



Highview Highlights

Notes from the Principal

The last Parent Advisory Council meeting on April 2 featured a presentation of Highview Middle School's programs for high performing students. A special thank you to Shawn Howard-McDaniel, sixth grade challenge integrated language arts teacher, for her presentation on academic as well as enrichment opportunities for students at Highview. We also discussed further expansion of these programs.

It is my pleasure to recognize Officer Ed Sypniewski, our school resource officer, who is also a member of the East Metro SWAT team, for receiving several awards this spring. The East Metro SWAT team received the Tactical Team of the year and from the Special Operations Training Association of the Upper Midwest. Officer Sypniewski also received the Medal of Honor from the New Brighton Police Department and a Meritorious Service Award from the Minneapolis Chiefs of Police. We are proud and honored to have Officer Sypniewski as our school resource officer.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

This spring we are going to continue enforcing the dress code which is outlined in our parent handbook. As the weather gets warmer, we expect students to adhere to the following dress code: no tank tops exposing straps, midriff shirts, backless shirts, short skirts, short shorts or short dresses; sagging pants/shorts, loose fitting, large arm hole tanks; no clothes that glorify violence or weapons or which advertise chemicals/drugs/alcohol; or any clothing or accessories which pose a health or safety risk or are disruptive to the learning environment. Outerwear, such as jackets and caps, may not be worn during the school day. Backpacks and purses must be stored in lockers during the school day. Any clothing/apparel items/tattoos/jewelry, etc. which are associated with gang affiliations are strictly prohibited. Students who ride bikes to school must bring their own locks. Bike racks are provided on both sides of the bus lots. We do not allow rollerblading or skate boarding on school property due to safety concerns. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

SAVE THE DATES! SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE

It's very important that students are in school for the state standardized tests. Avoid scheduling appointments on testing dates.

April 14 & 15 MCA Reading

April 21 & 22 MCA Math

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A CALCULATOR

NWEA Map Testing

6th April 29-30

7th May 6-7

8th May 12-13

8th May 14 MCA Science Testing



Highview Middle School H2O for Life

Highview Middle School staff and students completed fundraising for their partner school in Ethiopia by sponsoring a "Teacher Auction". The entire school gathered in the gymnasium as teachers volunteered to dress in wacky costumes for donations. The 7th and 8th grade girls ensemble, accompanied by the drum section of the band, opened the auction singing "H2O for Life", a newly written song.

Mr. Pennings and Mr. Baldwin served as auctioneers. Twenty five teachers were sold for a total of \$1700. On Monday, February 9, teachers were dressed by their top bidders in costumes such as hockey players, Minnie Mouse, Vikings cheerleaders or leprechauns.

Following this event, the girls ensemble recorded our song, "H2O for Life", written by Roxxy Hall and Jennifer Evans Hall. They had the opportunity to visit a recording studio, wear headphones and microphones, and we now have a professional version of the song. Mrs. Stromback coordinated the effort with the girls. The song was part of a radio program that was broadcast nationwide on March 18th, 2009.

Recently, a student panel visited Cretin-Derham Hall and informed the high school students about our H2O project and encouraged them to become involved. The student speakers were: Abby Conrad, Claire Opperman, Obi Obikwelu and Anna Greene. Cretin-Derham has committed to sponsor a school for next year.

Our Highview H2O project raised over \$10,000 for the third year in a row, to fund a project to bring water, sanitation and hygiene education to Kilfo School in Ethiopia.

Additional funds raised will help support other schools in need around the world.

Thank you to students, teachers and our school community for your amazing support for H2O for Life. **We will help solve the world water crisis- One school at a time!**



Students of Quarter 3

6th Grade

Chezron Brown
Monica Bruno
Brienne Bury
Evan Christenson
George Fisk
Haley Fuhr
Beatrice Gulner
Austin Heiderscheid
Nathaniel Johnson
May Li
Aldin Mahmutovic
Katie Manning
Marco Ochoa
Margaret Peck
Katelyn Pladers
Austin Ramirez
Bradley Rhode
Amy Rice
Nathan Roney
Aaron Steiner
MacKenzie Sweeley
Victor Tacheny
Melissa Tran
Blake Vagle
Victoria Van Sickle
Connery Weldon
Brandon Wold
Adam Wutschke
Atia Zahraa

7th Grade

Allison Aabel
Maren Anderson
Evan Blasing
Colin Catlin
Lauren Cummings
Melyssa Joy De Leon
Della
Katherine Glader
Spencer Halvorson
Austin Heath
Benjamin Heuring
Caleb Howard
Anna Muellner
Emily Nelson
Jack O'Brien
Daniel Parkin
Tony Phung
Samantha Sanchez
Benjamin Schleck
Tyler Schweizer
Abigail Young

8th Grade

Kazeem Abubakar
Wolid Ahmed
Christina Apikelis
Timothy Apolloni
Maria Becker
David Bradley
Kayla Campobasso
Shawn Coleman
Carah Faggett
Megan Kirby
Stephen Link
Samual Moua
Jessica Mularie
Xinyi Nan
Megan
Neuschwander
Michael Pate
Meghan Pomeroy
Alexander Quanbeck
Jessinia Ruff
Ralph Sadca
Rebecca Snyder
Anthony Tabet
Angelica Torres
Anna Wagner
Kevin Wright

'Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right'

Author Barbara Coloroso will present "Just Because It's Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right" at Mounds View High School on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. Parents will learn to create a moral road map and will address everyday situations and proper responses to bad behavior. This event is open to the public at no charge.

Philosophy for Beginners

Highview held its annual Philosophy Slam in February, with 14 students competing for honors. This year's theme was, "Greed or giving: which has a greater impact on society?"... Students wrote poems, essays, and created original music for this event. Winners were recognized in five categories: best musical composition- Rebecca Johnson; best essay (a tie)- Audrey Kristufek and Colin Catlin; best poetry-Lauren Jain. The overall winner was Andrea Leonard for her song entitled, 'Greed is the Reason', which she performed live with her father. Kelly Catlin was given the "Samuel Johnson" award for most enthusiastic debater this year.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair held March 2-6 was very successful. Sales totaled almost \$3700. The *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series was a very popular seller.

A special "thank you" to Nan Stoddard, Sharon O'Brien, Susan Nelson, Diane Brady, Sandi Maile, Julie Anderson, Misti VanLaar, Jennifer Cann, Carol Linders, Tim Felegy, Carolyn Emory and Cheri Aldridge. These parents worked as volunteers which allowed the fair to be open during school hours each day. Participation by parents and families during conferences was extremely high.

The success of fair allowed the LMC to obtain over \$650 in new books plus an additional \$1631 in vouchers was earned. Also, several teachers acquired books for their classroom libraries through the Classroom Wish List program.

Thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair.

Magazine Fund Raiser

Order magazines from Highview Middle School and the school keeps 45% of what you order. Shop online at www.aphearst.com. Be sure and use our school code, WC4260.

Enter the student's name, so they get credit for the sale! Order new or renew your magazine. You can use the student login to send email messages to family and friends. Buy 3, plant a tree.

How to Prepare for a Test

Prepare your body

Get plenty of rest.

Go to bed early the night before the test.

Eat a healthy, well-balanced breakfast before school on the day of the test.



Prepare your mind

Be a good student.

Do your school work every day.

Finish all homework assignments on time.

Practice how to take a test

Become a good test taker.

Use test-taking tips in your everyday school work.

Think positively.

Take your time. The tests are not timed.

Use your scratch paper and calculators for math.

Learn to relax

Practice using breathing to calm yourself.

Do not worry about the test.

Remember: It's only a test!

Do your best!

HIGHVIEW 4th QUARTER BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

I understand that to be successful in the Highview community, I must demonstrate:

Respect for Myself

Respect for Others

Respect for Property

I also understand that my participation in the Monday, June 8, field trip is contingent upon my success in those categories. To be eligible to attend Field Trip I must demonstrate respect for myself, for others, for property.

AND:

Return all library books by Friday, May 22.

Pay Book Fines and Fees by Friday, May 22.

Turn in activity money and permission slip to homeroom teacher no later than Wednesday, May 27.

Receive Passing GRADES in every class by Wednesday, May 27.

Have no more than 3 detentions during Quarter 4.

I understand that I will NOT be allowed to participate in any activity that leaves the school grounds and must remain at school if I receive MLC or OSS for any reason during Quarter 4.

This understanding begins Monday, April 6, and will continue to the end of the school year..

This contract was given to every student.

Lego League

A Lego League team from Highview placed 8th in the state competition in January. The topic for this year was, "Saving Energy." The team consisted of three Highview students, Loren Seel (8th grade) , Kara Huyett, and Emily Hohenshell (7th grade). They built a robot, using legos and electronic circuitry. The coaches were Erin and Mark Seel. Way to go girls!

NO SHOTS – NO SCHOOL

SEVENTH GRADE immunization requirements for 2009-10 will be mailed out this May.

By Minnesota law, all children entering 7th grade must have had at least: 3 DPT, 3 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 Td/DTAP after age 7, and **new** this fall: **Two(2)** Varicella shots(if they have never had the Chicken Pox disease). Students that are not up-to-date on shots will NOT be given a schedule or be allowed to start school until they are current. If you have any questions regarding immunizations, or to update shot records, leave a message at 651-621-6704 or FAX to 651-621-6705.

Physical examinations are recommended but not required to attend Highview Middle School.

Thank you!

Lynn Iwaszko, Licensed School Nurse

Angie Waldoch, Health Assistant

Looking Ahead . . .

April

8 Report Cards Home with students

13 Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation

17 7th Gr. Band Elementary School Tour



May

6 Mid Quarter

7 Honor's Night

12-14 Extended School

15 Student Party 2:45-4:45 pm

18 Band Concert at Bethel 7pm

19 Ensemble Concert at Highview
7pm

25 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

28 Orchestra Concert at Bethel 7pm

June

2 Choir Concert at Bethel 7pm

8 Activity Day

TARGET CORPORATION TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Thanks to you and the Target Corporation, Highview Middle School received \$1,557. Target charge cards' school designation is on the rise and we are grateful to all of the Highview parents that participate.





Dear Highview Parent/Guardian:

To prepare for the upcoming Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment Tests (MCA-II), the staff and school administration have developed a school-wide plan to support student success. Included in this plan is this mailing which will include a sample math test. We encourage you and your child to complete this practice lesson together. All Highview math teachers are giving extra credit for signed practice tests.

It is important for parents to encourage their children to read a minimum of twenty minutes a day at home. Reading and discussing newspaper articles is an ideal way for parents and children to prepare for the reading test. Also, incorporating math activities into your daily routine will help to strengthen a student's understanding of basic math concepts. One of the greatest contributing factors to a student's success is the positive support and active participation of the family.