



Welcome to Highlands Elementary!

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Highlands PTA Website

Thank you to all the parent/guardians, staff, and teachers who have registered for an account on our PTA website during the first week of school. Our goal with the website is to have a central location for communicating with all members of our school community.

If you have not yet registered for an account AND you are receiving this message, please register as soon as possible. Our old weekly newsletter system (The Bear Facts Bulletin) will be decommissioned on Saturday, August 26th. You will stop receiving these important weekly newsletters if you do not have an account on our new site. Your child's first day folder contained instructions on how to sign-up for an account. If you need additional help or if you have questions or concerns, please email Nancy Stevens, PTA VP of Communications at highlandsptaeditor@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Be a Part of the Bunch!

Join the Highlands PTA Today!

Why join the PTA?

- Joining PTA is a great way to support my school.
- PTA membership shows my children that I care about their education.
- My membership helps support valuable enrichment and programs that my school otherwise could not afford.

Follow these simple steps to join the PTA!

STEP 1: Register with our Membership Online Website <http://highlands-pta.com>

STEP 2: Log in to your new account & complete your Family Information (if this is not done already)

- Click 'Become a Member' in the middle of the page under JOIN THE PTA
- **Choose** 'Family' or 'Individual' membership
- **Add** to cart & checkout:
- Pay by credit card (Pay by Stripe)
- Turn in cash or check payment (Pay Offline Later) *Envelopes for cash or check payment are located in the office*
- Click PLACE ORDER

Membership is just \$12 per person or \$20 for a family of 2 adults

Anyone can join – parents, grandparents, community members!

For additional information, contact Michelle Young at

highlandspta.membership@yahoo.com

2017-18 PTA Budget

During the PTA General Meeting taking place on August 30th (Back to School Night), PTA members will be asked to vote on this year's PTA budget. Hard copies of the budget for the 2017-18 school year will be available in the front office on August 28th for anyone to review if they wish. Those unable to get to the office can also email Carolyn Wang Kong, PTA Treasurer for a soft copy.

San Mateo Foster City School District Site Council Member Needed

Highlands Elementary is looking a parent to fill our vacant School Site Council seat. This is an important position and meetings are once a month. Parents can volunteer by giving their names to the office. There will be an election if there is more than one volunteer.

About the site council:

The Site Council is a parent-teacher-staff governing body that makes school site-based decisions. The School Site Council was determined to be the vehicle by which the school community would come together to chart the school's path to improvement. The Site Council represents all segments of the school community. Being composed of the principal, teachers, other personnel, and parents. it provides a forum for all stakeholders to come together to identify goals, establish a plan and allocate resources to achieve these goals. For more information, please visit:

<http://highlands.smfcsd.net/community/school-site-council.html>

EVENTS



TODAY - Celia's Fundraising

Our school has a Dining Fundraiser at a local restaurant, and when you dine there, they donate a percentage of your bill to Highlands PTA! Our first Dining Day is at Celia's Mexican Restaurant (3190 Campus Dr. in Laurelwood Shopping Center). Present your server with our [special flyer](#) and Highlands will get 20% of your total check!



Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins Tomorrow

Highlands has partnered with Charleston Wrap to help raise much-needed funds by selling gift wrap, home and kitchen items, chocolates and other gifts. Highlands Elementary receives up to **50%** for each item sold, to support important PTA programs such as Computer Technology, Art, Music, Science and much more! Our goal is \$40,000 in sales. (See *below for more information*).

If you have any questions, contact Missy Palala at m121212@comcast.net.

Every Purchase Makes a Difference!



RUN2FunD Education

Grab your sneakers and your friends for the Education Foundation's new and improved "RUN2FunD Education" on **Sunday, September 24th** from 2-5 PM at Hillsdale High School. We have expanded the annual middle school FunRun to include TK through 8th graders! Celebrate health & wellness in a variety of fun-filled activities while raising money for essential programs in all our schools.

To register yourself or a team of friends, or for more information, please go to smfcedfund.org/run2fund. Thanks for your support!

NOTES

Charleston Gift wrapping: Please look in *this week's Thursday Envelope* for an informational letter, catalogs and order form. The letter will describe how you can go online and register your student, so that you can share the online catalog with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. You can order online or turn your order form in by **Friday, September 15**.

Be sure to look for the large manila envelope coming home every Thursday. It may contain forms to be filled out, returned, or to be kept for your reference.

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