Council Chairs’ Report
Traditionally as spring begins, families begin the process of spring cleaning and nature starts a new cycle of renewal. Believe it or not...some children are already counting down the days to summer vacation whereas others are dreading the end to the school year. Although June still seems far away, the Highview School Council is also thinking of our goals and responsibilities for the balance of this school year as well as projecting ideas for next year’s school year. Over the next three council meetings, we would like to review the following topics and encourage your comments and participation.

1. Long-term accommodation issues
2. Fundraising plans and ideas including timing and possible annual donation
3. Playground maintenance, enhancements and capital funding
4. Special Events/ Community Building
5. Enhancement of our Volunteer Program- success planning for the lunch program and year book committees

We can only establish these goals with your input. Please drop us your comments in the School Council mail slot or send an email to hvsc@luscher.com.

Writer’s Showcase - Help Needed
Have you heard about the Publishing Centre at Highview? Have any of your child’s creative stories been “published” by the centre? If they have, you know what a great job the volunteers in the Publishing Centre do, and how proud the students are of their books. However, as with so many such volunteer services, there is a need for more people to assist in keeping this centre operational. There are several tasks involved in producing a published book. Some of these tasks could be done at home by willing individuals. Help is needed to …

* Cut out book covers from cereal boxes
* Cut out wallpaper coverings, using a template, to dress up the book covers
* Glue the coverings onto the cardboard
* Interview students about their books
* Type up, and print, the text of the books
* Insert the text pages into the book coverings (some sewing & gluing involved here)
* Make labels for the covers of the books

If you can spare as little as 1 hour a week to assist with any of these tasks, please contact Cheryl Kavanagh at 905-841-1223 or cherylk@aci.on.ca. Our budding authors will thank you.

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Events Calendar
HERITAGE FAIR ... Don’t forget to drop by the display of Canadian Heritage projects and works of art, before and after the upcoming school musical (April 9 and 10, 2003). To successfully showcase our children’s Canadian projects and schoolwork, we ask you to please send back any work completed prior to March break. We would like to decorate the foyer walls with artwork, written assignments and projects that represent our Canadian heritage.

Also, for anyone interested, Aurora Senior Public School is also holding a Heritage Fair on April 30th. Public welcome.

Parent Networking Sessions ... A reminder that the Special Events/Communications Committee invites parents to join a monthly Wednesday morning coffee meeting from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the school lunchroom on the following dates: Mar. 26, Apr. 30, May 28 and June 18. This is an opportunity for those unable to attend School Council meetings to participate in discussions on school-related concerns and activities.

Town Hall Seminar ... A seminar entitled “An Evening on Suicide Prevention through identification and intervention”, sponsored by Trinity Anglican Church, will be held on Monday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Session will also be televised by Aurora Cable T.V. later in the week.

Web Site Enhancements
A new page, listing Upcoming Events, was recently added to the School Council website www.highview.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/highview.sc/

Suggestions for other council-related site additions can be sent to hvsc@luscher.com.

Did you know?
As safety and security have become frequent topics for discussion in these times of heightened global awareness, did you know there are sections in the Parent Handbook Overview that may be of interest to you …

Pages 7, 23
VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL
STUDENT SAFETY
Pages 21, 22, 24
SEARCH AND SEIZURE
DISCIPLINE POLICY
ZERO TOLERANCE TO VIOLENCE
SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY

The full Parent Handbook is available online at http://www.highview.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/highview.sc/parents%20handbook/handbook.htm
**Shout out!**

Highview Views student's thoughts

**“Be a Hero for Southlake”**

Just a little reminder, that I am still collecting coins for our community hospital. My team will be around the last Friday of this month and next month to empty the jars in each classroom and add them to the big jar in the office. Did you know that Southlake is starting their community plan "Be A Hero For Southlake" in May 2003? There will be prizes and room naming chances for schools that join in. Highview kids have already starting helping by donating coins. Way to go, Highview!!

Remember if you give a little, it will help a lot. Thanks for your help. Janine Fernandes, Grade 3

*Hey Highview!*

Are you fundraising privately and would like Highview to get involved? Did you do something really cool for the community? I want to know! Bring your stories questions and comments with your name and grade to the office and ask them to give it to Bonnie Devine. **Shout out** and have your voices heard

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**Milk Program Started**

As you all know, the milk program got underway immediately after March Break and early reports indicate that it has been well received. For the information of anyone who hesitated to place orders this first time around, the milk is packaged up for delivery to classrooms, or for distribution in the lunch room, immediately prior to each lunch session in order to ensure it remains nice and cold. Only enough milk is ordered each week for consumption during the Tuesday and Wednesday lunch periods, so that it is always fresh. As many would suspect, chocolate milk seems to be the all round favourite.

You may have noticed that April 1st & 2nd were missed on the milk order forms. However, milk will be provided on those days, at no cost. Orders will be filled based on the order requests for this week ... March 25th & 26th

That Darn Cat!!

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**Literacy Corner**

**Recommended Reading**

Starting this month, we will be providing parents and students with some recommended reading titles for different age groups. Courtesy of Mrs. Alanko come the following highlighted books from the Silver Birch / Red Maple Nominee lists ...

- **Firewing** by Kenneth Oppel ... 3rd book in the series that also includes Silverwing & Sunwing ... Grades 4 - 6 / Ages 9-12
- **Camp X** by Eric Walters ... Grades 6 - 8 / Ages 11 - 14
- **Hana's Suitcase** by Karen Levine (The Holocaust Remembrance Series for Young Readers) ... Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12

Also Newbery Award winners

- **The Giver** by Lois Lowry ... Grades 6 - 8 / Ages 11 - 14 ** Grade 8 in depth novel study


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**REMEMBER:** Eric Walters will be visiting the Grade 6, 7 & 8 students of Highview P.S. on the afternoon of March 28th. He will have copies of his books for students to purchase and will be autographing them. Well known titles ...

- Camp X
- Trapped in Ice
- Stars
- Hydrofoil Mystery