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## New Support Services for Eligible Students

As most of you know, many of our classes are larger than previous years. The larger class sizes have been in response to the budget shortfalls in education. Fortunately, Highcroft teachers are dedicated to making certain that this does not impact your child's learning experiences.

Recently, some of the budget restrictions were revised so that Highcroft received additional teacher months. However, the additional positions were insufficient to reduce class size for more than two classes. We have class overages at every grade and most tracks. An additional classroom teacher would have helped only one or two grade levels and one or two tracks. It was time to get creative!

Starting in November, students at all grades may be eligible for additional services. There will be part-time and full-time certified teachers to assist students who are receiving instruction in the classroom but could benefit from additional support. Some of the students need extension activities to challenge their thinking; others need more practice and review to master grade level skills.

If your child qualifies for additional services, your child's classroom teacher will be contacting you directly by phone, email or letter. Please respond and request a conference if you have questions. We want to provide as much service as possible to students who qualify. If your

child already receives supplemental instruction, these additions are unlikely to impact educational support that your child(ren) already receive.

Thank you for your continued support to help all students learn. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to the following students on Tracks 1 & 4 who were elected by their peers as class representatives:

Please see copy from school for these names. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Oct. 30 | Wear school colors or shirts!                            |
| Nov. 4  | Doggie Depot, Grades K-2                                 |
| Nov. 4  | Early Dismissal - 2:45 pm                                |
| Nov. 5  | Book Fair Family Night - PTA<br>General Meeting, 6:30 pm |
| Nov. 13 | Reflections Entries Due                                  |
| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day - School Closed                            |
| Nov. 18 | Doggie Depot, Grades 3 - 5                               |
| Nov. 19 | Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night, 5-8 pm                          |

## HDE PTA NEWS

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**Blaze a Trail to a Good Book!** Tracks 2 and 4 will visit the Book Fair next week! The HDE book fair will run from Nov. 2-6 for Tracks 2 & 4, & Nov. 9-13 for Tracks 1 & 3. Please join us for a hike around the library trails on **Family Night** at the Book Fair on **Nov. 5 from 6:30 - 8pm**. Send in money with your student on his/her purchase day or send money in advance. The 'money in advance' form is located on the PTA website. See you around the campfire! Questions? Contact Sandy Collins ([scollins3337@yahoo.com](mailto:scollins3337@yahoo.com)) or Kristi Guenther ([kguenther3@nc.rr.com](mailto:kguenther3@nc.rr.com)).

**Your help is needed to make the Scholastic Book Fair a success!** The HDE Book Fair Committee is in need of volunteers to help out with the Book Fair during the school day and on **Family Night, 11/5**. You should have received information from your Room Parent regarding your class preview and purchase dates as well the volunteer shifts. If you haven't already, please respond ASAP with the time and day you can volunteer. For questions about volunteering at the Book Fair, please contact Sandy Collins at [scollins3337@yahoo.com](mailto:scollins3337@yahoo.com).

**Donate \$1 for Books at the HDE Scholastic Book Fair.** Proceeds will be split between the HDE Media Center & NC State Parks. The form to donate \$1 to the HDE Media Center & NC State Parks is located on the PTA website. Tents will hang in the main hallway outside the media center. Thank you!

**"I just can't think of anything to write about?"** As your child ponders what to write about or what to draw, encourage them to **"Unleash their artistic talents & participate in this year's Reflections Program."** The theme for this year, **"Beauty is....."** Entries are due by **November 13**. Look for more information on the HDE PTA website. Mrs. Dahm has applications available for interested students. Questions?? Contact Jenny Cini @ [TCINI@nc.rr.com](mailto:TCINI@nc.rr.com) or Danielle Labrozzi @ [deelabrozzi@bellsouth.net](mailto:deelabrozzi@bellsouth.net).

**Coffee Anyone???** Coffee and Crepes at Crossroads is running a special promotion through November 6. Present an HDE coupon when you visit Coffee and Crepes and help to earn the HDE staff a free lunch or breakfast. If 50 HDE coupons are redeemed by November 6, Coffee and Crepes will treat the HDE staff to a free meal of their choice. HDE coupons are located in the box outside the PTA office.

**The season of Giving...**mark your calendars, the annual HDE Canned Food Drive is Nov. 9-13, 2009 & the HDE Giving Tree begins Nov. 23. Thank you for your generosity in these committee outreach programs.

**Let's Go CANES!!** This year the Carolina Hurricanes / Harris Teeter Together in Education Program includes the following opponents: **New York Islanders** on Thurs. Jan. 28, 2010, **Buffalo Sabres** on Thurs., Feb. 11, 2010, and **Boston Bruins** on Tues. March 16, 2010. The Hurricanes will donate \$10 of every lower level & \$7 of every upper level ticket sold to HDE. Ticket order forms are due back to the HDE PTA by Nov. 20. Please make all checks payable to HDE PTA. Tickets will be mailed directly to your home address. Many schools use the Carolina Hurricanes program as a major fundraiser. The HDE PTA approaches this program as a fun event for our students and their families to attend and does not encourage students to solicit orders from businesses or neighbors. See you on the ice! Go Hurricanes!!!!!! Questions? Contact Jill Findlay ([theangryscot@nc.rr.com](mailto:theangryscot@nc.rr.com)).

**Free Seasonal Flu Shots Available To K-12 Students.** Wake County is partnering with public, private and charter schools across the County to provide **free seasonal** flu shots to all school-age children in K through grade 12. Vaccines will be offered at 21 clinic sites throughout the County. Students may attend any clinic offered, regardless of the school they attend or where they live. A parent or guardian *must* accompany all students receiving the vaccine, regardless of age. Only injectable vaccine - a flu shot - will be available. Seasonal flu vaccine clinics for students will be offered from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. **For more information on this free service provided by Wake County, please visit [www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net) and click on the link on the home page.** A complete location and date listing is on the website for your information.