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# Highland Drive PSO

November 7, 2016 Weekly Update

**Welcome**

Hello Highland Bees!

Thank you to Sarah Beebe for hosting an incredible Bricks 4 Kidz Family night on Friday night. The kids (and parents!) enjoying building, creating, and using their imaginations.

Also, thank you to Leanne Hegler and Michele Dasenbrook for leading the school's Kindness Committee. The Kindness Committee facilitated the sock collection for those in need and they are working on writing letters of appreciation to military personnel in recognition of Veterans' Day and will be managing Operation Outerwear in December plus more. Thank you for all that you are doing!

Please join us for our upcoming PSO meeting this Wednesday, November 9th, at 9:30 am in the art room. Our guest speaker will be our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Margaret Niedzwiecki, who will discuss testing and other relevant topics for grades K- 3. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Rachelle and Jill

**Quick Links**[Facebook Page](#)[Flyer Central](#)[PSO website](#)[Lunch Menu](#)[Update your Heinen's preferences](#)**Important Dates****11/3 & 11/10 Grade 1 Conferences****11/4/16 Bricks 4 Kidz****11/9/16 PSO Meeting**

## Book Fair

### Help us make this year's Book Fair a success!

Volunteers are essential to making the book fair run smoothly. The December book fair happens in conjunction with the Elf Shop on Saturday, December 3 at Highland. Follow this link to see how you can help and to sign up [here](#)

Contact Leslie FitzSimmons ([lesfitz97@yahoo.com](mailto:lesfitz97@yahoo.com)) with questions.

## Elf Shop

Highland Drive's annual Elf Shop (holiday shop) will take place on Saturday, December 3rd (on the same day/time as the winter Book Fair) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm inside the Highland Drive Cafeteria. This event offers Highland Drive students an opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for friends and/or relatives

**independently.** All parents will receive Elf Shop information along with a wish list envelope through the red school communication folders a week before the event and can decide whether or not to bring their child to school on Saturday morning with money for gifts. The wish list envelope encourages parents to suggest maximum dollar amounts per recipient, etc. A volunteer Elf (teenage helper) will escort each child through the shopping experience, selecting and purchasing gifts, to ensure the expenditures do not exceed the parental suggestions. The elf will also help students label and wrap gifts before leaving the Elf Shop.

Several parents have already expressed interest in assisting with this event; however, if you are interested in volunteering for the Elf Shop or have a teenage son or daughter interested in volunteering his or her time as an "elf," please feel free to contact us below.

We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods and drinks for the children and parents to enjoy at the Elf Shop/Book Fair on Saturday December 3rd. Please sign up using the link below if you are able to donate. Thanks so much!

Sign up [HERE](#)

The Elf Shop Committee is also seeking donations of handmade items (5-10 items) to be sold during the Elf Shop. Small handmade items such as paintings, candles, jewelry, ornaments, and wood crafted pieces are very welcome. Please send in your donations to the school by November 30th.

contact Michele Dasenbrook at [mich\\_ell@yahoo.com](mailto:mich_ell@yahoo.com) or Leanne Hegler at [lhegler13@yahoo.com](mailto:lhegler13@yahoo.com).

## PSO Meeting

@ 9:30AM

12/3/16 Elf Shop/Book Fair

12/14/16 PSO Holiday Brunch @ 9:30AM

12/15/16 Holiday Parties

12/16/16 Holiday Sing A Long @ 2:30PM

1/27/17 Dad & Kids Movie Night @ 7:00PM

2/8/17 PSO Meeting @ 7:00PM \*evening meeting

2/14/17 Valentines Parties

2/16/17 K Open House 6:00PM

2/21/17 COSI

2/24/17 Bingo Family Night

Our next PSO meeting is Wednesday 11/9/16 at 9:30a. I need to know about a week before if anyone will use our sitter. In addition to the \$1 per child you pay, the PSO also pays an additional amount. If I don't receive any RSVPs by Thursday, 11/3/16 I will cancel her. Contact me with RSVPs or questions- [suzanne95osu@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne95osu@gmail.com)  
Thanks!

### Save the Date- PSO Holiday Brunch

Save the Date - Join your fellow PSO members for our annual Holiday Brunch at Burntwood Tavern on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:00. More details to follow soon.

### Highland Drive Hoodie Sweatshirt Spirit Wear

Kids love to be in the Highland spirit, so buy the new spirit wear red tie dye sweatshirt hoodie before it is all sold out! It is selling for \$27 each. These sweatshirts will make great holiday gifts to your child. To order, complete the [form](#) and return it to school by Friday, November 11. Please note that if we do not receive at least a dozen orders, your order will be cancelled and your check will be returned. Bee in the spirit

### Staff Appreciation Pie Bar

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The Staff Appreciation Committee will again be hosting a Pie Bar this November to show the staff how thankful we are for all of their hard work. It will take place on Tuesday, November 15th. Please sign up using the link below to participate in this great event. Thank you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ba8a622aa8-staff>

### Third Grade Tee Shirt

3rd Grade Shirt Update

Order forms are in the process of being delivered to our 3rd grade students for our 3rd grade "autographed" t-shirt. The shirts can be viewed on our website and Facebook page. All of the 3rd graders will wear these for the graduation picture taken on the playground close to the end of the year. Order forms and payment are due by November 18th to insure delivery in December before the holiday break. We would like to request someone to help with the order/delivery process for each class. If you would be able to help, please send an e-mail to [rbobey@hotmail.com](mailto:rbobey@hotmail.com).

## Please Support The 34rd Annual Yuletide Hunger Program!

### FOOD COLLECTION IN THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 5TH

EACH YEAR THE RESIDENTS OF BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW Heights provide food for our area's needy families by participating in the Annual Yuletide Hunger Drive sponsored by the cities of Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills. Each school has their own designated list on the next page recommended for students to use. Only students attending a school can bring in items to a school, other residents are asked to bring nonperishable food donations to their Human Services

Departments. Because we have an increase of families in need, we have revised the collection list with more food items versus household items to ensure that each and every needy family will receive provisions for this special season and well into the new year. In addition to the collection of food, area businesses, churches, service organizations and families generously donate clothing and toys to the Adopt-A-Family program as well as cash used to purchase perishable food that will also be distributed.

Volunteers will sort items and pack boxes December 5TH through the 9th. For volunteer information, please call Brecksville Human Services at [440-526-2499](tel:440-526-2499).

Highland has been asked to donate these items:

- SOUPS - Cans
- TUNA FISH - Cans
- MACARONI AND CHEESE - Boxes
- PEANUT BUTTER - Jars
- PORK AND BEANS - Cans
- JAM AND JELLY - Jars
- DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- SOAP (Bar or Liquid)

\*Boxes will be in Highland's foyer for you to drop off the items\*

## Box Tops for Education

Congratulations to the winners of the October Box Tops Competition!!! Luke Riddles in Mrs. Lant's class was the top contributing student for the month and took home the Top Contributor Trophy. Mr. Cervenka's class won the class competition and enjoyed an extra recess and a pizza party. This group of students brought in an amazing 1,287 Box Tops during September and October and raised \$127.80 for Highland!!!

As a school, we have earned over \$750 for September and October. Way to go!!! Keep clipping!!

Collection sheets have been sent home with students for November. The November competition is going to be another raffle in which students will earn a raffle ticket for each set of 25 Box Tops they submit. Students can still contribute to their class' total even if they can't complete a collection sheet. There will also be a top contributor trophy awarded for November.

Thanks for the continued support!!!

### Chess Club

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Our first Chess Club/Instruction begins this afternoon at 3:45. Children who have registered will be directed to the Art Room for an hour of fun with chess. Pick up will be at 4:45. Please pass along any feedback on this new program to : [rbobey@hotmail.com](mailto:rbobey@hotmail.com)

### Highland Drive Walking Club

We have an exciting new Walking Club planned for Highland Drive students this fall! The Club gives students a chance to stay active and get to know each other!

The Walking Club will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays (weather permitting) on school property, during scheduled recess, and will be monitored by adult volunteers.

The Highland Walking Club will start the week of October 10, 2016, and is free to join. Participation is optional each week.

Sign up [HERE](#)

### Highland Cafeteria Parent Volunteers are Needed

Sign up dates have been added for October through December

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.

Sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer! thanks!

Contact Mikaela Uhlman at [mikaelauhlman@gmail.com](mailto:mikaelauhlman@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Operation Outerwear

Coming in December is Highland Drive's 2nd Annual Operation Outerwear. We are asking Highland Drive families to donate new or gently used (and once loved)

outerwear to help local families of young children. We have discovered many children in our own district do not have the proper outerwear during our cold winter months.

As you are going through your winter clothing, please set aside any coats, gloves, or snowpants that your kids have outgrown from last year. More details to come! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Dasenbrook at [mich\\_ell@yahoo.com](mailto:mich_ell@yahoo.com) or Leanne Hegler at [lhegler13@yahoo.com](mailto:lhegler13@yahoo.com)

### 3rd Grade Kindness Club

Sometimes a simple pack of Halloween candy is all it takes to put a smile on the face of a soldier thousands of miles from home.

Last week, the 3rd Grade Kindness Club, guided by Mrs. Bozculak, asked Highland students to donate a small portion of their Halloween candy to send to Operation Gratitude, a non-profit organization that sends care packages to members of the U.S. military. In a four day period, the students collected over **130 pounds** of Halloween candy - WOW, great job Highland Drive students! A friend of the community, Sean Sullivan, owner of Fitness Together in Brecksville, kindly agreed to ship our candy collection to Operation Gratitude. In addition, Mr. Sullivan is offering a special incentive to parents - a free personal training session when parents bring in leftover candy to Fitness Together - see the flyer [HERE](#)

### Socktober

Highland Drive's Kindness Initiative, [#kindkids](#), is very proud to announce that the students collected more than 1570 pairs of socks for the homeless during the month of October! You really went above and beyond when the teachers and staff remind us to BEE the difference! Thank you Mrs. Boczulak and the 3rd Grade Kindness Club for collecting, counting, and sorting the socks! Also, thank you parents for encouraging and helping the kids! You guys Rock!

### Giant Eagle and Heinens School Program

Shop. Scan. Earn Money for Our School.  
Register your Tasteful Rewards card or update your preferences (this must be done every school year) to select Highland Drive. Every time you shop with your card, our school earns money! Tell grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors to register their cards to earn money for our school. To register or add Highland to your account, click <https://www.heinens.com/home/tasteful-rewards/> or stop by the Customer Service desk next time you shop.

Sincerely,

Highland Drive PSO

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