



## Highland Drive PSO Weekly Update 😊

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Hello Highland Drive Families!

We hope you are all doing well, staying safe and healthy. These are unusual times and it is challenging for everyone as we navigate home schooling, job and family obligations. If there is anything the PSO can do to help our Highland Drive families, please reach out to us. We are here for you!

A very special thank you to everyone who has been involved in keeping the Highland Drive PSO going as we adapt to this "new normal." We wanted to take a moment and highlight some of our recent activities.

#### **PSO Community Efforts**

In an effort to immediately and directly support the most vulnerable in the District, the PSO's have partnered with the Broadview Heights Lion's Club to provide \$25 gift-cards to families in the free/reduced lunch program on a weekly basis while school is closed. This was part of a collaborative effort with all BBHS PSO chapters. Additional financial support from the Brecksville Kiwanis Club and the Brecksville United

## **Signup**

Methodist Church is currently in the works as well. The Highland Drive PSO donated \$1500 to assist with this initiative.

## **Membership Form**

### **Friend of PSO**

The Highland Drive PSO is pleased to recognize Karen Chalupa as our 2019-2020 Friend of the PSO. Karen previously spent time working at Hilton Elementary and at the High School prior to joining the Highland Drive staff.

Highland Drive had new challenges to face this school year as a result of the Central School closing. Karen navigated these with composure and has been instrumental with this transition, always maintaining a positive and cheerful disposition. Everyday she shows genuine care and concern for all of our Highland Drive children.

Anytime the PSO has asked Karen for help, she is quick to stop whatever she is doing to assist. Karen goes above and beyond to provide us with information we need, always getting back to us promptly. Karen has shown great appreciation for all the work involved in preparing and executing PSO events and projects.

In addition to Karen's commitment to the well being of our Highland Drive students and families, she has 2 adult boys who both graduated from Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District. Karen tends to her 90 year old mother who lives with her, and is also the caretaker of her brother who is in a nursing home. In her free time, Karen's favorite activity is going up to her cottage to work on remodeling projects. She also loves taking her dogs for a walk along the lakeshore.

In Principal Toth's words, "Karen is definitely deserving of this recognition. She is a wonderful asset to Highland and I'm lucky to have her on my team!"

The Highland Drive PSO also feels very lucky to have her as part of the Highland Drive Hive! Thank you Karen for all that you do for our Highland Drive students, staff, and families.

### **Highland Drive 2020-2021 PSO Board**

We voted and inducted the Highland Drive 2020-2021 PSO Executive Board positions at our recent virtual PSO meeting. Please join us in congratulating these members on their new roles.

**Co-President's:** Ann Vertosik & Joanie MacRaidl

**First Vice President:** Sarah Pribble

**Vice President Fundraising:** Nicola Foley

**Co-Vice Presidents Communications:** Lindsay Dawson & Islam Ayad

**Recording Secretary:** Liz Krpata

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sawsan Ganczak

**Treasurer:** Liz Sell

**Council Delegate:** Melissa DeTray

### **Open PSO Positions**

We have three positions that are still open for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Vice President of Programs
- Hospitality/Decorating
- Highland Island/Earth Week

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in any of these positions, please reach out to us.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week 05/11-05/15**

Thank you to all families who came out to participate in the Highland Drive Staff Appreciation Parade this past Saturday. We can't wait to see it! The video will be posted this Friday to end our appreciation week.

A special thank you to Megan Makuch and Beth Flute for all their work and creativity in organizing Staff Appreciation this week. Below is a review of daily activities, which was already sent to you by your room parent(s). Please also consider emailing a special note to the administration staff, Special Education teachers your child works with, and all of our "specials" teachers.

**Monday 05/11:** Due to the horrific event that occurred at the recent board meeting, all Zoom sessions have been canceled. As an alternative to the Zoom appreciation sessions initially scheduled for this day, you can take a picture of your child wearing the

teacher's favorite color holding a "Thank You" sign and email it to the teacher. Your child can also also draw a picture of the teacher's favorite flower.

**Tuesday 05/12: Talent Day**

We are asking the students to make a short video (2 minutes or less) showing off their talent. The video should be emailed directly to the teacher. Please also consider sending a video to the "specials" teachers.

**Wednesday 05/13: Gift Card Day**

The Highland Drive PSO will be sending each member of the faculty and staff an e-gift card. If you wish to send a gift card to your child's teacher, it has to be an e-gift card sent to their school email address and must be \$25 or less.

**Thursday 05/14: Room Parent Project**

Your room parent(s) should have sent you instructions on the activity for this day.

**Friday 05/15: Posting of Appreciation Parade Video**

We hope you all have a great week! Let's make Staff Appreciation week extra special for our amazing Highland Drive staff and teachers!

Take care and be well,

Sarah Schulz, Shannon Latek, Sawsan Ganczak

Highland Drive PSO Presidents 2019-2020

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**TODAY WILL BE A GREAT DAY AT HIGHLAND DRIVE SCHOOL. I WILL BEE RESPONSIBLE. I WILL BEE RESPECTFUL. I WILL BEE READY TO LEARN. AND I WILL BEE THE DIFFERENCE."**

**THE HIGHLAND DRIVE PLEDGE**

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