

Orca Spout Out Newsletter

Dear Highland Terrace Orcas,

I can't believe we are already in the middle of October. As I write this in our school that is way too quiet, I am reflecting on the gratitude I have for our entire Orca Community.

Families, I am grateful for all you do each day for our school, staff, and community. I value the essential family partnership between home and school during this time to support all of our students. I acknowledge the continued challenges we face as a community. Thank you for all you do each day to get your child(ren) connected and engaged in learning.

Students, I am grateful to have the opportunity to know you. It is a privilege to watch you grow and learn even if it is online. You need to stay proud of your hard work, proud of your perseverance in challenging situations, and proud of how you are engaging with school and learning this year.

Staff, I am grateful for your care and compassion for students and families. Thank you for modeling being a learner and trying new strategies and techniques. I appreciate your hard work, dedication, and commitment to our students, families, and school community.

I am grateful to continue to serve the Highland Terrace community. Let's keep our **Orca Pride** going and continue to **Set the Example, and Be the Change**.

Please reach out to me any time as I value and appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lara Drew".

Lara Drew

Principal | Highland Terrace

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ORCA FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Join Us for Orca Family Connections



Thursday, October 29th, 6:30-7:30

Hosted by HT Counselor, Teresa Osborn, and HT Family Advocate, Jill Steinberg

- Time for families to connect and meet one another
- Share successes and challenges in our remote learning environment
- Families choose break out rooms depending on their interest or identity
- Families that speak a language other than English will have an opportunity to meet together. Please RSVP if an interpreter would be helpful.
- Hear tips for social-emotional well-being for you and your student(s)
- Meet our new Family Advocate and learn about family resources

All families are welcome. All families look different and feel different. We welcome and celebrate our differences at Highland Terrace.

RSVP to teresa.osborn@shorelineschools.org

CULTIVATE THE GENIUS OF BLACK CHILDREN

FREE 5-PART Online education series focusing on the best practices and strategies for teaching Black children at home and in school.



AUTHOR & SPEAKER: DR DEBRA REN-ETTA SULLIVAN, Ed.D.

See flier for details [Cultivating the Genius of Black Children 5 Part Series .pdf](#)

FREE TAKE-HOME MEALS

Everyone welcome, no sign-ups necessary!

Spartan Recreation Center, 202 NE 185th St, Shoreline

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 11:30 am—12:30 pm



FROM OUR PTA



ROOM PARENTS NEEDED – While the ‘rooms’ may be virtual, there are still a variety of ways we can support our students and teachers in class and throughout the year. Read more about the role

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bn8xpVkWgRe1U8_rus2QS6mn1YmFFIKZ/view?usp=sharing

Visit here to get signed up!

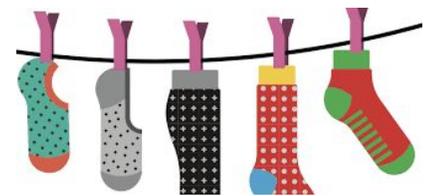
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REFLECTIONS – The National PTA Art Exhibition is accepting submissions through 11/6. Find out more about the program and how your child can participate here

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

Email questions to: htptareflections@gmail.com

SOCTOBER 2020 IS ON – Let’s help Shoreline PTA Council stock [The Works](#) with lots of necessary socks for all ages. Find out how you can donate [here!](http://Tinyurl.com/htsocks) [Http://Tinyurl.com/htsocks](http://Tinyurl.com/htsocks)



As of newsletter writing, Highland Terrace was up to 478 pairs!

HTPTA OCTOBER 2020 BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Please email highlandterracepta@gmail.com with your name, your child’s name and class information. Link for the Zoom meeting will be sent via email Tuesday morning. Visit www.highlandterracepta.org for more information about our PTA and how you can get involved!

SAVE THE DATE: Zoom HTPTA **Board Meeting, November 17th, 2020 @ 630pm**

[MEET THE PTA BOARD](#)

GIVE WHILE YOU GET – PASSIVE FUNDRAISERS

Visit <http://www.highlandterracepta.org/passive-fundraisers-for-htpta/> to find out about other ways you can contribute to HTPTA while you shop – Box Tops, Fred Meyer Rewards, and more!

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

We're still actively building enrichment and community building opportunities, and need to power behind these roles to get the job done - please email htptavolunteers@gmail.com to find out more!

HIGHLAND TERRACE ELEMENTARY FAMILIES CONNECT ON FACEBOOK

An informal group page on Facebook created as a space to share ideas and build community in these remote learning times...

Check out <https://www.facebook.com/groups/htptaparentsconnect>



ORCA WEAR HAS ARRIVED!! We'll be in contact with folks about how to get their orders to them. Didn't get an order in? Don't worry – we'll have another opportunity to order your Orca Pride in January 2021!

SHARE YOUR FALL COLORS!

Kids can post pictures, share art, etc. It's a small thing to bring us all together in a creative and colorful way. Show us your October spirit on our **HT 2020 Fall Wall** Padlet!

<https://padlet.com/highlandterracepta/2020FallWall>

