3rd Place Literature-Intermediate  
Aidan Russo 2nd Place Literature-Primary

## Superhero Volunteers Needed

**Can You Help Food Drive February 20-23:** Parents needed to help move and sort cans. Please contact Yan Wijaya [mryanwijaya@gmail.com](mailto:mryanwijaya@gmail.com)

**Talent Show March 22:** Parents needed to help with various planning aspects such as auditions, rehearsals and day of logistics. Please contact Dawn Stone [dawnhortonstone@gmail.com](mailto:dawnhortonstone@gmail.com)



Hawk Walk is offering prizes such as classes at Young Art Studio at the Santa Anita Mall and embroidered Highland Oaks baseball caps. See flyer for details



**WHAT IS IT?**  
Hawk Walk is a walk/run-a-thon that all Highland Oaks students participate in. It is our school's biggest annual fundraiser.

**WHEN IS HAWK WALK??**  
Wednesday, 2/7.  
Pledge envelopes will be going home on 1/24.

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**ARE THERE PRIZES?**  
Yes! Students with the highest donations will receive a "Dazzling DaVinci party" certificate for 10 guests (valued at about \$250) at Young Art (Westfield Santa Anita location). Five students from each grade with the most donations will receive a limited edition Highland Oaks hat. We will also raffle out hats to 5 lucky students who turn in donations. **ALL participants will have a chance to win!**

**WHY ARE WE RAISING MONEY?**  
Funds raised from Hawk Walk will benefit all students and will be used to provide literacy enhancement, new playground equipment, technology support, art and classroom supplies, and educational field trips.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**  
If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please sign up here:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4FA4A823A2F94-2018](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4FA4A823A2F94-2018)

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# HAWK WALK

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## 什麼是 Hawk Walk?

Hawk Walk 是所有 Highland Oaks 學生共同參與的一項走路/跑步籌款活動。這是我們學校每年最大的籌款活動。

## 什麼時候舉辦 Hawk Walk?

活動日期: 2月7日 (星期三), 募款信封將會在 1月24日 (星期三) 發放並帶回家。

## 為什麼我們要募集資金?

從 Hawk Walk 活動募集的資金將使所有學生收益, 將被使用在提高讀寫能力, 新的遊樂場設施, 技術支持, 藝術及教室用品, 以及有教育意義的校外教學中。

## 有獎品嗎?

是的! 捐款最高的學生將在 Young Art (Westfield Santa Anita 地點) 收到 10 位客人的 "耀眼達芬奇聚會" 證書。(價值約\$250) 各個年級捐贈最高前 5 名將獲得限量版 Highland Oaks 帽子。我們也會從捐款的學生里抽出 5 位幸運學生獲得帽子。所有參與者都有機會成為幸運兒!

## 怎麼來幫助?

請支持我們的學生, 並鼓勵他們的參與。陪伴他們向家人、朋友募集捐款, 並且鼓勵他們在活動當天盡最大的努力走路。如果您有意參與這個活動並成為志願者, 請在此註冊: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4FA4A823A2F94-2018](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4FA4A823A2F94-2018)

## 問題諮詢?

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