

Highland School

Lower School Hawk talk

Hank Berg, Head of School

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From...

Lise Hicklin
Lower School Director

Dear Lower School Parents,

We are already finishing up our first week of school and I am happy to report things have gone extremely well! It was wonderful seeing everyone at last week's Meet and Greet and on Tuesday's first day of school. Hooray! Drop off each morning has gone smoothly.

For those of you who park and walk in with your children, please park in the lot closest to the crosswalk and use the crosswalk. Drop off and pick up times are very busy with lots of vehicle activity and we want to ensure that everyone is safe at these high traffic times.

To keep our building secure, the doors at the Chilton Commons will be open at only limited times. PK 3/4 families are asked to use the side door, just to the left of the main Chilton doors, when they pick up their children between 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The main Chilton Commons doors will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 3:45 to 6 p.m.

Dismissal has improved each day. We are now using a double car line only at the 3 p.m. pick up in front of the Chilton Commons. I also want to remind you again about the dismissal times. PK 3/4 parents pick up their children in the classroom at 12:00 noon. Mrs. Loba's PK 4/5 dismisses at 1 p.m. at the Commons. Mrs. Hewitt's PK 4/5 and grades K-2 dismiss at 3 p.m. at the Chilton Commons. All K-4 students who dismiss at 3:30 p.m. will be waiting to be picked up at the Middle School circle. Of course, dismissal times are flexible for children who attend the Extended Day program.

Finally, third and fourth grade study hall will be held

in the Lower School library from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Students may be picked up at the library or, after 4:45 p.m., they may be picked up at the Extended Day room in the PK/K Village.

Again, thank you and welcome back!

Sincerely,

Lise Hicklin
Lower School Director



**Rain on the first day of school didn't dampen any spirits!
Mrs. Hicklin greets new PK 3/4 students
Afton and Rowan Helmick.**

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

Monday, September 12—Convocation at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper School gym. All parents are invited to attend. Anyone interested in volunteering with this year's auction is invited to arrive at 8:10 a.m. in the Upper School gym for the Auction Volunteer Coffee. Learn about opportunities to get involved in this important annual event.

Monday, September 12—Parent Association lunch program begins.



Monday, September 12—Fourth grade Battle of the Books enrollment forms are due.

Thursday, September 15—The first regular Thursday morning Lower School assembly schedule will begin at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons. Fourth grade will present assembly today. Parents are invited to attend. Please see the assembly schedule on page 4 of this newsletter. There will be a meeting for Lower School homeroom parents in the LS library immediately following the assembly.

Tuesday, September 20—School Picture Day. More information will be sent home next week.

Tuesday, September 20—Lower School Back to School Night for parents from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning in the Chilton Commons. More details will be sent later.

Thursday, September 22—Third Grade presents assembly at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons. Parents are invited to attend.

Friday, September 23—Barton Reading and Spelling System training session for parent tutors from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Lower School Conference Room. Please R.S.V.P. to Mary Chrisinger:mchrisinger@highlandschool.org if you are interested in becoming a Barton tutor. After training, parents may be paired up with a student for tutoring throughout the year.

Thursday, September 29—Second grade presents assembly at 8:10 a.m. in the Chilton Commons. Parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday, October 5—Parent Resource and Outreach Coffee for PK Parents Only at 9 a.m. in the Lower School Library. Parents are invited to visit with Lower School Director Lise Hicklin and to get to know other new PK parents.

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

School Photos

Irvin Simon Photographers will be at Highland School on Tuesday, September 20, to take photographs of students and faculty. All students will be photographed for the Yearbook. Order envelopes will be sent home soon. Parents wishing to order photographs, must send their Picture Order Envelopes with their children on picture day or students may bring the order envelopes to school before picture day and give them to their homeroom teachers to hold until picture day. The photographers will have extra order envelopes, but they will need payment for the proper amount in order to process an order.



YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE

Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$80 through Sept. 15. The price goes up to \$90 after this date so get your orders in now! You can order your yearbook online at Jostens.com, or you can contact the yearbook staff through yearbook@highlandschool.org. We do not order extra books, so if you want a yearbook you must get your orders in early! Thank you for your support!



Hawk's Nest

The Parents Association wants to remind students and parents that the Hawk's Nest remains in its old location across from the Middle School Office. Lower School students may shop **with their parents from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.** each morning Monday through Thursday. Parents may visit the School store at any time during its regular operating hours:

Monday	7:45—8:15 a.m.
Tuesday	7:45—8:15 a.m.
Wednesday	7:45—8:15 a.m.
Thursday	7:45—8:45 a.m. 2:45—3:45 p.m.

The Hawk's Nest is a great place for parents to interact with students, faculty and staff, as well as other parents. Please contact Karen Doucet pkdoucet@yahoo.com if you would like to become a Hawk's Nest volunteer!

**WELCOME BACK !
A GLIMPSE AT THIS YEAR'S LOWER SCHOOL FACES**



Highland families are the best!



Happy to be back at Highland!



The science room chicks popped out to say "hi" at Friday's Meet and Greet



Nothing like friends after a long summer break



PK is so much fun!



Who doesn't like Legos?

Lower School Assembly Schedule 2011

The Highland tradition of assemblies continues!
Assemblies for K-4 students will be in the Chilton Commons on
Thursday mornings at 8:10 a.m.

K-4 students will rotate assembly presentation days as follows:

September 15- 4th grade
September 22- 3rd grade
September 29- 2nd grade
October 6- 1st grade
October 13- Kindergarten
October 20- 3rd grade
October 27- 4th grade
November 3- 2nd grade
November 10- 1st grade
November 17- Kindergarten
December 1- 4th grade
December 8- 3rd grade
December 15- No Assembly (Practice for Holiday Program)

2 Requests:

1. Please keep siblings at your side. The Chilton Commons is a tempting place to run free, but it will be hard to hear our presenters with the patter of little feet in the background.
2. Please feel free to leave with siblings who are not quite ready to sit and listen to the presentations. Presenters have worked hard to prepare for their assemblies and they do love to have the undivided attention of those watching.

Thanks so much for your cooperation!
Lise Hicklin

Parent Resource and Outreach Programs

Lower School 2011-2012

Barton Reading and Spelling Training

Mary Chrisinger
Friday, September 23, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lower School Conference Room
Anyone is invited

PK Parent Coffee

Lise Hicklin
Wednesday, October 5, 2011
9:00 a.m.
Lower School Library
PK Parents

How Can I Help My First Grader?

Mary Chrisinger, Learning Support
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
8:15 a.m.
First grade classroom
First grade parents

Understanding ERB's

Lise Hicklin, LS Director/Matt Ormiston, MS Director/Lee Ann McVane, Director of Learning Support
Wednesday, January 4, 2012
8:15 a.m.
Lower School Library
LS/MS parents

Developmental Readiness/Gesell Screening

Lise Hicklin, LS Director/ PK or K teacher, Gesell screener
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
9:00 a.m.
Lower School Library
LS parents, particularly PK and K parents

Looking Ahead in Lower School

Lise Hicklin, Lower School Director
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
8:15 a.m.
Lower School Library
LS Parents

Growing Up! - A movie preview for 4th grade parents

Rosemary Saunders, RN
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
8:15 a.m.
Lower School Conference Room
4th grade parents