

Home & School

Highlands Elementary School



Hello Highlands Families from your Home & School and SFCP Boards!

Highlands Elementary and Highlands Home & School are excited to start a new school year and extend a warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to our many returning families.

The mission of Home & School is to support and supplement the students of Highlands Elementary and their education.

We have put together a quick start informational guide that provides tools to help you navigate the school year. The includes:

- Home & School Overview/FAQs
- Home & School/SFCP 2025-2026 Committee Chair Slate
- Extracurricular Enrichment Activities for 2025-2026
- Communication Information
- District 203 School Calendar for 2025-2026

Looking forward to a wonderful school year for all Highlands Heros and their families!

Best,
Julie Clay & Hillary Mohindra
Highlands Home & School Co-Presidents

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What is Highlands Home & School (H&S)?

Highlands Home & School (H&S) is the volunteer group made up of Highlands School parents and guardians who work in cooperation with Highlands' teachers and administration to make our school an extraordinary place for our children. Our Home & School runs several school programs and key fundraisers throughout the school year. The monies raised support the H&S annual budget and funds every program that we provide to Highlands each year.

The H&S School Executive Board is made up of two Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Highlands Principal. This is the governing body of the Highlands H&S Association.

What is SFCP (School, Family, Community Partnership)?

SFCP is a large sub-committee of H&S composed of parent volunteers, teachers, staff, and community members working together at every school in Naperville Community District 203. They collaborate and partner together to conduct programs with the purpose of enriching student experiences and learning. Program themes may include literacy (One Book One School), cultural (Cultural Kaleidoscope), science (Egg Drop), family programming (Grandfriends Day, Parent Night), and community service projects. The SFCP Board is made up of two Co-Presidents. SFCP is funded by the greater H&S budget.

Who is a member of H&S?

As a parent or guardian of a child at Highlands you are automatically a member of our Home & School Association. We welcome and encourage you to come to our monthly meetings and to volunteer for any of our committees.

When are the H&S Meetings?

In general, we hold monthly meetings in the teacher's lounge with a mix of morning and some evening meetings. Upcoming meetings are posted in the Whale Watch and on the

H&S Facebook page.

What are the H&S Fundraisers?

All of our Home & School programs and activities are only possible through our fundraising efforts. The following fundraising events include:

- Golf Outing (September)
- Online and InPerson Book Fairs (Fall/Spring)
- Rewards Program (box tops, Family Night Out)
- Adult Dinner Dance Social (every other year - February 2026)

How can I volunteer for a committee?

In the first few weeks of school, H&S will send out a Whale Watch email with the link to sign up for many volunteer opportunities available for the school year – this is our annual volunteer drive to get our committees up and running right away. However, you can reach out to one of the committee chairs at any time during the year and volunteer. Additional volunteer opportunities will arise throughout the year, though this first sign-up is the largest.

How will I receive information about H&S and Highlands School events/information?

Information and events will be shared through a weekly Whale Watch. There can be a lot of information in these emails, but we strongly encourage you to review the information to get your much needed new.

As well, much information is also shared on the H&S Facebook page. Please be sure to answer the questions fully to be approved for access to page.

In addition, H&S has a **Facebook group** that all parents can join – so please join! We update the page with new information, news and volunteer needs.

FB Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/highlandsHSA>

If I have questions about committees, volunteering or general Home & School questions, who should I contact?

Please feel free to contact Highlands H&S Co-Presidents

Julie Clay

Hillary Mohindra

We look forward to meeting you and working with you this year!

Thank you for your support!

H&S Executive Board	Name	Term Ends
Co-President	Julie Clay	2026
Co-President	Hillary Mohindra	2027
Secretary	Eddie Worbis	2027
Treasurer	Tracy Weilemann	2027
Committee Chairs	Name	Term Ends
Social Media Chair	Shannon Irwin	2026
2026 Adult Social Fundraiser	Laura Atkinson	2026
2026 Adult Social Fundraiser	Lauren Sixsmith	2026
Adult Gathering	Not Needed for 2025-2026 School Year	2026
Adult Gathering		2026
Appreciation - Faculty/Staff	Lauren Sixsmith	2027
Appreciation - Faculty/Staff	Morgan Holt	2027
Appreciation - Teacher Appreciation Week	Sarah Rogers	2027
Appreciation - Teacher Appreciation Week	Sheri John	2026
Appreciation - Treat Tuesdays	Jenna Sacher	2026
Art Awareness	Amy Blake	2026
Art Awareness	Ashley Cobb	2026
Book Cart	Erin Mueller	2026
Book Cart	Shannon Merkin	2027
Book Fair	Alyssa Scherer	2026
Book Fair	Jihiean (Emma) Oh	2027
Directory	Ashley Castiglione	2027
End of Year Event - Whale of a Picnic		
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Family Connections	Leah Margulies	2026

Gift Card Program - Teacher Appreciation (Training Position)	Lindsay DeGiuluo	2027
Golf Outing	Chad Warden	2027
Hospitality	Becky Boger	2025
Hospitality (Training)	Tatiana Bauer	2027
Hospitality (Training)	Kaitlyn Moss	2027
Indoor Recess	Sara Jablonski	2026
Nominations		
Rewards - Family Night Out	Penny Yin	2027
Room Parents	Xinlin (Jackie) Yu	2027
Room Parents	Jen Bladek	2027
School Supply Packs	Mary Kernkamp	2026
School Supply Packs	Ashley Patel	2026
Spiritwear	Abby Graveline	2026
Winter Giving Program	Kristen Horan	2027
Winter Giving Program	Lauren Sixsmith	2027
Yearbook	Jen Bladek	2027
Yearbook	Nikki Griffin	2027

2025-2026 SFCP Board & Chairs		
SFCP Chairs	Name	Term Ends
Co-President	Amy Long	2026
Co-President	Ashley Nuger	2027
Featured Literacy Program (One Book One School)	Erin Mueller	2026
Featured Literacy Program (One Book One School)	Sara Jablonski	2027
HUMANITY Program	No need for 25-26	
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STEAM Program	Charlie Irizarry	2026
STEAM Program	Hetal Shah	2027
Grandparents/Senior	Katie Patel	2026

Friends Day		
Grandparents/Senior Friends Day	Nishi Shah	2026
New Family Initiative	Katie Conner	2026
Parent Night	Sonal Mehta	2026
Family Event Survey Analysis	Chenchen Xu	2026

*As of February 2024, 5th Grade Events has been removed as a H&S committee. Moving forward The current year chairs will recruit and hand down the details to their predecessors. Family Connections will still reimburse any families that need financial assistance

The 5th Grade Events Parents no longer have to order graduation signs.

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**As of May 2024, LC coordination is no longer a Home and School Committee

**Due to limited Corporate Rewards Programs to give back money to Highlands, the Rewards Committee has been removed July 2024 (current programs available were Box Tops 4 Education which has declined in popularity with the mostly digital format and the Office Depot Rewards that would reimburse the school \$2 per printer cartridge.)

2025-2026 Non-H&SA/SFCP Misc Chairs/Liaisons

Chairs	Name	Term Ends
LC Liaison	Lisa Torson	2026
5th Grade Party	Abby Graveline	2026
5th Grade Party	Melissa Collins	2026
5th Grade Party	Jenna Sacher	2026

Communication Tools Cheat Sheet



Our district website with links to individual schools, Board of Education documents, curricular information, calendars and events with options to access the text in a variety of languages. <http://www.naperville203.org>



Our school website with links to Home and School information, classroom happenings, calendars, events, newsletters, hot lunch and procedural information. <http://www.naperville203.org/Domain/11>



This site is used as our districts' student information system (SIS). Here you can access student grades, schedules, attendance information and class placement. <https://infinitecampus.naperville203.org/campus/naperville.jsp>



Talk203 is District 203's self-subscribing email information system, delivering timely District and school news and information right to subscribers' email boxes. Parents, students and community members are invited to sign up by clicking the Talk203 graphic on the District website at www.naperville203.org



PTC Wizard is the parent teacher conference sign-up application being used by District 203. This application is integrated with Infinite Campus. <https://naperville203.ptcwizard.com>.



A learning management platform in which teachers have classroom site or courses which provide classroom communication related to events, assignments, discussion boards, portfolios, classroom newsletters and curricular resources. <https://naperville.instructure.com/>

District and Building Social Media



[@Naperville203](https://twitter.com/Naperville203) - general information from District 203



[@Highlands203](https://twitter.com/Highlands203) - tweets from Highlands



[Naperville School District 203](https://www.facebook.com/NapervilleSchoolDistrict203/) - general information from District 203



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