



Highland Mill Montessori PTA Weekly E-Bulletin

September 23, 2012

– How Do I Keep in Touch with the PTA?

- **Bookmark our website:** www.highlandmillmontessoripta.weebly.com
- **Friend us on Facebook:** highland.m.pta
- **Follow us on Twitter:** #hmmpta
- **Join Remind101:** Text 424.789.8749 with the message @hmmpta

– Dress Down Day – This Friday - September 28th

This Friday is the first Dress Down Day of the year! This means NO UNIFORMS!

– Invest in a Child Campaign Kicks Off

The Highland Mill Montessori Invest in a Child campaign kicked off on Thursday, September 13th. As always, if you'd prefer to write a check rather than sell any of the fundraising items, this is always welcome! This year we have three main fundraisers - Cookie Dough Works, Growing Green and Spirit Cups. All of the order forms and details about the programs were sent home in Thursday folders. If you did not receive the forms or you have questions, please contact the PTA at highlandmillmontessoripta@gmail.com.

DEADLINE EXTENDED!! All forms and payment should be returned by Friday, October 5th - checks should be made payable to HMM PTA.

Our goal is participation from every family, so think about how you'd like to participate in the fundraisers – sell everything, pick one fundraiser that interests you or just write a check! Please consider the ways that your family is able to contribute to our school campaign and make the commitment to INVEST in a CHILD today!

– Join Remind101 to Receive Text Reminders about PTA Activities and Events

Remind101 is a text messaging service that will send messages from the PTA straight to your phone. Sign up today so you'll never miss another PTA event or activity again! **Text 424.789.8749** with the message @hmmpta to become a member of our mailing list!

– Fall Gardening Day

Drop by our school Labyrinth on **Saturday, October 6th** from **10am to 2pm** to help weed, plant and make our gardens beautiful! More details coming soon!

– Fall Festival Volunteers Needed

- The Fall Festival Committee is using www.volunteerspot.com to help organize volunteers for the Fall Festival on October 13th. We need parent volunteers to help set up the parking lot, help sell tickets for the raffle baskets, assist with traffic and crowd monitoring and with final clean up at 3pm.
- VolunteerSpot is the leading online sign up and reminder tool and will help us organize our upcoming Fall Festival.
- Please sign up - here's how it works in a few easy steps:
 1. Click this link to go to our invitation on VolunteerSpot:
<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/91334484605>
 2. Enter your email address (you will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
 3. Click the large Gold "Click Here to Sign U" button in the middle of the page.
 4. Choose one of the 5 available shifts.
 5. Save and Close



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6. VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation email and reminder messages. It's super EASY!

NOTE: VolunteerSpot does NOT share your email address with anyone or send SPAM emails. If you prefer not to enter your email address, please email highlandmillmontessoripta@gmail.com and the Fall Festival Committee Chairs will include in the list of volunteers!

– Family Spirit Day

Thanks to all of the families that came out to share a bit of their Saturday with HMM at AMF University Lanes on Saturday, September 15th! The kids (and grown ups) had so much fun bowling and visiting with friends! Be sure to check out the great photos on Facebook. Make sure to join us for our next **Family Spirit Night at Red Robin Northlake on Thursday, October 18th from 6pm to 8pm.**

– Montessori Mornings & Afternoons Programs

Our first week of Montessori Mornings & Afternoons Programs has been a great success! The **next 8 week session will begin the week of November 26th**, so if you didn't get a chance to register your child for any of our awesome programs keep an eye out for the program packet that will come home in late October or early November.

– Open Chair Positions on the PTA Board of Directors

There are currently two open chair positions on the PTA Board of Directors - Audit Committee Chair and Nominating Committee Chair. A description of each committee can be found on the PTA website - www.highlandmillmontessoripta.weebly.com. If you are interested in either of those positions, please submit the form on the home page of our website or send us an email at highlandmillmontessoripta@gmail.com.

– Want to Buy an Advertisement in the School Directory?

Interested in telling Highland Mill Montessori families about your business? There's still time to place an advertisement in our School Directory! [Click here](#) to learn more about our advertising rates and how you can advertise in our School Directory.

– Retail Incentives – An Easy Way to Invest in a Child at the Grocery Store

Another way to Invest in a Child at Highland Mill is to link your Harris Teeter VIC Card and your Food Lion MVP Card to our school.

You can also save Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, Coca Cola Rewards and Tyson's labels. Send them in your child's backpack and we'll redeem them.

– Link Your Google Calendar to the Highland Mill Montessori PTA Calendar

The PTA calendar is on Google so you can add all the events and activities from the PTA calendar onto your own Google calendar! Go to your Google calendar and select "Add a Friend's Calendar". Type in our email address: highlandmillmontessoripta@gmail.com and select. As soon as we accept your invitation the dates will be added to your Google calendar!

– Mark Your Calendars

- o **Dress Down Day: Friday, September 28th** – NO uniforms!
- o **Fall Gardening Day: Saturday, October 6th** – 10am to 2pm in the Labyrinth @ HMM – more details coming soon



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- **Grandparents Breakfast: Monday, October 8** - more details coming soon - keep your eye out in Thursday folders
 - **School Pictures: Friday, October 12th** - NO uniforms!
 - **Fall Festival: Saturday, October 13th** - 11am to 3pm @ HMM
- **Need More Dates?**
Check out our calendar on the PTA website – www.highlandmillmontessoripta.weebly.com.
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