



Highview Highlights

Notes from the Principal

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) met on Thursday, January 8th. Our guest speaker, Ellen Clifford, gave a wonderful, informative presentation on adolescent development and parenting of adolescents. Prior to the meeting we had an information session for 8th grade parents on the Explore tests which students took before the winter break. In the future, these tests will be used as a part of a personal learning plan (PLP) for each student to help guide students through high school and beyond. Our final PAC meeting will be on Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. Shawn Howard-McDaniel, ILA teacher, will be speaking on high potential programs at High View.

Enrollment Night was a huge success! It was held on Tuesday, January 13th, and included musical entertainment by the Jazz Band, Choir Ensemble, and Chamber Orchestra. For those parents with in-coming 6th graders who missed it, we have a scheduled parent orientation on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. It is geared toward parent information, however any students who missed Enrollment Night are welcome to come. Fifth graders from our feeder schools will also visit us in May for a tour and orientation. Also, we will have an orientation day a week before school starts for all students.

Spring Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 5 : 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m. — break 4- 5:00 p.m. — conferences resume 5—7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 6: 7:15 - 11:00 a.m. — break 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — conferences resume 12—1:45 p.m.

Conferences have been scheduled with your child's home room teacher. The students will once again lead their conferences and are expected to attend. If for some reason, you do not know when your child's conference time is, please contact Karen Porath at 651-621-6725. We will send home a reminder with your student as conference time approaches. We look forward to seeing you at the conferences this spring!

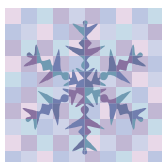
NWEA and MCAII tests will begin in April. Please watch for posted times on our website, so you can support your children by making sure they have enough rest, eat a good breakfast, have a positive attitude and take their time. These tests are not timed, and we know students who take their time do score higher. Thanks for your help!

Sno Daze 2009

Our 8th grade only dance is a time-honored tradition at Highview. It takes many groups of people to make this event happen.

A special thank you to all of our wonderful parent volunteers. This event could not happen without you; from contributing treats to being a chaperone.

The student council and members of Random Acts of Kindness put in countless hours to plan, decorate, and transform Highview into a winter wonderland. The students and student council advisor, Jeremy Squires, deserve a great deal of praise and credit for all of their hard work!



Highview Student Drama Club Proudly Presents

Willy Wonka/ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

February 26, 7 p.m.

February 27, 7 p.m.

February 28, 2 p.m.

Adults \$7, Students \$5, Seniors \$5

Please bring your family to enjoy this time-honored tradition, the Highview spring play



Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen students of the quarter. These students have shown consistent effort as well as a positive attitude through the first quarter.



6th Grade

Bianca Battaglia
Elijah Belden-Holmes
Ethan Ceballos
Rebecca Glader
Nawaz Khan
Madison LaMotte
Mary Lind
Greta Lozada
Kaitlin Maile
Mark Moberg
Tony Nelson
Moses Park
Dan Roney
Hannah Schultz
Tyler Seplak
Libby Swanson
Sarah Tyler
David Vang
Sean Wentworth
MacKenzie Wild

7th Grade

Vasudev Agrawal
Emily Barnier
Erin Barnier
Anna Barton
Ryan Bockenbauer
Christine Catlin
Jacob Damerow
Rebecca Johnson
Austina Klin
Daniel Kroll
Paul O'Brien
Obiora Obikwelu
Jack Pirner
Julian Alfred
Presbitero
Connor Rimell
Naomi Ruetz
Jasmine Rufino
James Vanderheiden
Mattie Watts
Sarah Wigfield

8th Grade

Abigail Andersen
Nicole Birr
Amanda Capasso
Brandon Coleman
Conor Drew
Kyle Duddleston
Cassandra Germundson
Anna Greene
Samuel Griebel
Ross Harrison
Brandon Johnson
Anshika Kapur
Leah McDougall
Hassan Mohamed
Kyle O'Connor
Joshua Olson
Peter Olson
Ann Osterbauer
Amber Schoeller
Audrey Steiner
Mitchell Van Laar
Thomas Wentworth
Rachael Willcox
Jonathan Young

The direct line for the attendance office is 651-621-6701.

Yearbook Advance Sales Have Ceased

The advance sale of yearbooks has ended for the current year. If any families are wishing to purchase a 2009 Highview Highlights yearbook there will be a limited supply of extra yearbooks available in June.

The extra yearbooks will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost will be \$40. Announcements will be made at school stating the date and time at which the sale of extra yearbooks will begin.

Scholastic Book Fair

Volunteers Needed

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place at Highview on March 2 through March 6. Over the years these Book Fairs have been very successful events for the LMC and hundreds of books have been added to the collection as a result.

Parent volunteers are once again requested. The generous amount of time given by parent volunteers is what allows us to have the Book Fair open all day during the week and this contributes to the success we have experienced.

There are three timeframes offered each day for volunteers: 7:45-10 a.m., 10-noon and 12-2:40 p.m.. If any parents are able to volunteer their time, please email Danny Kagol at danny.kagol@moundsvIEWSchools.org or call 651-621-6758 and leave a message with your preferred time.

The Book Fair will be open during parent conferences on Thursday and Friday of that week. If an evening time would work better, please indicate that preference. Parents, thank you in advance for all your help.

2009 Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, January 20th, twenty-three students competed in the Highview Spelling Bee. After a written round of fifty words and three oral rounds, seven students were chosen as finalists who represented Highview at the MoundsvIEW District Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 3rd.

The seven finalists are Conor Drew, Magnus Etuko, Rebecca Johnson, Mary Lind, Mathew Lynch, Trevor McDonald, and Z Quanbeck. Good Luck!

6th Grade

Greg Amusu
Maddie Kinney
Mary Lind
Suzanne Patten
Josiah Walker

7th Grade

Michael Beethe
Dylan Beahan
Christine Catlin
Magnus Etuko
Rebecca Johnson
Katie Landry

8th Grade

Abby Conrad
Conor Drew
Carolyn Dunn
Sophie Gorham
Matthew Lynch
Jacob Manning
Barrett Reif
Trevor McDonald
Angela Nan
Z Quanbeck
Dang Xiong



Conor Drew was the fourth place runner-up at the District Spelling Bee. The winner was a Chippewa student.

7th Grade News

The 7th Grade will be heading to Afton Alps on Wednesday, February 18th. Students can choose between skiing, snowboarding, or tubing! We are looking forward to a fun day in the snow for all 7th grade students! Students will be back in time for activity buses. Remember students with their own equipment will need to be picked up at Highview at 3:45.



Permission forms will be going home with your child the last week in January.

It is hard to believe we are half way through 7th grade! Please take a moment to check your child's school supplies. It may be time for new folders and notebooks. The 7th grade team continues to run BUG; bringing up grades, after school Monday thru Thursday nights. Please encourage your child to attend when they have late or missing work. We also encourage students to attend to receive help with homework or to have a place to study!

Spanish Approved for Elementary and Middle School

Introductory instruction in the Spanish language will become part of the Elementary (4th and 5th grades) and Middle School programs next year---one quarter for 6th and 7th grade students and a full semester for 8th grade. The purpose of this language learning experience is to build a foundation of language skills and confidence that will motivate and prepare students for in-depth study of languages and cultures in high school and beyond. At the completion of this introductory experience, students will know some basic vocabulary and will be able to communicate in Spanish at a beginning level. In addition, the program will support English literacy goals since second language instruction enhances students' English vocabulary and understanding of English grammar.

6th Grade News

Ski-Trip: As part of the 6th grade phy-ed curriculum, the entire 6th grade class went down hill skiing at Wild Mountain in Taylor's Falls, on Friday, Feb 13. All students were required to pass a preliminary ski test (after being given lessons by a professional Wild Mountain ski instructor), before they were allowed to ski on their own! We've been doing this field trip for over 21 years and the kids always seem to have a great time! Prior to the trip, Wild Mountain also sent out a representative on Thursday, Feb 12 to talk with the 6th graders. These Wild Mountain representatives went through their expectations of the students, what the students should wear, and they also answered any questions the students may have had.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS and DRESS CODE: As the weather starts to warm-up, students will need to be reminded of appropriate warm weather school attire. All students and parents received a copy of Highview's Dress Code at the beginning of the year and now is the time to take that back out and review what's appropriate and what's not at school. For girls...all skirts and shorts need to be long enough that if you dropped your arms down to your sides, the skirt or shorts would be as long as your fingertips. If you ever question whether something is OK for school, wear what you know is appropriate and bring with you the questionable piece for an adult to look at. I will also visit all classrooms reminding students of these same expectations, as well as what we expect in the halls, in class, at lunch, and on the bus. Any additional reminders, you as parents and guardians can give, would be greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to the 2nd quarter STUDENTS of the QUARTER: Each quarter, teachers sit down and talk about which students they think would be good candidates for our Students of the Quarter party. Once names are suggested, teachers take a moment to discuss their agreement or disagreement with the students nominated. A final list of students is selected for each quarter using the following criteria:

- 1) Positive role model
- 2) Good attitude
- 3) Hard worker
- 4) Respectful character
- 5) Kindness to all

This year is going by so quickly and I am really enjoying these 6th graders! Thank you for sending me such polite, respectful students! Call me anytime with any of your questions, concerns or feedback!

Warmly,

Heather Timmons

Dean of Students Gr. 6

Looking Ahead . . .

February

- 10 Honor's Breakfast
- 11 Honor's Breakfast
- 16 President's Day
- 18 7th Grade to Afton Alps
- 19 Philosophy Slam 2-4 pm
- 24 Spring Picture Day
- 26 Willy Wonka/Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory 7pm
- 27 Willy Wonka / Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory 7pm
- 28 Willy Wonka/Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory 2pm



March

- 5 Parent Conferences 11 am - 7pm
- 6 Parent Conferences
7:15 am—1:45 pm
- 9-12 7th grade to Laurentian Environ-
mental Center
- 9-13 TLC Week
- 13 No School for 7th graders
returning from LEC
- 16-20 Spring Break