

Highview Happenings

Mitten Tree Donations Needed!

Each December Highview students and staff collect new hats, scarves, and mittens for needy families. If you would like to make a donation, our mitten tree has plenty of space.

We will happily take donations through the end of the month. All sizes and colors are welcome.



Upcoming Events

- **Dec 7th PTA Meeting**
Room 104,
2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Dec 9th Wishing Well**
Highview students,
9:30 a.m.
- **Dec 12th Internet Safety Assembly for Parents**
6:00-7:00 pm, Riverside Middle School. More details will be on the RMS website
- **Dec 12th-14th Holiday Shop**
For students during the school day
- **Dec 23rd Last day of school in 2011**
- **Jan 9th School starts again**

Highview Students Give Back to the Community

At this time of year, Highview students have always been active with charities.

For Veteran's Day, three classes made patriotic **cards** for American Vets at the VA Hospital. More classes will make holiday cards later this month.

This week we kicked off our annual **Canned Food Drive**. Our goal is at least **one can per student and staff member**... that will add up to more than 350 cans for the **Goodfellows** to distribute for the holidays. We are only collecting **food in cans**, and our deadline is Friday, December 9th.

December 9th we'll have our annual **Wishing Well Assembly**, where students bring coins from home, wrapped in white tissue paper. Students will add these donations to our Wishing Well and will enjoy a sing along led by Mr. Middleton. Any amount helps and will go directly to help Highview families.

If your family is in need this holiday season, the counter in the main office has applications for assistance through the Goodfellows. If you have questions, contact Miss Shaughnessy at (313) 274-6794.

Winter's Here!

Please make sure students dress accordingly. That means hats, gloves, and winter coats. Boots help a lot in the cold weather, which means students will need regular shoes to wear in the classroom all day.

Occasionally school may be cancelled due to heavy snowfall or dangerous roads. For information, tune in to the local TV news stations (FOX2, WDIV,

WXYZ) or AM radio (760 WJR or 950 WWJ).

On their websites you can sign up for email or text message notifications.



These official stations will report closings for the **Crestwood School District**.



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

-Aesop, *The Lion and the Mouse*



We will open the book.
Its pages are blank.
We are going
to put words on them
ourselves.
The book is called
Opportunity
and its first chapter
is New Year's Day.

-Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Support Highview with volunteer hours this holiday season!

The PTA needs parent volunteers on the following days and times:

- **December 9th**, 3:40-6:00 pm
for setting up the Holiday Shop (*parents only, no children, please*)
- **December 12th, 13th, 14th**
Holiday Shop workers,
 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm
and/or
 - 12:00 pm-3:00 pm
- **December 14th**,
5:30-8:30 pm for Cookie Night

Cookie donations are needed!

Cookies can be brought to cookie night or dropped off any time in the main office on the 14th.



The PTA will raffle off a snowman decoration to a lucky December volunteer. Each volunteer will receive one raffle ticket for every three hour shift they work.

Please contact Nessa Boussi at team.nessa@yahoo.com by December 7th if you are able to help out!

Title I Information for Parents

Students at Highview Elementary benefit from extra federal funds to support learning. Our school qualifies for Title I money based on the number of free- and reduced-lunch students that we have. Title I funds support

- **Additional teachers** and para-professionals to work with students, especially with reading and writing. Each classroom has at least one extra set of hands during Writer's Workshop. The extra teachers and para-pros run small reading groups that help many students to make progress.
- **Technology**, like the SMART Boards in our K-4 classrooms.
- **Supplemental materials** such as the books that students use in their small reading groups.
- **Teacher training** in topics such as *writing* and *using academic data* to help make teaching decisions.

We need a couple of parents who would be willing to join our School Improvement Committee or our Data Committee. This would involve a few meetings at school or some at-home participation. Please contact Mrs. Reinke via phone or email areinke@csgm.k12.mi.us



Staying Healthy

Cold and flu season has started. We'll work together to show kids how to wash their hands with soap and water, and how to cough into their sleeve.

If your son or daughter is going to stay home sick, please call the office to let us know! You can leave a message at any time.

-Mrs. Reinke