



December 18th, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHLAND OAKS

Thurs 12/20	Holiday Music Performances see pg 4
12/24-1/4	Winter Break
Thurs 1/17	Collaboration Day, 11:40 am dismissal
Mon 1/21	No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Tues 1/22	HOPTSA Meeting , 8:30 am
Tues 1/22-Fri 1/25	Can You Help Food Drive

The Highland Oaks Master Calendar is available at www.ho.ausd.net, please click on Parents>PTSA>Event Calendar.

Incredible Volunteers Needed

Can You Help Food Drive Jan 22-25th. Help sort cans. Please contact Steve Rhee - rheesteve@yahoo.com

Hawk Walk Feb 6th. Help with planning and collecting funds. Please contact Steve Rhee - rheesteve@yahoo.com

HOPTSA Board for the 2019-20 school year. Would you like to be on the Board and make a schoolwide difference? You can nominate yourself or someone you know. See page 6 for the nomination form. Return to office by January 11th

PURCHASE SCRIP for the Holidays What is Scrip:

It is an opportunity to raise money for the Arcadia Educational Foundation. Instead of going to the grocery store to buy gift cards you can purchase gift cards at the school office. A portion of your purchase (2.5%-14% of purchase price depending on the business) will go back to supporting Arcadia Schools. See page 5 for order sheet.

FROM THE HOPTSA PRESIDENT...

Dear Highland Oaks Families,

"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace." – by Agnes M. Pharo

My most sincere greetings to all Highland Oaks families. Wish you all a joyous and peaceful Holiday break. If you are traveling, I pray for you a safe and rewarding trip. If you plan to stay in town, may I wish for you an invigorating rest. Regardless of where you are, I hope that you will spend a wonderful time with friends and family!

I look forward to seeing you on campus in 2019!

Hua Chen, HOPTSA President
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The Highland Oaks Faculty would like to thank all of our families for sharing your wonderful children with us each day. We are so fortunate to have fabulous parents, students and faculty who help make Highland Oaks so special. Happy Holidays!



Coffee Talk with 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Smith



How did you decide to become a teacher?

As early as I can remember I've always enjoyed working with children. In high school I volunteered at the Arcadia Public Library and helped with the children's summer reading program. I also took a class at Arcadia High where I would come and read books to elementary students. It was at this time in my life that I realized I wanted a career working with children.

Tell us something about your family?

We are all blessed to be working or going to school in the Arcadia School District. My husband, Brad Smith, taught 18 years at Dana Middle School and is now an instructional math coach for Arcadia. Our son, Jordan, is a second grader in Mrs. Salvador's class and our daughter, Sierra, is a first grader in Mrs. Scott's class. We love to go camping together and we love spending time playing games as a family.

What would you tell your elementary grade self if you could speak to her?

I would tell myself to enjoy every minute with family and friends. Take time to play games, listen to stories and soak up the moments with loved ones for these are the moments you will treasure for the rest of your life.

What are your hobbies?

I love painting, crafting and doing any DIY projects. I also enjoy baking and dancing.

What would be a dream field trip regardless of logistics or cost?

If I could be like Ms. Frizzle, we'd all get in a spaceship, take a tour of our solar system and be back by dismissal.

What is your role as a teacher rep for HOPTSA?

I represent the letter T in HOPTSA which stands for Teachers/Staff. I attend the HOPTSA meetings once a month and report on behalf of the staff if they would like me to report or share something at the meeting. I also share back with the staff if anything needs to be reported back. I've enjoyed being the faculty liaison because I can also be in attendance as a parent.



HOPTSA celebrates the
Holiday with brunch, good
cheer and gratitude for all the
contributions of teachers,
staff, and parents.

Thank you to
Madhu and Nana
for the organizing
the food and
decorations.



A spirited Steve Rhee recruiting help for the Can You Help Food Drive.



Maria Vasquez of Designing Dads updating HOPTSA on how fundraised money will be used to support upcoming music/arts events and upgrades to the lighting and sound system in the MPR.



Aaron Rose, the HO rep for Arcadia Education Foundation (AEF) explaining the need for more parent involvement in the Foundation.

Family Math Game Night

On November 2nd HOPTSA hosted its 4th Annual Family Math Game Night. What an INCREDIBLE night! It was so amazing to see our Highland Oaks students and their families having a blast playing fun and challenging games and puzzles together!

Thank you to all who attended! We had another INCREDIBLE turnout and a few lucky students even went home with games of their own as raffle prizes!

We would especially like to thank all our INCREDIBLE volunteers, who made the event such a great success including: Patti Mattera, Fernando De La Rosa, Julie Salvador, Brad Smith, Joanne Dodson, Steven Rhee, Jennifer Gu, Kim Valentine, the Wu Family, and the Taylor Family.

And this year, we had such tremendous help and support from two INCREDIBLE student service organizations from Arcadia High School: the AHS National Honor Society and Kare 4 Kids, who provided over 30 student volunteers for our event!!

Finally, we would like to thank Lakeshore for their INCREDIBLE help and support for the fourth year in a row and for their generous donation of items for our raffle as well!

Thanks again and hope everyone enjoys more board gaming fun with their families this holiday season!



THE INCREDIBLES

HOPTSA would like to thank parents:

Julie Salvador for creating and maintaining the HO webpage.

Marinda Tu for being the Reflections chairperson.

Dear Readers,

✍ If you would like to submit photos, articles, or suggestions to *Hawk Talk*, please e-mail

HOPTSA@gmail.com

✍ If you would like to **nominate an Incredibles Volunteer** please go to the school office parent sign counter to fill out a slip.



SAVE THE DATE

Highland Oaks 2018 Holiday Program

When: Thursday, December 20, 2018

Where: MPR

Show Times

8:45 am-9:45 am = 4th & 5th Grade

10:15 am-11:15 am = TK, Kindergarten & 1st Grade

1:15 pm-2:15 pm = 2nd & 3rd Grade

Special Appearance by our 4th and 5th Grade Show Choir

Please make arrangements to attend the show in which your child's grade level will be performing. If you have children in multiple grade levels, please choose one of the shows to attend.

****doors will open 15 minutes prior to show time****

SCRIP Order Form

An Arcadia Educational Foundation Program

Specialty Scrip	Donation	Denominations	Order Amount
AMC Theater	8%	\$25, \$10*	Total _____
Amazon.com	2.25%	\$100, \$25	Total _____
ARCO	1.5%	\$100, \$50	Total _____
ARCO	2.5%	\$250	Total _____
Bed, Bath & Beyond / Buy Buy Baby	7%	\$100*, \$25*	Total _____
California Pizza Kitchen	8%	\$25	Total _____
Cheesecake Factory	5%	\$25	Total _____
Chipotle	10%	\$25, \$10*	Total _____
Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic/Athleta	14%	\$25	Total _____
Home Depot	4%	\$500, \$100, \$25	Total _____
iTunes	5%	\$25, \$15	Total _____
Macys	10%	\$100, \$25	Total _____
Marshall's/T.J. Maxx/HomeGood	7%	\$100, \$25	Total _____
Nordstrom/NordstromRack/HauteLook	6%	\$100, \$25	Total _____
Panera	8%	\$25, \$10*	Total _____
See's Candy	9%	\$25	Total _____
Shell Oil	1.5%	\$100, \$50, \$25	Total _____
Smart & Final	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25*	Total _____
Starbucks	7%	\$25, \$10, \$5*	Total _____
Subway	6%	\$50, \$10	Total _____
Target	2.5%	\$100, \$25, \$10*	Total _____
Walmart/Sam's Club	2.5%	\$250, \$100, \$25	Total _____

***Limited availability**

Grocery Store Scrip

99 Ranch	5%	\$100, \$50, \$25	Total _____
Arcadia Super Market	5%	\$100, \$50, \$25*	Total _____
Good Fortune	6%	\$100, \$50	Total _____
Sprout's	5%	\$100, \$50, \$25	Total _____
Vons /Albertsons	4%	\$100, \$25	Total _____
Whole Foods	3%	\$100, \$50, \$25*	Total _____

Parent Name _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Student Name _____ ID# _____ Room # _____

School / Group _____

Total Order \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Please make check payable to AEF. There is a \$30 fee for returned checks. Please treat Scrip as you would cash, it can not be replaced if lost.

Gift cards purchased from AEF are not returnable, refundable or exchangeable, with one exception:

- The gift card you purchased is found invalid or declined.

Please contact the AEF office if you have an exception – 626-821-6606 or scrip@arcadiaedfoundation.org

By signing below, I verify that my scrip order is correct.

_____ Scrip Order received from AEF Scrip Volunteer _____

Parent Signature

Date

_____ Scrip Order will be picked up in school office. **SCRIP ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BY THE PURCHASER. PLEASE VERIFY YOUR ORDER.**

YOUR SIGNATURE IN THE SCRIP LOG BOOK INDICATES YOU HAVE VERIFIED THE ACCURACY OF THE ORDER.

Purchases of Scrip (gift cards) are NOT tax deductible as a donation since the fair market value of goods received is equal to the amount of your purchase.

2019-2020 HOPTSA Executive Board Nominations Form

The input and opinion of EVERY PTSA member is important. It is not too early to start thinking about what Executive Board positions you would like to be considered for next year, or to nominate someone else for a position. The proposed slate of officers will be presented by the nominating committee at the January meeting of the Association. The actual election takes place at the March Association meeting.

President: _____

(Coordinates the work of officers and committees, presides at meetings, and is the official representative of the PTSA.)

Executive Vice President: _____

(Assistant to the president. May be called upon to fill in for the president at various functions.)

First Vice President of Communications: _____

(Works to publicize HOPTSA activities or events. Oversees communications that include *The Hawk Talk*, HOPTSA webpages, the HOPTA Directory, and List Serve)

Second Vice President of Ways and Means: _____

(Coordinates and supports all PTSA fundraisers)

Third Vice President of Room Representatives: _____

(recruits room representatives for each classroom; provides training, handbooks, & communications throughout the year with room representatives)

Recording Secretary: _____

(Records minutes at all PTSA meetings. Works with the president and treasurer in assuring accuracy.)

Corresponding Secretary: _____

(Collects and reads correspondence at PTSA meetings and sends out monthly meeting reminders.)

Financial Secretary: _____

(Accounts for all monies received by the PTSA and deposits funds.)

Treasurer: _____

(Pays the bills for PTSA, prepares monthly reports & files the annual tax return.)

Auditor: _____

(Audits the treasurer's books twice a year.)

Historian: _____

(Tracks volunteer hours for the year and gives a "history" of the year at the installation luncheon.)

Submitted by (optional): _____

Please return this form to the HOPTSA Parliamentarian, Matt Taylor. Email to mtaylor@techvisits.com or leave in the Highland Oaks office at the front desk.