



October 1, 2014

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HIGHLAND OAKS

Oct. 8	Scrip Raffle Drawing
Oct. 9	Reflections Entries Due @noon
Oct. 9	Common Core Day (all students released at 11:40 am)
Oct. 10	No School Staff Development Day
Oct. 13-17	Family Reading Night / Book Fair
Oct. 15	Directory/ListServ Forms Deadline
Oct. 20-24	Red Ribbon Week

## 2014-2015 REFLECTIONS



Attention all Highland Oaks Students!

It's Reflections time again!

*This year's theme: "The world would be a better place if..."*

All entries due by **Oct. 9, 2014 @ 12:00PM** in school office.

Reflections is a NATIONAL PTA arts recognition and achievement program for students grades preschool to Grade 12.

Participation is voluntary and all abilities are welcome!

Artwork by Highland Oaks Students will be displayed at our school after judging is complete.

For participation instructions, please go to <http://hoptsa.org/reflections.htm>

Questions? Would like to volunteer or donate to this program? Contact Joannie Chen - [hoptsa.reflections@yahoo.com](mailto:hoptsa.reflections@yahoo.com) or 626-215-2006.

### FROM THE HOPTSA PRESIDENT ...

When I began my career, I had the privilege of working for a very dynamic company. I worked long hours and did not sleep much. When I received my first paycheck, I was shocked to see that I put in a dollar's worth of time only to receive ten cents worth of pay. I will never forget this experience.

Over time, I started achieve some success in my career and wanted to help in the progression of every human being by making donations to those organizations that focused on the advancement of education, science and research. However, at times, I wondered how efficiently the money was being used. In my search, I found one group of people who put my concern to rest, the Highland Oaks PTSA.

I encountered many stories such a parent who was working on a very tight budget that barely covered the essentials for her program. She found that some of the materials (ex. duct tape) that were being used earlier could not be used in the future because of the damage it could cause to the walls. The new supplies (ex. painters tape) would cause her to go way over her budget. Instead of asking for more money, she went to Home Depot to determine if the items could be donated. When Home Depot said that they could help out, she asked if we can approach the other committee chairs to see if they wanted to add anything to her list of requests.

Over the years since I have been affiliated with HOPTSA, I have found that our volunteers first attempt to speak to local businesses about donating supplies, prizes, food and much more before having to spend the money and still keep our programs great.

It is this spirit of taking ten cents and stretching it to a dollar's worth of programs that make HOPTSA and its volunteers dearest to my heart. I do believe that we are making the greatest contribution to mankind by educating a future generation that will accomplish what we cannot begin to dream.

I want to thank Sherry Kefalas and her team for organizing Family Movie Night last Friday. I know that many of the attendees, including my daughter, enjoyed it very much.

- Paul Shaikh

# 2014 Highland Oaks Book Fair

*"Enter the Kingdom of Books"*



Save the date! Please come join us for the Highland Oaks Book Fair where parents and children can shop throughout the day. We will have excellent quality and fun books for the children (K-5) to read. A portion of all proceeds will go towards helping us maintain and enhance the quality of our great school. We are looking for volunteers to work different shifts. Shift times are 8:00-10:00 AM, 10:00-12:00 PM, or 2:00-4:00 PM. Please contact us if you can help.

Date	Time	Book Fair Event
10/13	8:00 am – 12:00 & 2:00 pm – 3:30	Shop Monday
10/14	8:00 am – 12:00 & 2:00 pm – 3:30	Shop Tuesday
10/15	8:00 am – 12:00 & 2:00 pm – 3:30	Shop Wednesday
10/16	8:00 am – 12:00 & 2:00 pm – 3:30	Shop Thursday
10/16	5:00 pm – 8:00	Family Reading Night, More Shopping
10/17	8:00 am – 12:00 & 2:00 pm – 3:30	Last Day to Shop

Questions? Contact Nana Shen at (626) 825-9121 / shennana3@gmail.com or contact Rachel Leong at (626) 215-0456 / rachelyleong@yahoo.com



## Rockin' Recess

**IT'S PLAYTIME!!!**

Rockin' Recess will take place starting October 7 through April 30, 2015, on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:45am - 10:45am for 1-3 graders when weather allows.

We need MOMS and/or DADS to VOLUNTEER!!! Please sign up. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm, a playful spirit, and a desire to make a positive difference on the playground.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions. Raymond Ma (626) 665-2993 [jma91006@yahoo.com](mailto:jma91006@yahoo.com); Joanne Chan (626) 429-3047 [chankids1642@gmail.com](mailto:chankids1642@gmail.com).

# STUDENT STORE - RED RIBBON WEEK

Hello Highland Oaks Families:

This year we want to celebrate our Highland Oaks Red Ribbon Week with another notch, by supporting our HOPTSA student store pre-order t-shirt. Attached is the pre-order form or you can stop in the office and pick up a form. The sale starts now and ends on 10/23/2014, please put in your order ASAP. Thank you for supporting our PTA, we can't do it without you. GO Highland Oaks School!!

Should you have any question, please contact Leena Thomas ([lthomas73@hotmail.com](mailto:lthomas73@hotmail.com)); Helena Savage ([jungsavage@hotmail.com](mailto:jungsavage@hotmail.com)); Nan Shen ([shennana3@gmail.com](mailto:shennana3@gmail.com)); or Joanne Chan ([chankids1642@gmail.com](mailto:chankids1642@gmail.com))



## Announcement

We are proud to announce that the Friends of Library Program will begin this Thursday, Oct. 2, offering extended library hours on both Mondays and Thursdays until 3:00pm. Feel free to stop in either day after school to enjoy checking books in and out from our beautiful library!



Thank you to all the parent volunteers who are willing to make this program happen. It wouldn't happen without them!

Any questions contact Angie Jensen [grantandang@gmail.com](mailto:grantandang@gmail.com)



Every time you buy \$400.00 of SCRIP your name will be entered to win \$100.00 ARCO card. Drawing will be held on Wednesday October 8 at the flagpole assembly at 8:45 AM.

您每次购买\$400 SCRIP卡都会有抽奖赢得\$100.00 ARCO卡的机会。抽奖将十月八日周三晨8:45国旗下。

