

HIGHCREST HAWK

A Publication of the Highcrest Middle School PTO



From the PTO Presidents

Anne Williams and Eileen Noren

The weeks are flying by and November is now upon us. So many things happened in October and so many people to thank.

After-school clubs are off and running, with many new offerings this year including the ever popular TV studio. Many thanks to Emily Woodrow and Lori Mulhern for spearheading the clubs program this year.

Our school was transformed into a ghoulish, spooky fun house on Friday October 28th for our annual Freaky Friday Halloween Party. Hundreds of students were in attendance and much fun was had by all -- even a few of the parents helping out that night! Many thanks to everyone who helped make that evening so great, but especially to Maren Deaver, Lauren Marwil, Karen Lieberman and Taylor Lindstrom.

Our Kids Are Key Campaign is progressing beautifully. As we go to print, over 265 families have contributed a total of \$23,300 towards funding their children's enrichment programs. We will accept donations throughout the year, but to be counted toward the classroom pizza party, donations have to be received by Friday evening, November 4th.

Remember, our goal is to have every family participate, whether the donation is large or small. Every child at Highcrest benefits from our enrichment program whether it be field trips, guest speakers, the student council program, Art Awareness activities, working with the new TV Studio, etc. So please send in your contribution and be a part of this important effort.

We hope you'll consider joining us at the parent party on November 4th - Barb Shields and Mindie Dolinko and their committee have put hours into making this a fun evening - free from purchasing anything...great music, great food, great people -- how could it not be fun. And not once do you have to take out your check book to bid on something --

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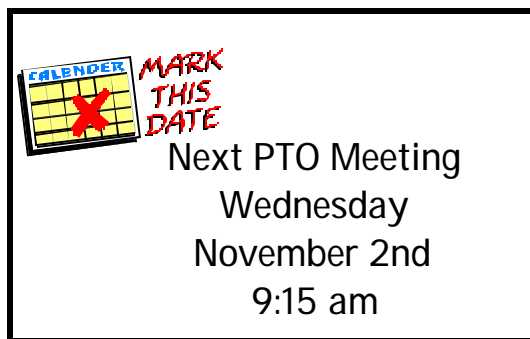
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-- but you may receive one of the many gifts being given away free all evening! You can check out our website to see who has sent in their rsvps.

We also hope you will join us for one of our PTO meetings this year. Our next one is scheduled for November and will feature Ray Lechner, Director of Special Services for District 39, and Josh Price, one of our two school psychologists, talking about what our 5th and 6th graders are feeling right now and answering questions like:

- "Help, my child doesn't like school this year - what can I do?",
- "My child seems to have been left behind by all her friends this year, how can I help?" and even
- "How can I get inside my child's brain - he is so private about everything?"

Dr. Price will give a brief talk and answer all your questions—so come and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!



Michael Jampole, Instrumental Music Teacher at Highcrest, spoke at our October meeting about the key links between studying music and learning an instrument and brain development. He shared some interesting facts and new developments in the field with us. One of the most important things that parents can do is to go and listen to professional performances with their

child. He gave us many local venues to look for performances and we have listed them here for you. Try them out on a rainy afternoon or a cold, snowy weekend this winter!

- New Trier High School Music
Nths.newtrier.k12.il.us/academics/music/dept_info.htm
- New Trier Jazz
www.ntjazz.com
- Northwestern university
Music.northwestern.edu/news/ne_concerts.html
- Midwest Young Artists
www.mya.org
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Cso.org
- Ravinia Festival
Ravinia.org
- Evanston Symphony Orchestra
www.Evanstonsymphony.org

A few other quick **thanks**:

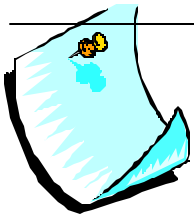
- to all of the room parents for putting together the class parties
- to all of the volunteers who helped with Make a Difference Day, especially Kaci Smith
- to Cecilia Clarke, for her many hours of hard work in putting together the Highcrest Directory,

And as always, if you have any concerns, questions or ideas, please feel free to email either of us.

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Office News

Dr. Cathy Rosen, Principal

Elizabeth Schuering, Asst. Principal

Dear Parents,

It is a busy time of year and there is a lot happening – ask your child about our Monday Broadcasts on WHMS! Some of the things coming up this month include:

1. Highcrest Parent Party: Friday, November 4th – What a great way to meet other families from Highcrest; it promises to be lots of fun! We're really looking forward to the event and hope to see you there!
2. IOWA and Cog At Testing: Students will participate in testing November 7 – 10 primarily in the morning (beginning at 9:00am). Please help us by doing your best not to schedule appointments during this time, also make sure your child has a good breakfast and a good nights sleep. These tests are important but what we want to encourage is that students just do the best they can. We use these tests as well as other instruments to assist us in program placement.

There is one important area where we could really use your help. As you know during drop off and pick up times at Highcrest, traffic is at its peak and parking is at a minimum. Here are a few things that can help if we all cooperate to make the best of the congestion outside while maintaining our top priority of safety for our students.

- **Please obey all posted signs.** Not only is this the law, but it also sets the right example for our children. This includes **not entering the main driveway during the pick up and drop off times.** This area is for buses only.
- If you use the south parking lot – please do NOT park in the driveway at the entrance of that lot. Also remember you must turn right upon leaving this area.
- If you drop off or pick up your child on one of the adjacent side streets, please insist that they cross with the crossing guard at the Illinois and Hunter intersection.

Another area where we could use your cooperation is remembering that custodians are not allowed to open building doors or classrooms so that students can get materials they left at school after school hours. This is both for safety and security reasons – so please don't come by at night hoping to get your child's materials. This may be a good opportunity for them to learn the logical consequence that goes along with "forgetting."

One last reminder, during curriculum night you had the opportunity to sign up for parent teacher conferences in November. If you were not able to attend that evening or were unable to sign up at that time, please stop in the main office to schedule your appointments.

Have a wonderful November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Dr. Rosen and Ms. Schuering



From the Superintendent's Desk

Dr. Glenn "Max" McGee

With report cards and parent conferences around the corner, I am writing to share a few thoughts that might help maximize the value of your time with your child's teachers. Recently, we had an intriguing discussion with teachers and parents from the Community Review Committee (CRC) about progress reporting. This year the CRC will be examining our progress reporting system and make recommendations for how to improve it from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our conversation touched upon the importance of a coherent system that allowed both parents and teachers to gain a better understanding of where a child had been and what expectations lay ahead. One of the most powerful interchanges of the evening was about what parents and teachers want to hear. It reminded me of my son's very first public school report card.

"Joey exhibits a real joy of life," wrote my son's first grade teacher. Though I had been in education since 1972 as a teacher, principal and superintendent, I still couldn't figure out if it was a "good" comment or "constructive criticism." Jan was equally mystified, but she remarked, "that's our son, all right." Regardless, Mrs. B. was right on target and some nine years later, Joe still retains that "joie de vivre" and we have kept that report card as a reminder of what really matters—how well our kids' teachers know and interact with them.

Some of the parents at the meeting made it very clear that as with our experience, what we really wanted to know was how our children were learning. Were they engaged? Were they interacting appropriately with their peers? Were they inquisitive? What were their special strengths and loves? What were their special needs? What could we help them do to be better students and better people? As the boys got older, grades mattered more, but these "essential

questions" remained. From the other side of the table, I know that teachers are hungry for knowledge from home. We want to hear what you think are the special attributes and most important needs of your "leader of tomorrow." If you know of ways we can better reach and teach your child, please tell us at the conference, if not before. We believe that if children do not learn the way we teach, we need to teach the way they learn. Though we have a good idea of how they learn, we know that you know them best and want to hear from you.

So what does all of this mean for parent conferences? Please let your teacher know before the conference if you have particular questions or concerns you would like to discuss. That way, both you and the teachers can make the most of your time together. Also, prior to the conference, I respectfully request that you do a little homework and make a few notes about information you can share with your child's teachers. As one of the CRC members said of conferences, "The time shouldn't be spent talking about paper documents, it should be spent talking about our kids." The emphasis is on *our*, because we are partners and our teachers want to make sure that each one of your children—our children—have a successful school experience this year and beyond.

Finally, later this year the CRC will be seeking your input on what you think should be the specific components of an exemplary progress reporting **system**. Please give the matter some thought so that we can make some real improvements. Also, if anyone can think of a way to calm down my kids for their first preschool conference with my grandson's teachers, please let me know. I don't know why they are nervous beyond the fact that at two he has already displayed a "special joy of life" that has earned him the nickname Jimmy Buffet Junior.



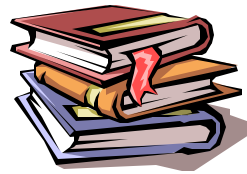
Library Media Center Volunteers Needed

THANK YOU to Susan Barry, Amy Weller, Stephanie Foye, Cathy Foschi, Lisa Printen and Joellen Varga for volunteering at the LMC during September.

PARENTS: Do you want to do something interesting? The Library Media Center is the right place for you. It may encourage your children to go there more often! We have lots of openings, especially on Thursday afternoon, from 2:10 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., or 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

E-mail Martha Blood at Deblood 60091 @AOL.Com

The Highcrest School Store



The new and improved School Store is open for business and it is a very busy place. The students have to remember some new guidelines: (volunteers take note)

- Students are asked to sit down at their tables and start lunch before coming to the store.
- There is room for 3-4 students to shop at one time; students waiting are to form a line along the lower ramp near the stairs at the store
- Students need to bring coins, dollar bills, or \$5 bills to make their purchaseswe cannot make change for \$10 and \$20 bills.

The Store is located on a cart in the cafeteria, and is open during all of the lunch periods every Tuesday and Thursday that school is in session. The lunch periods are extended this year so the school store is open from 10:38 am until 12:45 pm. The store is busy enough for both volunteers to be there together, but if you want to split the shift in 2, make sure that the first volunteer has the store ready and open for the first lunch period.

The School Store will continue to sell Assignment Notebooks throughout the school year at the cost of \$6 each, if a student needs to replace a lost one. If a 5th grade student needs to replace a lost calculator, they can purchase one in the school office for \$15 each.

Come see us in the Highcrest School Store.....and happy shopping!

Mimi Dray mdraywpto@aol.com
Melissa Sloan msloanarts@comcast.net

Highcrest's Kids are Key

Get your
ticket
\$
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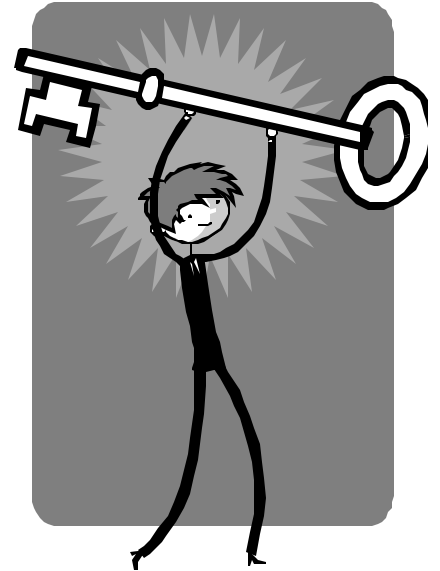
Just a sampling of prizes to be given out on party night!

- 4 Bulls tickets (1st row, club level)
- Spa certificate
- Restaurant certificate
- Beautiful jewelry
- Professional home repair & organizing services
- And, much more...

Pizza Parties go to: the classroom with the greatest number of parents sending in *any* donation AND the classroom with the highest number of parents attending the party!

E-mail bashields121@aol.com or dolhouse@att.net with any questions.

It's time to party and, at the same time, meet other Highcrest Parents! Join us for an evening of a light, buffet dinner, plenty of dancing, and lots of opportunities to meet the parents of your child's classmates. While having a great time, you'll have many chances to receive one (or more!) of our many prize give-aways...at, of course, no extra cost to you.



**Join us: Friday, November 4 at 6:30 pm at
Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette
(check out Highcrest's website to see who's
coming!)**

**Come celebrate the huge success we are
having with our
Kids Are Key Fundraiser**

HIGHCREST'S KIDS ARE KEY PARENT PARTY

...JUST A *FEW* THINGS we're *giving away*
at the party...

GIVE-AWAY'S

- Four BULLS TICKETS (Club Level, first row)
- Four BLACKHAWK TICKETS (Club Level, second row)
- Hand-crafted crystal & silver BRACELET
- Lunch *or* Dinner for 2 at CHARHOUSE GRILL
- Custom-made NECKLACE
- DESSERT OF THE MONTH (thru June '06)
- Two hours of HOME or OFFICE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZING
- Vintage EARRINGS Design
- \$25.00 STARBUCK'S Gift Card & \$25.00 BORDERS' Gift Card
- \$75.00 Gift Certificate to LifeTime Fitness' SPA (and a bag of spa goodies)
- Hand-blown glass VASE
- \$100.00 certificate towards WORTH CLOTHING
- One hour of HOME MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
- One hour ROOM MAKE-OVER by Designer Katie Harker
- BOWLING for 3
- Lunch for 4 at HOMERS with Dr. Rosen (fifth grade winner)
- Lunch for 4 at HOMERS with Dr. Rosen (sixth grade winner)
- Highcrest MOVIE NIGHT with popcorn & snacks
- Highcrest MOVIE NIGHT with popcorn & snacks for 5 kids (sixth grade winner)
- GUEST CONDUCTOR for the 6th grade orchestra at the Spring Concert (sixth grade winner)
- GUEST CONDUCTOR for the Hawk Band at the Spring Concert (sixth grade winner)

GENEROUS DONORS

The Noren Family
The Noren Family
Julie Africk
The Loukis Family
Heidi Mayer and Becky Wall
The Highcrest PTO Executive I
Colleen Collin Josellis of Organized Chaos
Susan Wagner of Vintage
The Dolinko Family
The Michael Rothstein Family
Liz Peterson
Tina Palmer of Worth Clothing
Darryl Rose of GET DWELL
Barbara Shields & Coldwell Ban
Dr. Max McGee
Dr. Cathy Rosen
Dr. Cathy Rosen
Dr. Cathy Rosen
Dr. Cathy Rosen
Brad Butz
Mike Jampole

And, much, much more....



Happy Birthday to your Highcrest student!

We'd like to invite you to commemorate this special day by purchasing a book for the Highcrest Resource Center. Your contribution will add to the richness and variety of our school library and will be enjoyed by the students for years to come.

To make a donation and purchase a Birthday Book, fill out the form below, attach a check made payable to the Highcrest PTO and return to the Birthday Book basket in the school office. The average cost of a new library bound book is \$22.

After your donation form and check have been received, around the time of your child's birthday, your child will be notified via their homeroom teacher to go to the Resource Center to select their book. A personalized bookplate with the message you choose will be placed inside.

Thank you for making a lasting donation to our school library!

Sincerely,

Stacy Hawks (shawks@kraft.com)

Julie Bode (julielbode@yahoo.com)

Birthday Book Program Form

Child's name _____

Birth date _____

Home
Address _____

Teacher's
name _____

Personal message for
bookplate _____

Please make the check payable to the Highcrest PTO and return to the decorated box in the school office



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Come and visit our Resource Center; we are bursting with new and interesting books. The Birthday Book Program has had a **fantastic** fall season. We have had so many wonderful donations, and the library has acquired so many terrific books. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Our most recent contributors celebrating autumn birthdays are:

Chris Choe
Maeve Graham
David Myles
Lindsay Thompson
Nicholas Brown
Margaret Graham
Amy Malinowski
Margaret Noren
Ryan Scandaglia
Brandon Hori
Katharine Newman
Margaret Schaff

James Dana
Anthony Kosinski
Nick Pemberton
Charlotte Williams
Neil De Smul
Jon Gustafson
Maura McDonald
Jack Quigley
Jessica Tetzlaff
Gordon Kochman
Jack O'Malley
Charles Schaff

Madeleine Delannoy
Mark Matousek
Mitchell Schrank
Devin Boehm
Spencer Dillon
James Kohn
Abraham Nam
Jeffrey Salvadore
Elizabeth Chelmowski
Andrew Lawlor
Emma Schaff
Cristina Valdes

Birthday Book contribution forms will be distributed to students around the time of their birthday month via backpack express and the Highcrest Hawk.

Thank you again for your generous contributions!!!

Julie Bode and Stacy Hawks



Youth Connection

Bonnie Lane Groner takes over this month as Youth Connection's new executive director

Ms. Groner's background in youth services and counseling includes positions at Jewish Community Services of Chicago, Youth Services of Glenview and Northbrook, and Waukegan Alternative High School. She earned a masters degree in counseling psychology from National Louis University and continues to serve as a juvenile court mediator for the Cook County Court in Skokie.

Parents with questions about Youth Connection and its programs are encouraged to contact Bonnie Groner at (847) 254-2224.

Highcrest Middle School PTO Membership Form 2005-2006

Student Name(s) _____

_____ grade & teacher _____

_____ grade & teacher _____

_____ grade & teacher _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Parents names _____

Family Membership - \$25.00 per family \$ _____

(this includes one directory)

Additional directories - \$5.00 each \$ _____

Voluntary contribution for enrichment programs \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Highcrest PTO**

Bring to school or mail this completed form along with your check to:

Highcrest PTO – ATTN: MEMBERSHIP

Highcrest Middle School 640 Hunter Rd., Wilmette IL 60091



QUESTIONS??? Kelly Hackett & Sue Franklin
PTO Membership Co-Chairs



Family Awareness Network

Susan Beacham of Money Savvy Generation to speak on

"Money Doesn't Grow On Trees: Teaching Your Children Money Management Skills"

How do children learn to relate to money in a healthy way? Susan Beacham, who is the founder and CEO of Money Savvy Generation, a financial education company, will show parents and educators how they can help children develop life-long money management skills. A columnist for Chicago Parent Magazine, Ms. Beecham, will give us important tools for building financial success, including "the four money choices", the necessity of setting goals for each money choice, understanding "good" vs. "bad" credit, and starting a savings program to show the power of compounding. Bring your questions and come hear compelling and practical suggestions from this financial expert. Open to the public. Suitable for parents with children of all ages.

This FAN event will take place at New Trier High School, Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, Building C, Room 234 on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 from 12:45pm to 2:30pm.



Do You Have a Highcrest Wish List??

After funding this year's enrichment and other programs, the Highcrest PTO hopes to have funds left from our "Kids are Key" fundraiser and other efforts for a gift to the school. We are just in the planning stages now for determining what that gift will be. We don't know how much money we'll have, and we don't know whether we will get one or two big gifts, or a bunch of little gifts.

We are Looking for Ideas, Ideas, Ideas!
Think Big, Think Small, Think of Something
Great for Highcrest!!

Please Let the PTO Know Your Thoughts!

Please complete and put in box in office labeled "School Gift"
or email Mary Lawlor (mlawlor604@sbcglobal.net)

Name:

School Gift Idea(s):

Reason:

**E-mail Mary Lawlor with any questions.
THANK YOU!!**

CLUBS!

Fall Clubs are Off and Running Smoothly!

By: Lori Mulhern and Emily Woodrow

This session, there are over 220 students enrolled in 15 clubs. These clubs are running for eight weeks, finishing either the week of December 5th or 12th, depending on the start date. Please remember to pick up your child promptly at the end of each meeting.

Due to the popularity of several clubs this session, especially Broadcasting and Basketball, we are considering ways to improve the registration process. It has been proposed that a lottery system be used for all club registrations and that 6th graders be given priority in Broadcasting. So look for changes when the Winter Session packet is distributed.

The Winter Session will run for eight weeks from January 23rd through the week of March 20th. Broadcasting, however, will run for nine weeks, beginning one week earlier during the week of January 16th. Please note that Broadcasting will also be the ONLY club offered in the Spring Session. Registration will occur before Winter Break.

Lori Mulhern (michaelmulhern@sbcglobal.net) and Emily Woodrow (ebwoody@comcast.net)



The PTO is considering purchasing a sign for in front of the school to publicize events happening at the school.

Seen one you like?

Have a contact with a sign company??

Please email Anne or Eileen with your ideas and/or information.

Art Awareness Kick-Off Meeting

If you would like to be a part of **art enrichment at Highcrest**, this is the committee for you. Our first meeting will be held on **Friday, November 4th** at 2:00 pm in the cafeteria at Highcrest.

We will steep ourselves in art, architecture and culture as we prepare presentations and art projects for the 5th and 6th graders.

All are welcome!

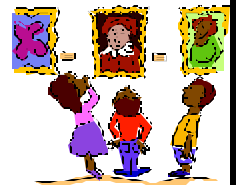
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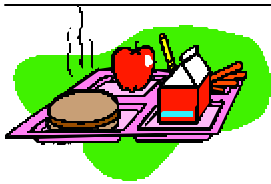
Leigh Rocklin

LRocklin@mindspring.com or

Patti Perry

mikep@afscmeillionis.org





Highcrest Cafeteria Volunteers

NOVEMBER

Mondays 7, 14, 28

Patrice Petry
Lori Czuma
Molly Higgins
Sue Blomberg
Kate Russell
Sue Van Horn

Can sub any day in Nov
Donna Nye
251-2798

Tuesday 1, 8, 15, 29

Kate Grunding (Holquist)
JoAnn Berquist
Mary Lyman
Susan Schreiner
Karen Hankin
Heidi Troster

Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 30

Rimma Kerzner
Mindy Flauntleroy /Mirjam Smeekes
Joy Hall
Anne Thompson
Terri Jarvis
Donna Fellingner

Thursday 10, 17

Tina Schultz
Georgia Revis
Laura Slowey
Bonnie Vasilion
Laurie Malinowski
Julie Miller

Friday 4, 18

Nancy Tierney
Amy Dillon
Lyn Kaufman
Julie Mantice
Maureen Tatosian (Nov 4th only)

Opening (1 spot on 11/4 and 2 spots on 11/18)

DECEMBER

Mondays 5, 12

Judy Leisher
Anne Thompson
Kim McElhenie
Ellen Berger
Arlyn Stern
Sally Schiller

Tuesday 6, 13

Kendra Olvaney
Lori Kaplan
Tierney Sharif
Pam Warnick
Fu Zhu
Renata Buehler

Wednesday 7, 14

Anichka Sakulsorn
Cathy Albrecht
Nancy Zalesky
Lisa Meyer
Michelle Melnick
Lisa Georgouses

Thursday 1, 8, 15

Heidi Carnew
Susan Friedman
Jennifer Pietsch
Meg Murphy
Gigi Enriquez
Susan Theiss

Friday 2, 9, 16

Colleen Trevor
Sheila Brennon
Susan Campbell
Elizabeth Rose
Celia Nelson
Cathy McColloch

Please note that due to the change in period times - the lunch period has been extended. The new time for volunteers is: 10:25 am until 12:45 pm.

Cafeteria Volunteer Coordinators:

Mary Lyman (Aug-Nov)

mommymare@aol.com

Sharon D'Arcy (Dec-Feb)

tom.darcy@comcast.net

Sue Gault (Mar-Jun)



District 39 Board of Education Meeting

Minutes provided by Cynthia Marines, Observer

September 19, 2005

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts – On September 9th, Highcrest conducted an all day Read-A-Thon. The students collected donations from family and friends. Catherine Rosen, Principal, and several students presented a check for \$132,273.80 for the American Red Cross. Fundraising efforts by all 6 schools are underway as District 39 students show community support for those affected.

Summer Enrichment - Stephen Smith reported on the wide variety of offerings in the summer program. Special Education participation in the program continues to grow.

Safety Zone Statistics – Martin McConahay reported that a meeting was being set to look at traffic hazard zones that necessitate free busing for some students. Currently, 250 students west of the Edens Expressway receive free busing.

Opening of School – 87% of teachers surveyed stated that they liked the new 3-day week start of school. Teachers cited a smoother transition for students and teachers alike.

Wilmette Youth Commission – District 39 and the Commission will work together to address the needs of children. Decreasing stress levels for students is an important topic.

Legislative Report – District 39 tests approximately 2 standard deviations above the norm in ISAT results. Spending per student is approximately \$9000.

Facilities Development – Thank you to all teachers for assistance in readying

Romona as construction crews worked up to the last minute prior to the start of school. Central is slated as the next school to undergo renovation under the Life Safety Program. The District spent approximately \$5800 on landscaping to spruce up the schools.

Analysis of Personnel – Of the 64 new hires this year, only 5% were male candidates. More males were hired in grades 5-8 than in K-4.

Scantron Pilot – Toni Shinnars reported on a new test pilot taking place in all schools. Two classrooms per school are testing an on-line based program in Reading and Language Arts that has the ability to give teachers instant results. It is a non-timed assessment that accurately determines student achievement and progress. Testing is slated for 3 times this year. Scantron testing is currently in use at New Trier.

Strategic Plan Status – Looping is currently employed in all elementary schools. The integration of Foreign Language in the K-4 curriculum is on schedule with students receiving instruction in Spanish. The need for a more formalized process to increase parent/community resources in the schools was recognized.

CRC – While topics for the year have not yet been decided, some possible ideas include assessing the need for additional parent/teacher conferences as well as how to gauge the measure of success in District 39.

Full minutes of the meeting are available for review at the MEC.

District 39 Educational Foundation

Certificate of Appreciation

Honor a special teacher, administrator, friend or family member this **holiday season** through a donation to the District 39 Educational Foundation. Your donation will be acknowledged with a beautiful, personalized Certificate of Appreciation sent to the honoree.

The Foundation promotes educational innovation and excellence in District 39 schools through:

- Gripp Grants to educators, students, and community members
- The Sam Mikaelian Fine Arts Fund which brings free fine arts events to all citizens of District 39

A Certificate of Appreciation is a great way to honor a special person while supporting the Foundation.

Send the following information with your donation (no minimum amount) to:

District 39 Educational Foundation, Certificate of Appreciation,
615 Locust Rd., Wilmette, IL 60091

Honoree's Name _____

Address _____

School (if applicable) _____

Donor's Name _____

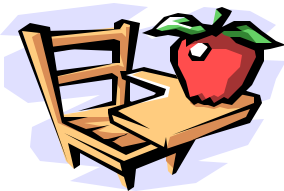
Donor's Phone _____

Message _____

Questions??

Contact Jane Donaldson Bliamptis

jldonaldson@mindspring.com



November 2005 Parent Education Newsletter

The North Shore Parent Education Consortium (PEC) develops, coordinates and produces educational programs for all New Trier Township parents. PEC is comprised of representatives from the community and parent/teacher organizations who, in partnership with The Book Stall at Chestnut Court in Winnetka, offer programs on relevant and timely parenting topics through joint planning and shared resources. PEC acts as a centralized source of information on parent resources/programs that promote stronger schools, family and community life.

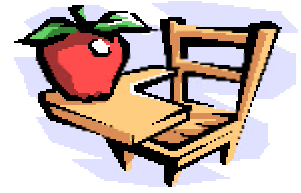
November 1, Parents Book Discussion Group. "Growing Up Too Fast" by Sylvia Rimm following the 9:30 a.m. PTO meeting, Wilmette Jr. High School, 620 Locust Road, Wilmette. The parenting book discussion group led by Wilmette Jr. High School principal Dave Palzet is open to all area parents. Add your name to the list to get regular book club updates (palzetd@wilmette39.org). Web supported discussions on each book will also be held; (To participate, access Forum 39 on the district web site www.wilmette39.org.)

November 5, "Parent University #6" Keynote session presented by Dr. Michael Maniacci, "Why Respect Is More Important Than Love," 8:00-1:05 p.m. Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook 60062. This well-run morning includes keynote speaker Dr. Michael Maniacci speaking on "Why Respect is More Important than Love," followed by three workshop sessions chosen from a list of more than two dozen, including "Brain Research and Early Childhood Development" and "Getting Fathers and Sons to Talk " (individual sessions for men and women). Continental Breakfast and Resource Fair included in fee: \$20 before Oct. 20 and \$30 afterwards (some scholarships are available). For brochure and registration form call the NCDAA at 847-272-7870. or ncdaa@theramp.net.

November 7, "Teenagers! Talking with Them about Difficult Subjects," 9:45-11 a.m. Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest 60045. Join North Shore psychologist Heather M. Hale, Psy.D, LCPC, CADC, as she discusses talking with your teens about sex, alcohol, and other drugs. Reservations: 847/295-9075. Sponsored by LEAD.

November 10, PASS39 Planning Committee Meeting at McKenzie School, 9am, McKenzie School, Prairie and Central, Wilmette. District 39 parents of students with IEP's meet monthly with Dr. Ray Lechner, Director of Student Services to discuss special education needs for parents, staff and students. Come join us!

November 14, "Safe Surfing: Protecting Your Child on the Internet," 7:00- 8:00 p.m., Wilmette Public Library, Auditorium, 1242 Wilmette Avenue. Learn what you need to know about internet safety from a panel of experts, including Commander Kyle Perkins from the Wilmette Police Dept., John Stieper, Director of Technology and Media Services at School District 39, and Lyn Persson, Head of Youth Services at the Wilmette Library. Bring your questions about parental controls for filtering, blocking and monitoring internet use, chat rooms and blogging.



November 15, "Underage Drinking: What is Really Happening," 7:00 p.m., New Trier Winnetka, McGee Theatre, 385 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka. Alcohol use among high school students is a serious concern for many adults. The parents of New Trier's senior class will present a program on the epidemic of binge drinking, also known as high risk drinking. While the presentation will concentrate on the drinking habits of New Trier students, this presentation is open to all members of the community and will be of interest to any area parent with a pre-teen or teenager.

November 16, "Money Doesn't Grow On Trees: Teaching Your Children Money Management Skills." 12:45 -2:30 p.m. New Trier HS, Northfield Campus, Building C, North Entrance, Room 234, Happ Road, Northfield, 60093. How do children learn to relate to money in a healthy way? Susan Beacham, who is the founder and CEO of Money Savvy Generation, a financial education company, will show parents and educators how they can help children develop life-long money management skills. Columnist for Chicago Parent Magazine, Ms. Beecham, will give us important tools for building financial success, including "the four money choices", the necessity of setting goals for each money choice, understanding "good" vs. "bad" credit, and starting a savings program to show the power of compounding. Bring your questions and come hear compelling and practical suggestions from this financial expert. Suitable for parents with children of all ages. Sponsored by FAN.

November 16, "From the Chat Room to the Family Room: Getting Your Teen to Talk to You," 7-8:30 p.m. Lake Forest Hospital Health Education Center, 660 Westmoreland Road, Lake Forest 60045. One of the most challenging periods of parenting and growing up is adolescence. Just when your child's life gets more complicated it often becomes more difficult for the two of you to connect. In a humorous, interactive and practical style, M.J. Murray Vachon, clinical social worker, will help both parents and teens navigate these important years. Registration: 847/295-9075. Sponsored by LEAD and Lake Forest Hospital.

Questions? Contact Deb Guy at dgguy@comcast.net



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**HIGHCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
NOVEMBER 2005**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 BAGELS SALAD SOUP DESSERT	2 MACARONI & CHEESE SALAD FRENCH BREAD DESSERT	3 PIZZA SALAD SOUP ITALIAN ICE	4 CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD ROLL SOUP DESSERT
7 EGG ROLL RICE SALAD FRUIT COOKIES	8 CHICKEN TENDERS MASHED POTATO SALAD DESSERT	9 GRILLED CHEESE SOUP VEGGIES PUDDING	10 PIZZA SALAD SOUP DESSERT	11 NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY
14 HOT DOGS CHIPS VEGGIES ICE CREAM	15 CHICKEN PATTY/BUN SALAD DESSERT	16 PASTA/MARIN ARA SAUCE SALAD BREAD STICKS DESSERT	17 PIZZA SALAD SOUP DESSERT	18 BLT CHIPS SOUP DESSERT
21 NO SCHOOL CONF	22 NO SCHOOL CONF	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIV- ING DAY	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIV- ING HOLIDAY
28 BAKED POTATO SALAD SOUP DESSERT	29 HAMBURGER CHIPS SALAD DESSERT	30 TURKEY SUBS FRENCH BREAD SOUP VEGGIES DESSERT		

LUNCHES ARE \$2.35 FOR STUDENTS WITH MILK INCLUDED

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Relationship Development Intervention An Overview

Presented by:

Carmen Gendel, LCSW

Certified RDI Consultant

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

New Trier Northfield Campus*
Building C – Board Room C234, Second Floor, North Entrance
7 Happ Road – Northfield, Illinois

Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) is a parent-based clinical treatment for individuals on the autism spectrum and other relationship-based disorders. It is the first systematic program designed to help children with obstacles preventing them from attaining relationship competence.

RDI is based upon the model of Experience Sharing developed by Steven Gutstein, Ph.D. Dr. Gutstein studied the means by which typical children become competent in the world of emotional relationships. Ms. Gendel will present an overview of RDI principles.

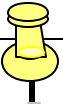
Carmen Gendel is a partner in Sweeney, Gendel and Associates, a private practice specializing in the treatment of children, teens and adults with ASD. She received her MSW from the University of Illinois. Ms. Gendel has presented at several Chicago area conferences on a variety of issues impacting people with ASD.

Space is limited. To ensure a seat, please **RSVP** to Karen Noonan, NSSSED Director of Programs at 847-831-5100 extension 210 by November 10, 2005. District 39 residents should indicate they are also a resident of New Trier District 203.

***Directions to New Trier Northfield Campus**

From North: I-94 (IL 41) to Tower Rd. exit; go south on Frontage Rd. which turns into Happ Rd. until you reach Northfield Campus (just south of Winnetka Ave.).

From West: I-294 (Tri-State Tollway); exit east on Willow Rd. to Happ Rd. South on Happ to Northfield Campus.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

2	PTO Meeting - 9:15 am
4	"Kids are Key" Parents Party - 6:30 pm
7-10	IOWA and Cog At Testing
11	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
21-23	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences
24-25	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Holiday

A big thanks to all of the students who submitted artwork for the cover of the Highcrest Directory this year. Please stop by the lobby and see their wonderful work!!

Sophie Melnick (Grade 5)
Tomer Cahn (Grade 5)
Audrey Baer (Grade 5)
I ana Panovkina (Grade 5)
Reed Kolbe (Grade 6)
Rose Al Abosy (Grade 5)
Lindsey McClure(Grade 6)

Caroline Chen (5th Grade)
Maggie Noren (Grade 5)
Elizabeth Kumaki (Grade 6)
Jack DeMar (6th Grade)
Jared Hiltzik (Grade 6)
Hannah Weller (Grade 6)

And Congratulations to the winners!!:

Tomer Cahn
Maggie Noren
Audrey Baer
Elizabeth Kumaki

