



HIGHLANDS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (H&S)

H&S is a **volunteer** group made up of Highlands' parents and guardians who work in cooperation with Highlands' teachers and administration to make our school an **extraordinary** place for our children. H&S runs several school programs and fundraisers throughout the school year. The money raised, supports the H&S annual budget and funds every enrichment program that we provide to Highlands students and parents throughout the year.

Who, What, When and Where?

As a parent or guardian of a child at Highlands, you are automatically a member of H&S. We encourage you to come to our monthly meetings and volunteer for any of our committees. Meetings are held monthly in the teachers' lounge and are announced via "Whale Watch" emails. They are run by the H&S School Executive Board which is made up of the 2 Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Highlands Principal. The current executive H&S Board can answer any questions regarding volunteering at Highlands.

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How?

Our **On-line Volunteer Sign-up Form** (distributed online at the beginning of the school year) has many of the opportunities available for involvement for the school year. However, please talk to any of the committee chairs at any time during the year and volunteer. Many volunteer opportunities have very flexible time commitments.

Stay Connected

- ☐ Weekly "**Whale Watch**" email detailing all the school events and opportunities for the week.
- ☐ **Highlands School website** <http://www.naperville203.org/Domain/11>
- ☐ Closed **Facebook** group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/highlandsHSA?ap=1>

***We look forward to meeting you and working with you next year.
Thank you for your support!***

Home & School Committees and volunteer opportunities

- **Room Parents** – help plan classroom parties, organize teacher appreciation week and help in your child's classroom as the teacher needs.
- **SFCP (School, Family, Community, Partnership)** – Events planned and executed here include: Grandfriend's Day, Parent Pizza Night, One Book, One School, Egg Drop, Cultural Kaleidoscope, Highlands outdoor habitat and garden, and featured evening enrichment events.
- **Indoor Recess Games** – each classroom has a bin of games. Help keep the bins tidy and up to date.
- **Art Awareness** – go into your child's classroom to introduce a pre-determined artist. Sessions are scheduled at your and the teacher's convenience and are simple and fun.
- **School supply packs** – work with the teachers to prepare school supply lists and coordinate with vendor.
- **Spirit wear** – design, and help with the sale of Highlands attire.
- **Clothing Resale** – Help with a one-time, multi-day children's clothing sale fundraiser.
- **Book Fair**– held during the Fall parent teacher conferences in our LC. Various chances to help.
- **Family Connections** – be part of a database that lends a hand to other Highlands families who may be going through difficult times. Coordinated through the school social worker.
- **Hospitality** – help with the Ice Cream Social, and meal delivery to school faculty throughout the year.
- **Book Store**– every Wednesday from 9:00-10:30am, the book store is set up in the lobby to sell books at cost to students. Volunteers rotate weekly to staff this all year.
- **Rewards program/family night out** - select and organize Family Night Out restaurant fundraisers throughout the year.
- **Faculty/Staff appreciation** – we honor our teachers and staff throughout the year on birthdays, and with breakfasts and lunches to show how much we care.
- **Treat Tuesdays**- There is a signup the first Tuesday of every month to bring in treats for staff.
- **Vision & Hearing Screening Helper** – on screening day, escort students to/from screening.
- **Yearbook** - opportunities for home volunteering as well as in and around the building, including taking pictures and the cover contest.
- **Winter Giving Program** – Each December, the Highlands community supports and purchases gifts for families in need within our community. Various volunteer opportunities available.
- **Teacher Appreciation Gift Card Program**- Coordinate the ordering and distribution of gift cards for teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Fifth Grade projects**- Coordinate events deemed unique to fifth graders such as fifth grade yard signs and year-end celebration.
- **Adult Social**- help with the planning and set-up of the adult social, one of our big fundraisers for home and school.
- **End of year event**- Help plan and organize an end of the year all-school celebration for Highlands families.