



## From the Principal's Desk

May 28, 2014

### Calendar of Events

#### May 2013

- 5/28-29 Pre-K Screenings
- 5/29 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, 7:00pm
- 5/30 Last Day of attendance, 3:00 dismissal
- 5/30 Field Day
- 7/15 2013-2014 School Registration, 12:00-8:00
- 7/16 2013-2014 School Registration, 2:00-6:00

#### This week in History:

- May 25, 1787 – Constitutional Convention starts
- May 26, 1897 – Bram Stoker's Dracula goes on sale
- May 27, 1937 – Golden Gate Bridge Opens
- May 28, 1937 – Volkswagen founded
- May 29, 1953 – Sir Edmund Hillary reaches Mt. Everest summit
- May 30, 1431 – Joan of Arc martyred
- May 31, 1859 – Big Ben goes into operation in London



*"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."*  
 — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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### Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a great year at High Mount School. Parents, teachers and staff, community members and the students have done a wonderful job of working together to make this a successful year. I will reflect on the 2013-2014 school year with great pride. Thanks to everyone for making this year a great one.

Please mark your calendars and remember to register for school on July 15th or 16th. See you then!

Just because the school year is over, doesn't mean your child should stop learning. Studies have shown that a summer break without any education can set back your child several months in school. Make sure to take your child to a library this summer or bookstore to encourage reading throughout the summer. If you have a computer with internet, there are many helpful websites for learning. Just Google search Math, English, Social Studies and Science lesson plans or learning websites/games and you will find millions of websites that foster learning. Students who read and do activities during the summer will be better prepared for the beginning of school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Loepker

Have a great summer!



## Parent Notes/Reminders



1. **If your child arrives late to school it is the guardian/parent responsibility to sign the child in at school. Please make sure to stop by the office and sign your child in.**
2. Read to or with your child every day!
3. Please remember to send a note to the teacher regarding a change in your child's dismissal procedures. If you do forget to send a note, please call the office by 2:00 pm each day.
4. Illinois State Law prohibits anyone from speaking on a cell phone while driving in a school zone. Please refrain from driving on school grounds while speaking on your cell phone.
5. Please remind your child that cell phones are not to be visible or be in use during school hours. This includes dismissal times. If your child is walking out of the building while on his/her cell phone, it will be confiscated and your child will receive an after school detention.
6. Please arrive between 3:00 and 3:15 to pick your child up if possible.
7. ALL VISITORS are mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education to report to the office. Parents and Guardians are to report to the office before going to their child's classroom.
8. Students should not arrive to school until 7:45, unless prior arrangements are made with a school administrator. If there is an emergency, please phone the office for permission.
9. Please pay your school fees.



## Parent Power



### The 10 Principles of Good Parenting; The Ten Basic Principles of Good Parenting, Laurence Steinberg, PhD (#9-10)

9. Explain your rules and decisions. "Good parents have expectations they want their child to live up to," he writes. "Generally, parents over explain to young children and under explain to adolescents. What is obvious to you may not be evident to a 12-year-old. He doesn't have the priorities, judgment or experience that you have, "An example: A 6-year-old is very active and very smart -- but blurts out answers in class, doesn't give other kids a chance, and talks too much in class. His teacher needs to address the child behavior problem. He needs to talk to the child about it, says Steinberg. "Parents might want to meet with the teacher and develop a joint strategy. That child needs to learn to give other children a chance to answer questions."

10. Treat your child with respect. "The best way to get respectful treatment from your child is to treat him respectfully," Steinberg writes. "You should give your child the same courtesies you would give to anyone else. Speak to him politely. Respect his opinion. Pay attention when he is speaking to you. Treat him kindly. Try to please him when you can. Children treat others the way their parents treat them. Your relationship with your child is the foundation for her relationships with others, "For example, if your child is a picky eater: "I personally don't think parents should make a big deal about eating," Steinberg tells WebMD. "Children develop food preferences. They often go through them in stages. You don't want turn mealtimes into unpleasant occasions. Just don't make the mistake of substituting unhealthy foods. If you don't keep junk food in the house, they won't eat it."