



December 1, 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHLAND OAKS

Fri 12/1	Family Read Night 5-7pm in MPR and Library
Mon-Fri 12/4-8	Spirit Week (see pg. 2 for details)
Tue 12/19	PTSA Holiday Brunch- 8:45-10am in MPR. All parents welcome (see pg. 4).
Thurs-Fri 12/21-22	Holiday Music Program Times to be announced.

The Highland Oaks Master Calendar is available at [www.ho.ausd.net](http://www.ho.ausd.net), please click on [Highland Oaks Calendar](#).

## FROM THE Editor...

Dear Highland Oaks Families,

When my first child started at HO 3 years ago, I had no idea what PTSA was or what helping out at school meant. I attended a small elementary school where few parents were on campus and there were almost no activities outside of school. My only impression of PTSA was from portrayals, mostly negative ones on television.

I can now say that any negative myths of PTSA have been dispelled. I am very grateful for the volunteer opportunities offered by Highland Oaks. Whether in the classroom or outside, I have gained insight to my children's school experience and made friendships with other parents. When I am around the kids at school, I feel uplifted with joy. The feeling stays with me and keeps me going.

I encourage all parents who have thought about helping but are not sure how to speak to your child's teacher or any of the volunteers at the school events. Another great way to learn about opportunities is to attend the PTSA Holiday Brunch. I promise you that your time spent helping will be worthwhile.

Sincerely,  
Matilda Young, [HOPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:HOPTSA@gmail.com)



## HOLIDAY STORIES OUR TEACHERS LOVE

Family Reading Night  
Friday, December 1st

5:00-7:00pm

Multi-Purpose Room and Library



### Hot Cocoa Bar



### Reading Schedule

5:00 – 5:15	Ms. Pena
5:30 – 5:45	Ms. Hawkins
6:00 – 6:15	Mr. Harrison
6:30 – 6:45	Ms. Leal



### Crafts with Ms. Sierra



# Coffee Talk with... Olivia Flores



Waiting at the gate every morning to greet students with a big smile is Ms. Olivia. As a proctor, Ms. Olivia is also responsible for watching over the students during morning and lunch recess. She ensures the safety of students and helps them resolve any playground issues. As a kinder aide she rotates through the kinder classes.

### What are some favorites parts of your job?

My favorite part of this job is seeing all the kids smile and laugh. I love seeing them carefree and just enjoy being kids.

### How long have you been with the school?

It will be 8 years in March since I started working at Highland Oaks Elementary.

### What are your hobbies?

I love to put together jigsaw puzzles, reading, listening to music and taking walks.

### Tell us about your family.

I have four children. My husband is a big Star Wars fan. He belongs to the 501st Legion. We try to be humble people and teach our children to have self respect, values and morals along with respect for all others. My children and myself are Religious Education teachers at All Saints Catholic Church. I love working with children and have a passion to help our students succeed and believe in themselves.



Ms. Olivia on Halloween

## Student Council Hosts Spirit Week

**12/4 Mon-Career Day** Dress like what you want to be when you grow up

**12/5 Tues-Dress Alike/Twin Day** Dress to match a friend(s)

**12/6 Wed- Disney Day**

**12/7 Thurs- Favorite Book Character** Dress up like one of your favorite book characters

**12/8 Fri-Pajama Day** Come to school in your pajamas (but make sure to wear shoes)



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# WITHIN REACH

### OUR HIGHLAND OAKS WINNERS:

#### Literature, Primary

Shaun Sathe 1<sup>st</sup> place

Katelyn Liu 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Literature, Intermediate

Aidan Russo 1<sup>st</sup> place

Brandon Liu 2<sup>nd</sup>

Riley Liang 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Photography, Primary

Ethan Sung 1<sup>st</sup> place

Lukas Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Photography, Intermediate

Aidan Russo 1<sup>st</sup> place

Kathy Bai 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Visual Arts, Primary

Presley Crowe 1<sup>st</sup> place

Maximus Ji 2<sup>nd</sup>

Aidan Russo 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Visual Arts, Intermediate

Shelby Young 1<sup>st</sup> place

Caitlyn Chau 2<sup>nd</sup>

Collin Gee 2<sup>nd</sup>

Minna Tan 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Film Production, Intermediate

Ariana Hernandez 1<sup>st</sup> place

#### Music Composition, Intermediate

Kyra Chang 1<sup>st</sup> place



Visit the Library for Reflections gallery



Please join us  
For the annual  
**PTSA Meeting and  
Holiday Potluck Brunch**  
We would love to see you there!

December 19, 2017  
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM  
Highland Oaks MPR

We appreciate and welcome  
all food donations, either  
homemade or purchased. We need  
desserts, main dishes, and fresh fruits.

If you would like to bring something,  
please contact  
**Nana Shen** at **shennana3@gmail.com**,  
Hospitality Chair.