

Orca Spout Out Newsletter



December 8, 2020

Dear Highland Terrace Families,

I am thinking of all of our families and hoping you are staying safe and healthy. We realize that this time of year is often challenging for a variety of reasons and recognize this year brings even more difficulties for many. We want to remind students, families, and staff about taking care of themselves. Please seek support if you need it. If you aren't sure what kind of support you need, or where to look for it, our Family Advocates and Counselor have skills, knowledge and information about resources that can help you get through stressful times. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Family Advocate	Jill Steinberg: 206-393-4346 or jill.steinberg@shorelineschools.org
Counselor	Teresa Osborn: 206-393-1308 or teresa.osborn@shorelineschools.org

Self-Care and Finding Joy this Season: We have had families express interest in having some family sessions with our Counselor, Ms. Osborn. This week she will be offering an opportunity to think about taking care of yourself and finding joy during this season. All families are invited.

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020
- **Time:** 6:30-7:30pm
- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88475874738?pwd=c2NFL1FxbldUaVQ2dWF2VG1Xb0hxOT09>
- Meeting ID: 884 7587 4738
- Passcode: 649792

Please reach out if you have any questions or ideas. We value hearing your perspectives and thinking.

Sincerely,

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

Lara Drew
Principal | Highland Terrace
lara.drew@shorelineschools.org

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Thank you to families contacting the attendance office. Reminder: Schools must take attendance during remote learning.

Similar to in-person attendance if your child will be absent, I must speak to or receive an email from a parent or guardian with the reason for the absence. A student's parent/guardian can excuse an absence by calling or emailing within five (5) days of the absence.

If your child(ren) will be absent send an email to ht.attendance@shorelineschools.org or call the attendance line (206) 393-4342 available 24 hours. In your email or message, please include the date, student name, teacher or room number, and the reason for the absence.

If your family is planning to extend Winter Break and your child(ren) will be absent before December 21 or after we return on January 4, please let the Attendance Secretary know.

FROM OUR HTPTA

GIVE THE GIFT OF THANKS!

As with so many other traditions, this year HTPTA has decided to forego our usual Holiday Cookie Boxes for the staff and teachers at Highland Terrace for the sake of everyone's health and safety. In its place, let's show an outpouring of our appreciation by showering our HT community with thanks! All family members are encouraged to send messages through SeeSaw or email to let everyone know how grateful we are for their time, care, and commitment to our big Orca family. We love you, Highland Terrace!

GIFT CARD & DONATION DRIVE

**** GIVING DEADLINE NOW EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 12th! ****

Hello Highland Terrace Families! You have been so generous this year with all of your donations benefiting our local community and fellow Shoreline families. We know during the holiday season you may have opportunities to donate to many charitable organizations – please consider supporting Holiday Baskets to benefit our local families in need. This year, instead of collecting food, gift card donations are the need. Please consider donating gift cards or here:

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

If you have any questions please contact Kristie Timss at timssfamilly@gmail.com.

COAT DRIVE FOR THE WORKS – STILL GOING ON!

As the cold weather approaches, more students are asking for winter coats at The WORKS and the racks are quite bare. Specifically, warm coats and other winter gear for local students 4T-16 youth or XS-3XL adult are needed - new or Gently used (so if you or your kids have outgrown items, please pass along).

WAYS TO DONATE:

- You may drop them off with Kristie Timss at the Sunset School Park parking lot on Saturday 12/12 from 10 -12 pm.

- You can order via our Amazon wishlist:

http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/6LyvKAr?ref_=wl_share

- You can deliver to the WORKS Wednesdays 6-8pm or email (theworks@shorelinepta.org) or leave a message on The WORKS information line at (206) 393-4916 to coordinate a drop-off/pick-up.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness, generosity, and support of The WORKS!

www.shorelinepta.org/the-works.html

SCIENCE KITS - coming in 2021!

We know we just got y'all excited for Science Kits coming to the materials pick up in December, but its been postponed for now. We don't know when we'll be able to deliver these super amazing kits, but we are working on providing some ideas for cool science-y (technical term) things to do at home! To get you started, check out the national PTA website with how to make invisible ink and a balloon boat!

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/stem/at-home>

Stay tuned for more!

- The Science Night aka STEAM Committee

SHOP VIA AMAZON SMILE & SUPPORT THE PTA

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE – December 15, 2020 @ 630pm – HTPTA Board Meeting – via Zoom. All are welcome!

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

MEET THE BOARD: <https://highlandterracepta.org/htpta-board/>

JOIN THE PTA - <https://highlandterracepta.org/join/>

VOLUNTEER - <https://highlandterracepta.org/volunteer/>

GOT QUESTIONS? Email highlandterracepta@gmail.com