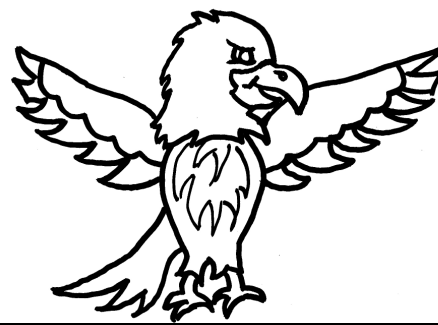


Highland School

Lower School Hawktalk

Hank Berg, Head of School

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From...

Lise Hicklin
Lower School Director

Dear Parents,

"Jambo" is the warm and welcoming greeting our seventeen-member Highland team heard when they arrived at the Enkijape School in Africa in June. It was like visiting old friends or family for Lower School Art Teacher Alice Laimbeer and her family, who guided their fourth group of students, parents, teachers and friends to our sister school in Kenya. Bearing gifts of technology, as well as books and school supplies for the impoverished school, little did the Highland visitors know they were to receive so much more than they gave.



The Laimbeers

One member of the team was Nicholas Kulick. Nick is a "Lifer" which means he began his Highland education as a Kindergartener, thus beginning his exposure to our philosophy of commitment and caring to people outside our immediate community. As a current sophomore, he has had many opportunities to practice and grow in the service learning arena through community service, classroom academic pursuits and finally, by actually traveling to faraway places in person. Nick and other current and former students are now demonstrating their caring commitment to people all over the world.

When Nicholas decided to visit Kenya, he took with him plans for his biggest service endeavor yet; those of us who know him were not surprised that he tackled this mammoth project. To fulfill part of the requirement to earn his Eagle Scout ranking and out of a sense of wanting to help others, Nicholas decided to bring technology to the Enkijape School so its students could tap into the world of technology too. It took months of planning, working, talking to civic groups and fundraising to purchase materials and solicit donations to make his dream become a reality for the students who lived so far away. Finally, everything was "a go" and Nicholas and fellow students Simon Schwartz and Nick Iasso painstakingly got everything in place for the actual test of his tech system and it worked! Only a few days after their arrival in Enkijape, we received this email on June 15, 2011:

"Today we are at Enkijape, setting up the iPads for the school to use!

This is the first email that we are sending to Highland School from half way around the world! We are making sure that the internet is working here! We hope you are enjoying your summer!"

It was a glorious day for the Highland community and for the students and staff at Enkijape. We were to be linked forever through modern technology!

Last spring, Nicholas stood before the Lower School in assembly to share information about the Enkijape School, the student and school needs, and his plans to help them. On Monday morning of this week, Nicholas came back to share with us a beautiful slide show of his experiences in Africa this summer and talk about the work he and the other students undertook to get the Enkijape School "up and running" with their technology. It was an awe-inspiring morning and evident that our young students truly understood the need to help our friends in Africa and the good Nicholas' achievement brought to their school.

Our opportunity to continue to help even more comes in the form of optional donations from the Enkijape Dress Down Day tomorrow. The few dollars we donate can support teacher salaries at the school for an entire year or give students, who could not otherwise afford to, a chance to attend school. As Mrs. Laimbeer so succinctly states, "You can't imagine how little they have there. Anything we do to help is so appreciated."

And from Nicholas, our former youngster who has grown into quite an amazing young man, "In the end, what I realized, as did everyone else on the trip, is that we got more than we gave." I am so proud to know our students are already on their ways to becoming global thinkers.

Sincerely,
Lise Hicklin
Lower School Director



Highland Meets Enkijape

Highland School Mission Statement: *To provide a demanding academic and co-curricular program that develops the skills and character essential for students to meet the challenges of college and leadership in the twenty-first century.*

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, October 6—PK 3/4 and PK 4/5 visit Cows 'n Corn for fall field studies.



Thursday, October 6—Schoolwide Dress Down Day for Enkijape School.

Thursday, October 6—First grade presents assembly at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons.

Friday, October 7—Professional Day. NO SCHOOL for students.

Monday, October 10—Columbus Day. NO SCHOOL.



Tuesday, October 11—Saturday, October 15—Spirit Week and Homecoming.

Wednesday, October 12—“Blue/Gold Day.” Students should wear their School colors. The annual Blue/Gold Pep Rally for grades 3-8 is at 2 p.m. in the Upper School gym. New 4th grade students and all 3rd graders will be assigned to either the Blue or the Gold Team.

Thursday, October 13—Kindergarten presents assembly at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons.

Thursday, October 13—“Highland Day.” Students should wear their favorite Highland attire.



Thursday, October 13—First Grade field studies trip to Cox Farm to observe signs of autumn.

Friday, October 14—“Class Color Day.” Students should wear clothing in the color chosen for their class. Please refer to the October 4 letter emailed to all families or see page 4 of this newsletter.

Saturday, October 15—Highland Homecoming. All-school Picnic at 11:30 a.m. and sports all day for everyone to enjoy. Please refer to the website for the day's activities. All Highland families are invited.



Monday, October 17—Friday, October 21—Fall Book Fair in the Lower School library. A wide selection of offerings will

be available. Contact Lower/Middle School librarian Maria Sogegian for details.

Tuesday, October 18—“Dig Pink” All-School Dress Down Day for students who wear pink to school. Students who ordered Dig Pink t-shirts may wear them on this day.

Wednesday, October 19—Parent Resource and Outreach Program for first grade parents at 8:15 a.m. in the first grade classroom. Mary Christinger, Learning Support teacher, presents “How Can I Help My First Grader.”



Thursday, October 20—Kindergarten travels to Rappahannock Park for their annual signs of fall field studies.

Thursday, October 20—Third grade presents assembly at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons.

Friday, October 21—Fourth Grade annual play, “Blue and Gold Goes Green,” in the Middle School Arundel Gym at 1:30 p.m. There will be a party for cast members and parents afterward.



Monday, October 24—School Picture re-take day beginning at 8:15 a.m..

Thursday, October 27—Fourth grade presents assembly at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons.

Friday, October 28—Lower School Halloween Parade at 12:10. Afterwards, each class will have classroom celebrations. Third and fourth graders will enjoy a special party in the Chilton Commons.

Sunday, October 30—LEGO Exposition from 3-6 p.m. in the Upper School gym. All of the Highland robotics teams will be present.

Monday, October 31—Faculty Work Day. NO SCHOOL for students.

Tuesday, November 1—Regular winter dress code begins.

Thursday, November 3—Second grade presents assembly at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons.





Rockin', Rollin' and Strollin' on the Bandstand!

Mark your calendars and reserve Saturday, November 19 because you won't want to miss "Rockin', Rollin' and Strollin' on the Bandstand" – this year's Highland School Auction featuring an electric rock and roll venue filled with the fun and excitement of the American Bandstand era. Put on your cocktail attire OR dust off your poodle skirts and leather jackets and prepare to go back in time to the fun of the Bandstand for an evening of food, fun and friends to support our exceptional School. Do some strollin' through the silent auction, and then get hoppin' during the live auction segment. Play your favorite tunes with our live DJ Jukebox, then stay on the Bandstand after the live auction is over for rockin' and rollin' to the music of The Robert Rogers Blues Band.

The annual auction remains the School's primary fundraiser each year as it provides invaluable support for faculty development, technology, and more. Its success is truly dependent on the support of our community, which can come in many different ways – volunteering to help with the event, donating items for the silent and/or live auction, underwriting the event's expenses by becoming a sponsor, and last but not least, attending the event.



Dig Pink

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Highland School volleyball team is sponsoring its third Dig Pink fundraiser to aid breast cancer research. Game day is Tuesday, October 18 against Wakefield School. Middle School games begin at 2:30 p.m., followed by JV and Varsity games and a faculty game at 7:15 p.m. Team members are collecting money and pledges for aces, blocks and kills achieved during the varsity game. All proceeds from the concession sales at the games will also be donated. The national Dig Pink campaign is recognized by athletes all over the country.

T-shirt orders are due Wednesday, Oct. 5.
(See Page 5 for an order form)



Enkijape in the Gallery

Families and friends of Highland and those interested in the Enkijape School Project are invited to visit The Gallery at the Highland Center for the Arts for an exhibit entitled "Kenya and the Enkijape School." The self-guided tour includes exquisite handmade objects, amazing photos and written narratives by members of the entourage. The Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday.

There will be a special Gallery reception for the Highland community on Sunday, October 16 from 4-6 p.m.



Lower School Homecoming Week October 12 – 15, 2011 *Broadway on Broadview*

Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day. NO SCHOOL.

Tuesday, October 11– Regular Dress Code.

Wednesday, October 12 – Blue/Gold Day – Wear your school colors! New 4th grade students and all 3rd graders should wear a combination of Blue/Gold and they will receive their team assignments at the grades 3-8 Blue/Gold pep rally at 2 p.m. in the Upper School gym.

Top – Blue or Gold shirt

Bottom – Gym shorts, jeans or dress pants (no pajama pants)

Footwear – Tennis shoes

Thursday, October 13 – Highland Day – wear your favorite Highland attire.

Top – Shirt with a Highland School logo or the Hawks logo

Bottom – Shorts or jeans

Footwear – Tennis shoes

Friday, October 14 –Class Color Day

Top – Shirt in your class color

Bottom – Shorts or jeans

Footwear – Tennis shoes

Class Colors

(Please note the PK/Grade 3 and K/Grade 4 Reading Buddies are sharing the same colors)

PK 3/4 – Green PK 4/5 – Red

K – Blue 1 – Yellow

2 – Orange 3 – Red

4 – Blue

Saturday, October 15 – Homecoming Day

9:00 a.m.	Young Hawks Soccer
11:00 a.m.	Middle School Soccer
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Covenant School
3:00 p.m.	Presentation of Spirit Week Results

*****NO body paint, face paint or hair spray coloring.**

DIG PINK T-SHIRTS

ALL NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT BREAST CANCER



ALL SCHOOL
DRESS DOWN DAY
ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 18TH
IF YOU WEAR A PINK
SHIRT TO SCHOOL

100% preshrunk cotton

YOUTH SIZES:

XS - XL

Identify Quantities
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ADULT SIZES:

S - XXL

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3XL available by special request

ORDERS DUE BY: Wednesday, October 5th

Please turn in order forms to any school office.

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

HOMEROOM/ADVISORY: _____

\$12.00 each.

Cash

Check attached payable to Highland School Dig Pink

Bill my school account. Account Name: _____

Signature: _____

QUESTIONS?: Vicki Kelly vkelly806@aol.com