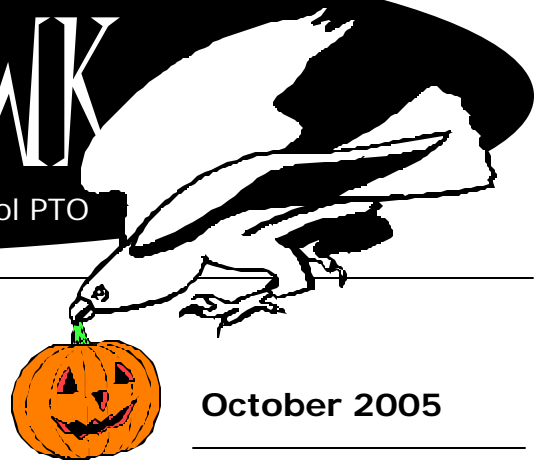


# HIGHCREST HAWK

A Publication of the Highcrest Middle School PTO



## From the PTO Presidents

Anne Williams and Eileen Noren

We hope everyone's September went relatively smoothly and we look forward to the cooler days of October and the wonderful activities and events that lie ahead.

It was wonderful seeing all the parents gathered for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum nights. We enjoyed meeting with a few new families and helping them get further acquainted with Highcrest. We are sure the room parents appreciated all of you that signed up to provide assistance in your child's classroom during the year. We have found helping with parties and programs, and of course field trips, is a wonderful way to get to know your child's teacher, other parents, and of course the kids your child interacts with each day.

We want to thank the many people who helped get our year off to a great start:

- Peggy Wilson - our wonderful editor of the Highcrest Hawk. Remember it is now online, but printed copies are available in the office.
- Kaci Smith, Lisa O'Brien, Tip Walker, Tricia Cook and Marjie Killeen - for coordinating Room Parents and Parent Volunteers. We saw a lot of energy and enthusiasm at the Room Parent meeting and are sure we are going to have a great year.
- Ruth Borushek & Molly Higgins - for providing goodies and that wonderfully cool water for our Opening Coffee on Meet the Teacher day;
- Kathy McCulloch - for overseeing the wonderful work on landscaping around the school before school started.
- Diane Baer and Sheila Brennan - for mailing out the first newsletter Marin Deaver, Lauren Marwil, Taylor Lindstrom and Karen Lieberman for coordinating 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Connections which gave our entering 5<sup>th</sup> graders a wonderful opportunity to meet each other and have fun;
- Maria Bettini-DeBoer - for keeping our website, and us, up to date.

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- Amy Dillon, Therese Heyek and Anne Thompson - for overseeing volunteers in our Wonderful Prairie Garden. We have seen the number of kids out there each day helping to put in plants or clean up, quietly reading or talking with friends;
- Chris Vander Pal - for managing the outstanding sales of our Highcrest Logo Wear at the opening coffee and the two curriculum nights - go Hawks!
- Mary Quirke - who has taken on the responsibility of producing Highcrest Headlines and making all of our lives easier.
- Mindie Dolinko and Barb Shields - for their great planning of the "Kids Are Key" campaign and the wonderful parent party to come.

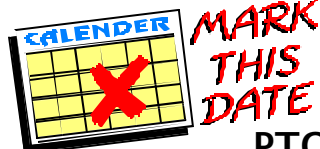
We have already had some great enrichment activities at the school. Fifth graders enjoyed seeing Lloyd Bachrach, an incredibly inspirational speaker who encouraged our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to reach for and be all they can be. Additional programs are planned in the coming months.

Our Kids are Key campaign is well underway. Our goal is to have every family participate, in however large or small a way that they would like to. As you know the monies we raise at the PTO go to cover a wide range of expenses from enrichment activities, field trips, guest speakers, the student council program, Art Awareness activities, flowers and plants and support for our Prairie Garden, the list goes on and on.

We love walking through the Highcrest Lobby and seeing the number of keys covering the lock that seem to multiply each day. The kids seem to love trying to figure out how many keys are up there each day. We look forward to announcing which classroom wins a pizza party for the most families participating in this effort.

### **Mark your calendars for some great events coming up at Highcrest:**

- Please join us for our **October PTO Meeting at 9:15 in the Auditorium.** Michael Jampole, who teaches 5th and 6th grade instrumental music as well as grade 5 general music at Highcrest as well as serving as the co-chairman of the



**PTO Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 5th**  
**9:15 am in the auditorium**

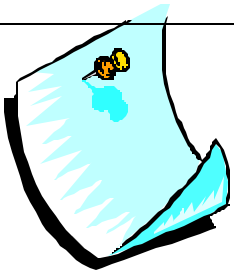
**Guest speaker Michael Jampole will talk briefly about music education and its impact on child development.**

District 39 Music Department, will be our speaker. Mr. Jampole will talk briefly about music education and its impact on child development. As you know Highcrest has been recognized for one of the best band and orchestra programs in the state, so his talk should be quite interesting.

- The return of **Arithmetickles** - a wonderfully fun interactive Math program scheduled for our 5th graders.
- Our famous "**Freaky Friday**" Halloween Party on October 28th.

If you haven't signed up to help with anything

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## Office News

Dr. Cathy Rosen, Principal  
Elizabeth Schuering, Asst. Principal

Hello!

The school year is off to a great start and students are quickly adjusting to the school routine. Our new flexible block schedule is meeting all our expectations as we continue to look for appropriate ways to develop relationships and challenge students in all areas. Teachers will be participating in professional development opportunities to improve teaching in a block and ultimately improve learning.

The new lunch schedule, although initially met with some trepidation, has proven to be great for everyone! Students are much more relaxed and have room to sit with their friends and classmates while enjoying their lunch. The supervisors have noted the excellent behavior and how the kids seem more at ease during their lunch and recess.

Once again, the Highcrest community has come through for those in need! As of the writing of this letter, our students have earned over \$130,000 for the American Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina! Many thanks to the organizers, Mrs. Miles, and Mrs. Katz, as well as to the entire staff for coming together to make our Read-A-Thon such a tremendous success! And finally, thank you to the very generous support we received from our parents, friends, and families of the Highcrest community.

We are so proud to be the administrators of such an incredible school! Highcrest truly is a wonderful place for teachers to teach, children to learn, and families to flourish. Thank you for your continued support, ideas, and questions as we all work to ensure the highest quality opportunities for all children.

There are many more great things to come this year – so stay tuned!

Dr. Rosen

Ms. Schuering

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this year, or find you have a little extra time, our Resource Room is always looking for volunteers. You can email Patti Weiner at [mpsdweiner@aol.com](mailto:mpsdweiner@aol.com) or Martha Blood at [deblood60091@aol.com](mailto:deblood60091@aol.com) and they will readily schedule you for a day or two.

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

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Anne Williams

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[annewilliams3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annewilliams3@sbcglobal.net)



## From the Superintendent's Desk

Dr. Glenn "Max" McGee

Dear Parents,

"Tomorrow's Leaders" are certainly off to a fine start this year, and I am very grateful to you for your parenting and support this first month of school. Whether it is checking your son's backpack, helping your daughter get organized, assisting the twins with a tough homework assignment or just weighing in with a positive attitude adjustment, you are making an important contribution. Along those lines, I am writing as both your School Superintendent and as a dad to encourage you to take time to call or e-mail your child's teachers if there is anything you think they need to know about how your child learns best or special needs he or she may have. Your insights will help us do a better job and help your child have the best year ever.

Having recently attended our son's Curriculum Night at Barrington High School, Jan and I were impressed with his teachers, but it did not take us long to figure out those who really knew Joe, those whom he had charmed and those for whom he was already working hard. The next day we made three appointments, two for phone conferences and one for a brief face-to-face conference, to help the teachers understand what Joey needs to succeed as well as his skill of talking his way out of particularly demanding work. Though Joe was not too thrilled, we are seeing a big difference in his effort in a few of his classes along with some extra support from a couple of teachers.

As an aside, in addition to meeting the teachers, we found Curriculum Night provided invaluable information of another sort. As we were leaving his computer class, a mom tapped us on the shoulder and said, "So you're Joey's parents. I just wanted to introduce myself because all I hear about is how much fun he and my daughter have together in class. We'll have to talk about the Homecoming Dance." Overhearing the conversation, his teacher added, "They are really good friends but sometimes socialize a bit too much instead of paying attention." Socializing!!! Homecoming Dance!!! Yikes!!! Needless to say, we never heard much about any social life much less a particular young lady or a date to Homecoming. As for how we dealt with that ... that's a topic for another time and place.

Getting back to business, you can be assured that our District 39 teachers welcome parent contacts and are prompt about returning calls. We hope that you will take some time to make a call, send a note or stop in to share any ideas that you have about how we can work with you to make this year the very best for your son or daughter. Working together, there is no ceiling on what our children, the leaders of tomorrow, can accomplish.

For your children,  
Max McGee

# 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

**Wall Street Journal** Columnist, Jeffrey Zaslow, to speak on  
"Navigating Life's Transitions"

*What are life's hardest moments and most rewarding transitions? How do we navigate them? Jeffrey Zaslow's "Moving On" column in The Wall Street Journal focuses on life transitions - - whether losing a loved one, gaining a spouse, changing jobs, moving into retirement, or coping with success or failure. In a presentation that will be both heartwarming and entertaining, "Zazz" will share meaningful and amusing transition advice that he's collected in interviews with hundreds of newsmakers, and in correspondences with thousands of readers. Jeffrey Zaslow will offer insights that could help you in your career and your personal life. 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, October 19, 2005 from 12:45pm to 2:30pm.**



## PTO's "Kids Are Key" Fund-Raising Campaign

All Highcrest families should have received their "Kids are Key" fund-raising letter. Please be sure to return your donation as quickly as possible - and thanks to the 139 families that have already responded. Remember, these monies fund all of the wonderful enrichment activities that our children enjoy throughout the year. If you didn't receive your letter, please e-mail Barbara Shields at [bashields121@aol.com](mailto:bashields121@aol.com) with your address. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

**SAVE THE DATE Friday, November 4, 2005**

for our Highcrest Parent Party! It will be an evening full of dining, dancing, and meeting new Highcrest parents. E-mail Mindie Dolinko at [dolhouse@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dolhouse@worldnet.att.net) or Barbara Shields at [bashields121@aol.com](mailto:bashields121@aol.com) if you'd like to get involved.



## 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.**

**Visit FAN's web site ([www.fan-ntts.org](http://www.fan-ntts.org)) to learn more.**



# Library Media Center Volunteers Needed

## Didn't get to sign up yet and still looking for a volunteer spot??

The Library Media Center (LMC) is a great place to spend some time. You will get the chance to see the wonderful books your kids are reading!

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help out for five hours during the school year. You choose what days are more convenient for you:

- Five days a month,
- Once a month during 5 months, or
- Five times during the year.

Email Martha Blood at [Deblood 60091@AOL.Com](mailto:Deblood60091@AOL.Com) or Patti Weiner at [mpsdweiner@AOL.Com](mailto:mpsdweiner@AOL.Com)

**Don't miss this opportunity , your kids will love it!**

Thank you  
Patti Weiner and Martha Blood, LMC coordinators

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## Gift Wrap Sale in Progress

The annual Sally Foster gift wrap sale kicked off on Monday, September 12th. The order forms should have come home with your child that day.



The sale runs through **Thursday, October 6th**. All orders will be delivered to your child at Highcrest on **Wednesday, October 26th**. Keep in mind your child may need some help getting these orders home.



We hope everyone can participate in this great fundraiser for Highcrest!

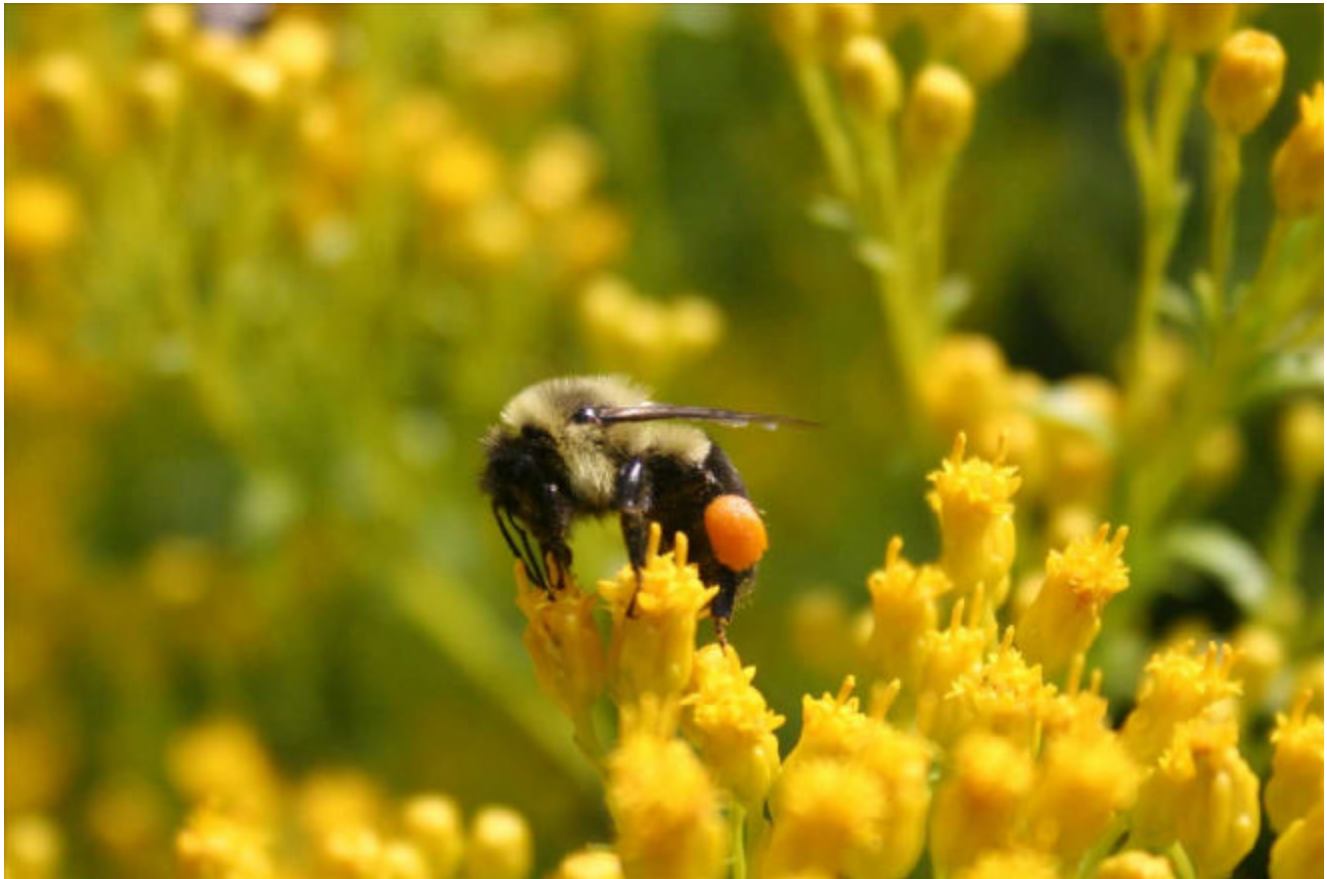
Please contact Cathy O'Reilly ([gworeilly@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gworeilly@worldnet.att.net)) or Renee Greening ([greeningjr@aol.com](mailto:greeningjr@aol.com))

Autumn is the best time to explore Highcrest's very own prairie. Some plants are over 7 feet tall, and bright orange bugs, large green grasshoppers and brilliant butterflies are everywhere. Staff are taking students to the Outdoor Classroom (OC) and parent volunteers are supervising them during recess. Over 150 different students have visited the OC during lunch recess since school opened. Thanks to all of our parent volunteers and the wonderful weather the students and parents have many opportunities to:

- Go on bug hunts and examine grasshoppers and bugs up close using kid friendly magnifying glasses
- Water, stake and cut back some of the plants
- Plant Butterfly Weed seeds
- Watch Honey Bees and learn about the pollination process
- Paint with water colors
- Learn about and feed the new compost bin
- Plant cool weather plants
- Simply hang out and visit with old and new friends



By Amy Dillon & Anne Thompson





We especially want to acknowledge and thank Beth Drucker and Therese Heyek. While neither are “official” parents of Highcrest students, they continue to volunteer, train and work behind the scenes to support the OC.

In addition a big **THANK YOU** to all the parents who volunteered in September: Arlyn Stern, Beth Drucker, Betty Ann Brody, Christie Weller, Dorothy Nunemaker, Jess Tang, Jill Schield, Judy Schnecke, Karen Tzanetopoulos, Kathleen Boehm, Kim O’Donoghue, Leslie Jaffe, Lynda-Al-Najjar, Paula Merucci, Renee Greening, Ruth Borushek, Susan Clabby and Susan Schreiner.

***JUST A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE  
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM!***

***10:30-12:45 DURING LUNCH RECESS***

E-mail Amy Dillon ([amy@dillon.net](mailto:amy@dillon.net))



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrichment To Include Interesting & Inspiring Programs

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrichment Co-Chairs have been working hard to line up a year of strong programming that both supports the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and provides interesting and motivational content. Many of the events listed below were big successes last year so we've rebooked them for this year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class:

- **Friday, 9/23/05: "Yes You Can"** – Lloyd Bachrach, disabled motivational speaker, presents to students in the auditorium.
- **Friday, 10/14/05: "Arithmetickles"** – A fun and educational mathematics presentation that gets the students involved.
- **Tuesday, 3/7/06 and Wednesday, 3/8/06: "Naper Settlement"** – Hands-on field trip to a recreated 19<sup>th</sup> century village in Naperville.
- **Monday, 4/10 and Tuesday, 4/11: "Life Begins"** – Cast from the Health World museum in Barrington visits classrooms to present important health, safety and environmental issues.
- **Wednesday: 5/17/06: "Civil War Reenactment"** – Highcrest's highly educational and interactive Civil War battles and presentations.

There are several additional programs in the works that we'll be sure to update you on in future issues of The Hawk and in the weekly Highcrest Headlines.

Mimi Rodman & Pamela Robertson  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrichment Co-Chairs



Look for the "Hawk" on-line or copies are available in the school office

**OR**

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**highcresthawk@yahoo.com**

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October 15th**

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# SIXTH GRADE ENRICHMENT



The Highcrest PTO is excited to have a great lineup of enrichment programs this year. We ask and encourage all families to please donate to the PTO's "KIDS ARE KEY" fundraising campaign that enables us to fund these programs as well as provide our school with many other services & activities throughout the year. Check out the planned programs and field trips, all chosen to enhance and compliment the sixth grade curriculum.

**SOLAR SYSTEM AMBASSADOR:** Mark Schneider, Solar System Ambassador for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (under auspices of NASA) will come share his expertise and excitement for astronomy with our students.

**A CHILD'S VOICE:** Poet Bill Buczinsky will spend time in all 18 classrooms motivating and encouraging students to write poems. Poetry week closes with an energetic assembly featuring student readings of poems written during the week.

**MESOPOTAMIA MINI -MUSEUM:** On loan from the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute, replicas of artifacts are available to classrooms so students can further understand this ancient culture.

**FIELD MUSEUM, EGYPT EXHIBIT:** This field trip brings the study of Ancient Egypt to life as students travel through the exhibit gathering facts about daily life, burial chambers and mummification.

**FERMI LAB CRYOGENIC SCIENCE SHOW:** This exciting assembly by Fermi Lab demonstrates scientific phenomena (explosions!) that we are unable to replicate in the classroom. It closely connects with our chemistry curriculum and sparks interest for Science Expo.

**REALITY THEATRE:** This theatrical performance is written and performed by area high school students. The program depicts and emphasizes healthy decision making in response to many of the social/emotional issues encountered by kids today.

**SHEDD AQUARIUM:** In the classroom, students build a terrarium and an aquarium as they learn about ecosystems. This field trip allows students to observe aquariums on a much larger scale and explore exhibits to better understand the Amazon, pollution and adaptation.

**ARTHUR ALIVE:** This assembly ties into the study of medieval Europe as Lady Joan relates vivid stories about life during medieval times, reveals the history behind many customs and stages a jousting tournament with student volunteers.

**MEDIEVAL KNIGHTS:** Two medieval knights visit to teach students about their particular role in history. During the assembly, the knights provide a detailed account of their training and fully describe the function and history of the weapons and armor they used.

Margaret Flanagan

Mary Alice Lyon

# CLUBS!

## Fall Clubs are Ready to Roll!

By: Lori Mulhern and Emily Woodrow

Our very own Highcrest teachers have been fast at work to deliver some new and exciting clubs for this fall. Check out Broadcasting, Holiday Crafts, Around the World and Let's Play Euchre to name a few. And, don't forget the old favorites like Bowling, Basketball, Cooking and much more. With 20 clubs to offer, there's something for everyone. We hope you'll consider this offering as you prepare your fall schedules.

Each club meets for one day a week after school from approximately 3:50p to 4:50p. A session runs for 8 weeks. More details surrounding the clubs, days offered and fees will be forthcoming as we roll-out the Fall Clubs on the following schedule:

Week of September 26th

**Monday, October 3rd**

Week of October 10th or 17th

Week of December 5th or 12th

Club Registration Packets Distributed

**Registration Forms Due**

Fall Clubs Begin (Start dates will vary by club)

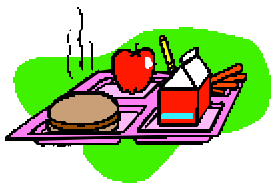
Fall Clubs End (End dates will vary by club)



## Environmental Awareness

Beth Drucker, Cori Conti and Charlotte Parkhill are working with 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Laura Swenson to heighten the environmental awareness of our students. During Environmental Awareness Week (September 26th) the emphasis will be on making students aware of their gasoline consumption. Volunteers will be in the cafeteria to talk to students about what choices they can make to use less gas and how they can figure out their car's gas mileage. We will be encouraging students to walk or bicycle to school, to wear t-shirts with an environmental message and use less of everything.

Meanwhile, every day in the Outdoor Classroom, students learn about the environment during class time and recess. They are bird and bug watching, exploring prairie and woodland habitats, sketching flowers, creating leaf-rubbings, tending the compost bin and learning about the care of plants. If you are interested in the environment, or helping children learn about nature, please contact Beth Drucker at [bstolley@aol.com](mailto:bstolley@aol.com).



# Highcrest Cafeteria Volunteers

## October 2005

### **Mondays 3, 17, 24, 31**

Alice Schaff  
Tracy Beltrano  
Deanne Roggenkamp  
Katie Kolbe  
Mignon Dupepe (Synder)  
Jenny Higgins

### **Tuesday 11, 18, 25**

Susan Clabby  
Karen Lieberman  
Lisa Rosenberg  
Mary Lyman  
Allyson Haut (Office)  
Leslie Jaffe Davis

### **Wednesday 5, 12, 19, 26**

Lori Mulhern  
Amy McMormac  
Jane Rivi  
Brooke Conkey  
Karen Steiner (Lipasek)  
Arunya Hori

### **Thursday 6, 20, 27**

Maggie Maloney  
Nancy Powers  
Julie Stahl  
Vinnie Kanwar  
Joan Vesselnovitch  
Kelly Hackett

### **Friday 7, 14, 21, 28**

Catherine Mann  
Jennifer Lande  
Marlene Dodinval  
Vicky Loukis  
Mary Beth Kovacis  
Ellen Binder

**October substitute:** A. Economou 853-1618

## November 2005

### **Mondays 7, 14, 28**

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

### **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  
Joy Hall  
Anne Thompson  
Julie Mantice

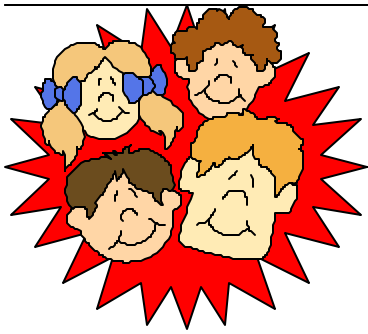
**November substitute:** Donna Nye 251-2798

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**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)	853-1138	mommymare@aol.com
Sharon D'Arcy (Dec-Feb)	256-1712	tom.darcy@comcast.net
Sue Gault (Mar-Jun)	256-5369	



# Youth Connection

## YC welcomes new Interim Executive Director

The Youth Connection board of directors appointed Lori Smith as Interim Executive Director for the start-up of the 2005-2006 program year. Ms. Smith, who is also the school nurse at Wilmette Junior High School, takes over from Yesenia Maldonado, who this summer accepted a position with a north suburban school district. The Youth Connection board expects to complete its search for a permanent executive director this fall.

### **RAD launches a new year at Highcrest Middle School**

RAD, Youth Connection's after-school gathering place for 5th and 6th graders, reopened September 6<sup>th</sup>. RAD is open to all Wilmette middle school students (not just District 39) five days a week, from the close of school until 6:00 pm. RAD is located in the Highcrest Middle School cafeteria. No fee is charged to families and students are offered a snack, homework help, and supervised games and activities.

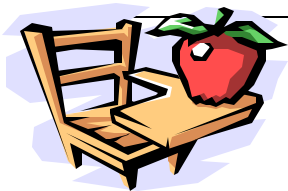
### **YC participating in Make A Difference Day**

Make a Difference Day is a national program that encourages youth to support their communities through acts of service. Make A Difference Day is October 22, 2005, and during the week of October 17-20, youth at Highcrest and WJHS will collect items as a way to participate in this nationwide service opportunity. Stay tuned for more information!

### **New president and board members**

Wilmette resident Brek Peterson was elected President of Youth Connection's board, succeeding Warren Lavey. Mr. Peterson served previously as Youth Connection's Treasurer. Mr. Lavey and retiring board members Julie Luby, Holly Rosencranz, and Linda Zelechowski remain affiliated with the organization through Friends of Youth Connection. Joining Youth Connection's board this summer were Tammy Biltgen, Sharon D'Arcy, Pauline Gerstein, Mary Heins, Janet Hersh, Laura Oatney, and Jenny Schade. Siobhan Hill is Youth Connection's liaison with the Village-Wide PTO.

Parents with questions about Youth Connection and its programs can call Ms. Lori Smith at (847) 254-2224.



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## PEC 2005-2006

### Parent Education Consortium of the North Shore

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.

**October 6, "IT'S SO MUCH WORK TO BE YOUR FRIEND: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success," 7 p.m.,** Wilmette Jr. High School , 620 Locust Road, Wilmette. Join author **Rick Lavoie** as he outlines for parents, teachers, coaches, and care-givers expert advice on teaching learning-challenged children how to interact successfully and happily in social situations. Lavoie will share proven strategies for: joining groups of peers engaged in a team sport or other shared activity, establishing and maintaining friendships, resolving conflicts with classmates and siblings, and tuning into social cues, including reading unwritten rules and conventions.

**October 18, "Raising Healthy Children in Challenging Times," 7:30-9:30 p.m.** Diller Street Theater, North Shore Country Day School, 310 Green Bay Road, Winnetka,. There is no harder job than being a parent. No other work touches so much of a person so deeply or so unpredictably and there is no training for it. As the pace of life accelerates, as media influences intensify, and as the future grows less predictable parents and teachers both find it harder to know how to raise children of character, caring and competence; how to resist negative influences in the surrounding culture; and, how to help foster strength and resilience in children. North Shore Master-in-Residence, Rob Evans, Ed.D will outline key dilemmas in childrearing and offer concrete suggestions for successful coping at home and school. Sponsored by NSCDS.

**October 18, "Maximizing Health Insurance Benefits for Individuals with Special Needs," 7:30-9:30 p.m.** New Trier HS, Northfield Campus, Building C, North Entrance, Room 234, Happ Road, Northfield. Parents of children with special needs may often incur significant expenses for medical and therapeutic services or special equipment. Learn how to deal more effectively with your health insurance carrier to secure the maximum benefit from your plan. Gail Borgerd has extensive personal and professional experience in dealing with health insurance companies. **RSVP** to 847-831-5100 extension 210 by 10/14. Sponsored by NSSD APS.

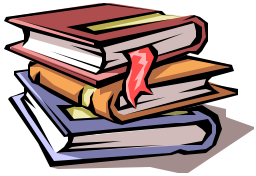
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

4	NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah
5	PTO Meeting - 9:15 am - in the auditorium
6	Gift wrap sale ends
10	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
11	After school clubs begin
13	NO SCHOOL - Yom Kippur
25	Picture re-take day
26	Gift wrap delivery
28	Freaky Friday Party - 7:30 to 9 pm



### The Highest Store

The new and improved School Store is open for business. Special thanks go to Melissa Sloan for her creative paint job! The excitement on the kid's faces as they look at all the choices of items they can purchase is "priceless". The school store is sponsored by the Highcrest PTO and run by parent volunteers. It is not a "fundraiser", we price items that we purchase at cost, and nothing costs more than \$2.00. There are a few open slots to work a shift or two later in the year, so please call if you did not get a chance to sign-up at the Welcome Day Coffee.

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 10:38am until 12:45pm. Please arrive to work your shift by 10:30 at the latest to set up, because the kids come in ready to shop!

Please remember to send dollar bills, so that we don't have problem giving them change. The kids also need to be reminded to form an orderly line, and not push and shove each other while waiting to shop.

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

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**HIGHCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH MENU  
OCTOBER 2005**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
3 BAGELS SALAD FRUIT FROZEN YOGURT	4 NO SCHOOL ROSH HASHANAH	5 HAMBURGER CHIPS SALAD DESSERT	6 PIZZA SALAD SOUP DESSERT	7 FRUIT PLATE CHEESSE MUFFIN SHERBERT
10 NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	11 BREAKFAST BURRITO (EGG/SAUS AGE) MINI BAGEL FRUIT	12 B-B-Q WINGS TATER TOTS CELERY STICKS FRUIT	13 NO SCHOOL YOM KIPPUR	14 ITALIAN BEEF SAND PICKLES SALAD FRUIT
17 HOT DOGS FRIES VEGGIES FRUIT	18 BLT SOUP CHIPS FRUIT	19 CHICKEN GYROS/PITA TTZATZIKI SAU TABOULEH SAL FRUIT	20 PIZZA SALAD SOUP DESSERT	21 GREEKSALAD PITA/HUMUS FETA CHEESE FRUIT
24 GRILLED CHEESE SOUP VEGGIES PUDDING	25 BAKED POTATO SALAD SOUP DESSERT	26 MAC/CHEESE SALAD ROLLS DESSERT	27 PIZZA SALAD SOUP DESSERT	28 NACHOS/ CHEESESAUC TACO MEAT VEGGIES FRUIT
31 EMERALD CITY PASTA SALAD ROLL RUBY SLIPPER DESSERT	<b>FOLLOW</b>	<b>THE YELLOW</b>	<b>BRICK</b>	<b>ROAD!</b>

LUNCHES ARE \$2.35 FOR STUDENTS WITH MILK INCLUDED

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DROPPED IN...WICKED 10/31**