

Orca Spout Out Newsletter



Dear Highland Terrace Orcas,

During the month of November, there are two different observances we recognize. We want to continue to share with you those plans and what our learning will include.

Veterans Day Observance: Each year, schools recognize Veterans Day. This year, we will not be able to have our traditional assembly. Our Equity Team identified ways for teachers and students to engage in classroom learning about the meaning of Veterans Day and the importance of remembering and thanking those who serve. Teachers will share with students some video overviews and read some of the books identified by Shoreline librarians listed here [Veteran's Day Bookshelf Link](#).

Indigenous People Cultural Observance: For the month of November, our Equity work within the classroom is focused on Indigenous People. Students in all grades will complete activities focused on helping students understand tribal sovereignty and Indigenous people's past and present in our state and America. Classrooms will be using Since Time Immemorial Curriculum, a resource developed collaboratively between local public educators and local Indigenous educators. You may view that curriculum [here](#). Additionally, students will also read books by Indigenous authors. You may view those [here](#).

If you are a member of an Indigenous community, we welcome your partnership. Please let one of our HT Equity Team members know if you are a member of an Indigenous tribe and wish to share part of your culture.

Our Equity Team includes the following staff and we thank you for your partnership in our work. If you are interested in knowing more about our Equity Team and ways to partner, please let us know.

- Kelsey Graves, 3rd grade teacher
- Christina Simmons, 1st grade teacher
- Christine Chmielniak, 4th grade teacher
- Amy Gourde, Dean
- Teresa Osborn, Counselor
- Alicia Wilson, Librarian
- Lara Drew, Principal

Sincerely,

Lara Drew

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HOLIDAY BASKETS EVENT

Registration for the Holiday Baskets event is now open! Click here to register:

<http://www.shorelinepta.org/holiday-baskets.html>

This annual event provides holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families experiencing economic hardship or other circumstances that make it challenging to provide for their students. Event information can be found at the link above.

FROM OUR PTA

FALL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AT HIGHLAND TERRACE

Creative Coding

Learn coding! Starts Tuesday 11/3, 3:30pm-4:45pm, \$25/session

To register: <https://creativecoding.com/highland-terrace>

GIFT CARD & DONATION DRIVE

Hello Highland Terrace Families. You have been so generous this year with all of your donations benefitting our local community and fellow Shoreline families. We know during the Holiday season you may have opportunities to donate to many charitable organizations but we wanted to let you know about another upcoming opportunity to benefit our local families in need.

This year we will not be collecting food for the Holiday Baskets. Instead please consider donating here:

<https://tinyurl.com/DonateHB2020>.

Visit our PTA page for details: <https://highlandterracepta.org/2020/10/27/gift-card-donation-drive/> If you have any questions please contact me at timssfamilly@gmail.com.

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://highlandterracepta.org/reflections/>

Watch the video to learn more! <https://youtu.be/VfH7fb8M9tE>

Email questions to: htptareflections@gmail.com

See attached flier for details

CONFERENCE WEEK SOCIAL ZOOMS

Come chat with your Highland Terrace buddies on Zoom next week in the afternoon. Monday November 2nd, Tuesday November 3rd, Thursday November 5th and Friday November 6th!
Grades K-2 can join between 2:30 and 3:00pm; Grades 3-5 between 3:00 and 3:30pm.

Join the Zoom Meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89548853302?pwd=NzZsSXJFWHNwUDY5eUdadjhQcFIEZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 4885 3302

Passcode: GoOrcas!

HOLIDAY SHOP VIA AMAZON SMILE

[Amazon Smile](#) is an automatic way for you to support our school every time you shop on Amazon. Highland Terrace PTA will receive a portion of every dollar spent on eligible items.

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 this form to get signed up!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_9jV5RlpNtS8oRm5ZtMcol7qRurQfVWHB2SoZOnzeVQ/edit?ts=5f7b70f5

SHARE YOUR FALL COLORS!

Post your pictures, share your art! 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/highlandtercepta/2020FallWall>

HT PTA BOARD MEETING

November 17th, 2020 @ 630pm (Zoom). All are welcome!

Please email highlandtercepta@gmail.com to let us know if you plan to attend.

THANK YOU HT COMMUNITY!

We have donated **1,981 pairs of socks** to The WORKS so far. The WORKS has far exceeded their goal of 5,000 pairs and are now in need of underwear. If you were planning on donating socks, can you please consider donating underwear? We start an underwear drive in February ~ this is a great way to get started! <https://tinyurl.com/HTSOCKS>

Again, thank you everyone for your amazing generosity, Kristie Timss, HT PTA Family Services Chair

