

Scenic Sailor Weekly Newsletter Friday, September 23, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 28 Conference Sign-up Window Opens
Monday, September 26 Chip Shoppe Orders Due
Tuesday, September 27 PTA Meeting, 6:45PM , Media Center
Tuesday, October 4 4 th and 5 th Grade Auditions for School Musical
Wednesday, October 5 1 st Grade to Stages Theater
Thursday, October 6 4 th and 5 th Grade Auditions for School Musical
Thursday, October 6 Watch DOGS Kick-Off Meeting, 6 PM
Friday, October 7 3 rd Grade to Children's Theatre

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I can hardly believe we are almost finished with September with October knocking at the door. We have been hard at work teaching our routines so students know how to walk in the hallways and learn how we line-up. This is part of our Responsive Classroom approach to working with students. The philosophy of this program is to "teach everything, assume nothing." When we are clear on what our expectations are and model what it "looks like," we have great success. I am asked frequently by parents what they can do for Scenic Heights. My answer is to be involved in the school and your child's education. One great way of becoming involved is to join the PTA. If you only have a little time to give or a lot the PTA has volunteer opportunities for you. In addition, we listen to reports that allow us to be in touch with school. Please consider joining and attending the first meeting this Tuesday, September 27 th at 7:00 p.m. Child care is offered and it is a great way to meet other parents! Have a great weekend!

Chip Shoppe Fundraiser: This is the final weekend to make those last minute sales and/or donations -- the Chip Shoppe Fundraiser is coming to a close. Please have all sales forms, money and envelopes to school on Monday, September 26 th . To ensure that no sales are missed, we are asking that all sales forms and envelopes be returned to school, even if no sales were made. Thank you for your participation!

Conference Sign-up will open Wednesday, September 28. Please watch your inbox for important information and the sign-up link.

Announcing Auditions for our very own school musical 101 Dalmations. Auditions will be held October 4 th or 6 th (pick one) at 7 PM at Excelsior Elementary on the big stage. All 4 th and 5 th grade students are welcome to try out. Check out the flyer that came home with your student last week.

It's time for a little reading, writing and running! In an unprecedented partnership, four Minnetonka Elementary Schools and Minnetonka Preschool are teaming up for the 2nd Annual Tonka Trot! All profits will directly help the students at Groveland, Clear Springs, Minnewashta, Scenic Heights and MCE – Minnetonka Preschool and ECFE.

Scenic Heights will need volunteers to help pack the race bags the evening of Monday, October 10th. Please contact Thatcher Ramsden, tmramsdn@msn.com or John Hiltner, john.hiltner@rimage.com if you would be able to help with this event.

Saturday, October 15, 2011 Races begin and end at Groveland Elementary located at: 17310 Minnetonka Blvd. Register online.

<http://www.minnetonkacommunityed.org/insight/registry/classlist.asp?catID=31718>

Scenic Heights Against Hunger: For the 4 th year in a row, all students at Scenic Heights will gather in the gym on November 17 th to pack food for ImpactLives. This is our school's service learning project, which teaches children how to make a difference in our world. Important points to know:

November 17 th – The event will take place from 9am to 3pm. Each class will pack food for 45 minutes some time during the day.

The ingredients for the day must be purchased ahead of time. It costs roughly \$15 per student packer. Therefore, Scenic Heights must raise \$10,000 to do the event this year. We encourage students to be creative in their money-raising efforts, such as bake sales, lemonade stands, or doing extra chores around the house or neighborhood. Jars will be in each classroom to collect the money.

An online signup will be available in early October for parents to sign up to help during the event. Over 400 volunteers are needed to make this possible. Please reserve time on your calendar to join the fun.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Tahnk-Johnson at 952-906-3576.

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive: Scenic Heights is joining Minnewashta in holding a Shoe Drive for Soles4Souls.org Sept 26-30. We will collect shoes in various conditions. A drop off box will be place next to the recycling bins in the 1st and 2nd grade hallway. So bring your gently used shoes that no longer fit or those that are way beyond repair to share. For additional information on Soles4Souls visit www.soles4souls.org

Thank you so much for your participation. Scenic Heights Tonka Green

Resource West: Important dates to remember in 2011!! For more information contact Resource West 915 Mainstreet, Hopkins (952) 988-5350 or www.resourcewest.org

Winter Warm Wear – Registration October 17-21 Toy Chest – Registration December 5-9
Children's Dental Service – October 20-21 (registration required by October 14)

Join Scouting! Do you have a boy at Scenic Heights who likes: Fun, Friends, Activities, Camping and the Outdoors? Then Cub Scouts is for you. Come learn more about Scouting and Pack 346. We will have a recruitment night at Scenic Heights on September 26 from 6:30-8:00 in the cafeteria. Kindergarten-5th grade welcome. Call Rick Busch with questions: (952) 906-1145. **WARNING:** The video below contains scenes of active boys having Fun! (With out watching TV or playing video games) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmT8SahYijg>

October news from Tonka CARES: Have you visited us lately? Tonka CARES website is newly remodeled including regularly updated headlines. More ...
www.tonkacares.org

Farmington/Lakeville Parenting series – First speaker Erin Walsh on Oct 3. Free, informative series of speakers. CEUs available. More ...

<http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/TonkaCares/KNOW/Pages/ParentingClasses.aspx>

PTA Weekly Update

Another week has passed and we have heard AMAZING things about our volunteers from staff, students, and parents! Thank you all for your hard work, SHE wouldn't be the school that it is without each and everyone of you! We continue to encourage everyone to become involved in the PTA. Becoming a member means you support the organization and help to bridge the

communication and strengthen the bond between students, parents, teachers, and the community. Dues are \$7 for the year, definitely a small price to pay to show your support of our fabulous program.

We also want to encourage everyone to get involved by volunteering. You can sign up at <http://scenicheights.ptomanager.com> . PTO Manager allows you to change your volunteer interests at any time, it does not commit you to a certain event. Signing up on PTO Manager DOES NOT sign you up for the PTA, it is a website we use solely to manage our volunteers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 26-Money and order forms due from the fall fundraiser Sept 27-PTA meeting in the media center, 7:00 pm (social time @ 6:45 pm)

Have a great weekend, Hope to see everyone Tuesday evening!!

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