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## Highland Drive PSO Weekly Update-March 19, 2018

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## March 19th Weekly Update

### Greeting

Dear Highland Drive Families,

**This Friday is the deadline for the March Creative Writing Prompt.** Please see below for entry details.

**We are still in need of several volunteers to help with the PSO next school year.** We are truly grateful for everyone who has already volunteered.

Make it a great week,

Sarah Beebe and Joanie MacRaid  
Highland Drive PSO Presidents 2017-2018  
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### 2018-19 PSO Positions Available!

**Please contact Meggan Rawlin ([megrawlin@gmail.com](mailto:megrawlin@gmail.com)) to volunteer for the following open PSO positions for next year:**

- (1) Co-Vice President of Fundraising;
- (2) Co-Chair of Book Fair;
- (3) Chair of Box Tops;
- (4) Chair of Chess Club; and
- (5) Chair of Highland Island/Earth Week.

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### Important Dates

This week we'd especially like to fill:

### **Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising (Two Volunteers)**

The Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising are PSO Board members and take charge of our No-Fuss Fundraiser, our only fundraiser.

During the No-Fuss Fundraiser, we ask local businesses and Highland families to donate what they can **so that our kids don't have to sell things throughout the year.**

The Co-VPs begin in the weeks before school starts by requesting monetary and prize donations from local businesses. After classes start, they send a letter to Highland families to inform everyone about the No-Fuss Fundraiser. The No-Fuss Fundraiser takes place in **October**. Our Co-VPs send home information about making a donation, and keep track of donations as they come in. At the end of the No-Fuss Fundraiser, the Co-VPs raffle prizes from local businesses to the students. Many of the letters/forms needed for this position have already been created and need only to be updated. The responsibilities and obligations for this position all occur at the beginning of the year, **so the Co-VPs are off the hook after October!** This position is vital to our kids' experience at Highland. **Without our No-Fuss Fundraiser, our kids (and staff) will not have access to many of the things the PSO helps provide, including: class parties; STEM; cultural arts assemblies; Elf Shop; gifts and goals; field trips; staff appreciation events; and so much more. Will you Bee the Difference?**

### **Co-Chairs of Book Fair (Two Volunteers)**

The Co-Chairs of Book Fair organize two book fairs during the year in part to raise funds for books for the library. **The winter book fair is held the first Saturday in December, and the second book fair is held in Spring.** The Co-Chairs correspond with Scholastic Books representatives, schedule the use of the STEAM room, secure volunteers for the fairs via Sign-Up Genius, provide updates and information on Facebook and in the PSO newsletter, organize flyers and wish lists to send home to all students, set up and attend the teacher preview, and learn how to use the cash registers.

During the fairs, the Co-Chairs set up the displays along with committee volunteers, attend the book fairs, count money, clean up, and settle monies with the PSO and Scholastic. **Having Co-Chairs in this position allows them to divide and conquer. A past Co-Chair has said that "[t]he preparation is totally worth it, [and] it's a fun time!"**

Thank you for considering donating your time in these important roles, and thanks to all of our volunteers.

### **Chess Club**

### **4/9 Chess Club**

### **4/11 PSO Meeting**

### **4/19 Book Fair**

### **Volunteer Form**

**If you are a volunteer that will be with students without a staff member present, including chaperoning field trips, you must complete this form: [HERE](#)**

Sign up information for the fourth and final session of chess was sent home last week with students in grades one through three. **The final session of chess will run for six consecutive weeks starting on Monday, April 9th and finishing on Monday, May 14th.** The meetings will start at 3:40 PM and run to 4:40 PM. The cost of participating in chess is \$60 for the six-week session.

To sign up, you may elect to send in the form and payment to the office, or you can sign up online at <http://progresswithchess.org/highland>. **Paper forms must be submitted to the office by THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 23.** Otherwise, you may continue to sign up online through Sunday, April 8th.

Please keep in mind that no experience is required and students will be paired up with other students of similar ability.

### Spring Book Fair--Save the Date

Thank you to all the volunteers who already signed up for the Spring Book Fair!

**The BOGO sale is on April 19th from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Buy one get one free!** Please take a moment to PAWS and view the sign up genius link below for volunteer opportunities!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d48aaa828aaf85-2018>

Any questions or ideas please contact Amanda or Gina!  
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### Creative Writing Corner

**March Writing Prompt** - Reading is an adventure! Reading can bring you to a place you've never been! Explain which storybook character you would like to be and why.

**Due Date: Friday, March 23rd, 2018**

Writing submissions will be displayed for a month along the wall outside the gymnasium doors in Creative Writing Corner. When the submissions are returned, students will receive a little prize to take home.

**Writing Submission Guidelines:** Younger students may want to write a few words or a picture, while older students may want to write a paragraph or two.

\* Please indicate name, grade, and teacher on the entry before turning into your child's teacher.

**Highland Cafeteria Parent Volunteers are Needed**

**Please consider volunteering your time to help out**

**in the Highland cafeteria at lunchtime.**

We are looking for people who can help children with opening packages in their lunches, cleaning up tables, and generally keeping things calm and organized.

Siblings are welcome to join.

**Lunch Volunteer Time - 11:30am - 12:45pm**

We are also in need for volunteers in Highland Island during lunch recess to make sure the children behave when around the ducks.

**If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Bindra - [jpatel440@gmail.com](mailto:jpatel440@gmail.com)**

**To Sign up for March:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054ba5ad28a46-march>

**Box Tops for Education**

**Believe it or not, March's Box Tops contest wraps up this week!!!**

**The last day to turn in Box Tops is Thursday, March 22nd.**

March's contest is a raffle format; students will earn one entry in the raffle for every 25 Box Tops they submit. This month's raffle is for a small spring treat: Bunny Money and Bunny Peeps...it's all about the bunny!!! There will also be a Top Contributor Trophy awarded.

Please note that the collection sheet for April will be sent home shortly after spring break. **All Box Tops submitted during March, April, and May will count toward a final classroom prize at the end of May...a Popsicle party with an extra recess!!!**

<http://www.highlanddrivepsa.com/box-tops-how-tos.html>

**Giant Eagle and Heinen's**

Here is an easy way you can help out our school without spending any extra money.

Please take a minute and select Highland Elementary for both the Giant Eagle and Heinen's Education Rewards programs. Every time you shop these stores give money back to our school. Encourage others (grandparents, neighbors) to also designate Highland as their school.

**For Giant Eagle-** call [1-800-474-4777](tel:1-800-474-4777) or register online at [Giant Eagle Education Rewards](http://www.gianteagle.com/education-rewards)

**Heinens-** enroll at customer service in the store or online at <http://www.heinensrewards.com/>

**Sincerely,**

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