

*Highlands*

# Highlights



## *A Rainy Welcome Back BBQ*

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Despite a cold and rainy day, Highlands School welcomed back many parents and students with a hearty BBQ on Thursday, September 16.

The many new staff here at Highlands had a chance to chat with their students and parents in a relaxed atmosphere while filling up with hamburgers (including vegetarian), veggies, chips, juice, coffee and cake.



*The cake . . .mmm!*



*People starting to arrive.*



*Mr. Stirling, Mr. Wong and Mr. Phillips cooking in the rain.*

*Bright futures  
begin here*

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# Principal's Message

Hello to all our Highlands Parents, Guardians and Community Members!

Welcome to the 2010 - 2011 school year! I am so excited to be back at Highlands School in my new role as Principal. I am extremely fortunate to have a history with this school that goes back to the 1980's and I am truly looking forward to supporting students and staff in **LEARNING WITH RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, PRIDE** in the coming years.

Our 200 students are off to a great start. We are organized into eleven different learning groups, with a regrouping of the students for their option classes. You may have noticed that the strong staff that Highlands has always enjoyed has gone through a number of changes since last June. Ms. Allen has a new role to start up Doctor Donald Massey School, and a number of other teachers have moved on to other positions in our District. We count ourselves as very fortunate as we have brought in teachers who will keep up the Highlands traditions of excellence. **Ms. Deanna Fidelak** has returned from her maternity leave. Teachers new to the school are **Ms. Shannon Gilson, Ms. Stephanie Jackson, Mr. Brent Kapicki, Ms. Shelley Pitzel** and **Mr. Dale Stirling**. New to the office as Administrative Assistant is **Mrs. Leslie Yankee**. **Mr. George Brouwer** has been with us for a month as Head Custodian, but will be moving on next month to a new position. When we find our new Head Custodian, he will let you know. Metis Child and Family Services will be providing us with our new cook, **Bernadette Higgins**.

It was great to meet many of our Highlands families at the Meet the Staff Barbecue last week. The intent was to have families come in to meet the staff, and open up the lines of communication. We hope you have had the opportunity to sign up for **School Zone** so that you can access information on line. If you have yet to do this, please call **Mrs. Graham** in our office. Please also feel free to give us a call at any time to ask questions, provide us with feedback, or receive an update on how your son or daughter is doing. We will be sending our first interim reports home at the end of October.

***Our Highlands School Council needs you!*** The council meets on a monthly basis – the **first** Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. We rely on the School Council to advise us as we work toward developing fine young citizens. All parents / guardians are encouraged to join us in keeping Highlands the strong centre of learning that it is. See you on October 4!

As we continue our journey through the school year, I encourage you to be our partners in education. Keep in close contact with your child's teachers. Call or stop in to see me or Assistant Principal Mr. Glen Wilcox in the office, if you have questions, concerns or comments. Together we will achieve great results for all Highlands students.

Sincerely,

Ken LeLacheur  
Principal

## *Highlands Parent Council Meeting*

*Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. in the Library*

*This is a great opportunity to be involved in your son or daughter's school, to meet other parents, and provide insight to help Highlands to continue to move forward and provide an excellent education for our kids*

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## *SchoolZone for Parents - What You Need to Know*

**What do I need?** Access to a computer and an application form.

**Why register?** To stay up-to-date on school news, your child's homework, attendance, progress reports, timetables, student fees and the list goes on .

**How to apply?** Call or drop by the School office and ask for a SchoolZone Application form. Once completed and returned, you will receive a User ID and Password to access information about your child.

**More than one child in an EPSB school?** You can merge all of your SchoolZone accounts so you can view information about all your children from one account.

*Sign up now!*

*You are just a point and click away  
from the easiest way to access  
information about Highlands and  
your child at school!*

*Any questions, call Ms Graham in  
the office at 780-479-4206*



## *Coffee & Conversation*

Highlands next *Coffee and Conversation for Caregivers of Teenagers* is

**Thursday, October 7 @ 9:00 a.m.**

For more information, please call

Noelle Dufort at 780-479-4206.

Please sign in at the office before coming for coffee in the **Library**.

## **School Fees**

The deadline for paying school fees is  
Monday, October 4.

Please see Ms Yankee in the school office to arrange  
payment or a payment schedule.



## **Highlands Sports Teams Up and Running!**

With 1 month into the school year,  
Highlands teams are coming together,  
practicing and competing!

The **Highlands Soccer Team** is up and  
running! Due to weather setbacks, however,  
the team is now making up for rainouts!

Come out and cheer your  
Highlands Soccer team on!

**Highlands Volleyball** and **Cheerleading**  
tryouts have begun! Watch the announce-  
ments for tryout dates and times!

Go Highlands Hurricanes!



## **Lend a Hand?**

Seniors Caring About Seniors is a non-profit organization which matches able-bodied people with seniors who need a hand.



Currently, **they are in need** of house-keepers, maintenance people (earn extra cash), volunteer drivers (honorarium provided), office volunteers and when the snow flies, snow-shovellers..

**Call Val Dash, Coordinator of Volunteers at 780-465-0311 for more info.**

The **Family Centre** is geared up for Fall with a Variety of courses

on topics such as:

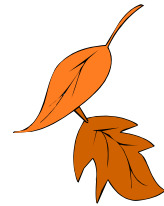
“Getting to ‘Yes’ with your Teen”

“Effective Co-Parenting”

“Healthy Relationships”

“Men & Anger”

For more information, please contact The Family Centre at 780-917-8205



## **Girls Eyes Only . . .**

The GEM Club (Girls, Engineering and Mentorship Club) at the U of A's Faculty of Engineering is looking for female participants in grades 3-8 who are interested in doing hands-on engineering and science projects, and meeting engineering students and professors at the University of Alberta.

**Length:** 8 weeks

**When:** Saturday afternoons, October 16-December 4, 2010

**Cost:** \$75.00 (bursaries are available)

For more information or to [register online](http://www.discovere.ualberta.ca) visit our website [www.discovere.ualberta.ca](http://www.discovere.ualberta.ca). Registration opens September 15th and there are a limited number of spots available.



## **Youth Addiction Awareness**

We have been making a difference!

For the past three years, we have been working with the youth in your schools and communities.

Due to budget cuts, however, we are no longer able to be as active in your communities.

**The Y.A.A is starting a magazine to help fund our program.**

The magazine will showCase issues, as well as success stories, that directly affect your communities.

If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing add space or donating funds to the magazine

*please contact Darren Herd 1-780-934-2920*

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

**PLEASE POST ON YOUR FRIDGE FOR AN EASY REFERENCE**

Oct		ID Picture Re-takes
Oct	4-8	Read-in Week
<b>Oct</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Thanksgiving (No School)</b>
Oct	22	Student Interim Report
<b>Nov</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day (No School)</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Professional Day (No School)</b>
Nov	29	Progress Report #1 available on SchoolZone
Dec	2	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Dec	13-17	Health Week
Dec	16	Christmas Bureau Dinner and Dance
<b>Dec</b>	<b>20-31</b>	<b>Christmas Break (No School)</b>
Jan	3	Students Return
Jan	20-21	Mid-Year Exams
Jan	27	Student Interim Reports
<b>Jan</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Professional Development Day (No School)</b>
Jan	31	Semester 2 Options Begin
Feb	TBA	Young Readers Conference
<b>Feb</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Family Day (No School)</b>
<b>Mar</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>Teacher's Convention (No School)</b>
Mar	7	Progress Report #2 available on SchoolZone
Mar	10	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Mar	24	Open House
<b>Mar 28 - April 1</b>		<b>Spring Break (No School)</b>
Apr	4	Classes Resume
<b>Apr</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Professional Day (No School)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Good Friday (No School)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Easter Monday (No School)</b>
April	26-27	HLAT Writing Exam
Apr	29	Student Interim Report
May	2-6	Spirit Week
May	3-4	HLAT Reading Exam
May	19	Grade 9 LA Provincial Achievement Test Part A, 9 K & E LA Part A
<b>May</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Day in Lieu (No School)</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Victoria Day (No School)</b>
June	21	<b>Aboriginal Day (school in session)</b>
June	22	Grade 9 Language Arts Part B Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E LA Part B
June	23	Grade 9 Science Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E Science
June	24	Grade 9 Mathematics Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E Math
June	27	Grade 9 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test, 9 K & E Social
June	29	Awards Ceremony @ 1:00 p.m. Final day for students and Grade 9 Celebration, 6:00 p.m.

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