

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Welcome back to school! We're all looking forward to another busy and successful school year. Your PTO officers for the 2009-10 school year are: Karen Rittenhouse and Jinee Stewart, Co-Presidents; Beth Guse, Vice-President; Karen Girdler, Corresponding Secretary; Deb Drueke, Recording Secretary; and Patti Kohlbrecher, Treasurer. Together with parents, teachers, and staff, we will do our best to enhance the school experience for our children.

We will be implementing some new ideas to earn additional monies for the PTO and will be offering some fun, family oriented events beginning this fall with the return of the **Bulldog Raffle**. More details with regards to this event will be sent home soon. Our first monthly meeting of the school year will be held on **Tuesday, September 15** at 7 p.m. in the Primary School cafeteria. Please mark your calendars! This will be a "meet and greet" type session with guest speakers Mike Sutton, Superintendent of Schools; Lori Miscik, Elementary Principal; and Julie Korte, Primary Principal. We encourage and invite each and every one of you to come out and get involved!

Welcome Back  
Jinee & Karen

## **SPiRiTWEAR**

Orders are now being taken for this year's black spiritwear t-shirts. Please have all orders and money in by **September 11th**. Contact Deb Drueke with questions.

## **WELCOME PTO MEMBERS!**

That's right, that's you! If you are a parent or teacher of a child enrolled in Highland Community Schools, you are a member of the PTO. We welcome your participation at any level you feel is appropriate. Together we will work to make this school year rewarding for all.

## **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!**

This summer the playground resurfacing project was completed. The north playground has a brand new soft solid surface and the tire chips are gone! At a total cost of close to \$70,000, we appreciate and thank all families and staff that supported our fundraising efforts for the project. Special thanks to the Madison County government for a \$16,000 grant, and to those that assisted with installation: The Korte Company, City of Bethalto and the Highland Schools Maintenance staff.



## **a 'PAWS' TO YOU!!**



We would like to thank:

- Marla Baer for organizing "Find Your Classroom"
- All the volunteers for "Find Your Classroom"
- Robin Ermer, Jennifer Houk, Janet Nyquist, Kathy Walker, and Wendy Wilson for working the PTO Spiritwear table during registration

## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

PTO Meeting  
and "Meet and Greet"  
with Mike Sutton,  
Lori Miscik, and Julie Korte  
Tuesday, September 15  
7 pm  
Highland Primary Cafeteria  
Free Childcare Available  
(Potty trained children &  
older, please)

## **PiLLARS**

Thanks for all you do for your schools! Please complete and return your **PILLARS** form to the school office as soon as possible. **A PILLARS form is required for all school and PTO volunteers.** *Note: Not all forms were collected at registration. Please check your registration packet. Only one form per family is necessary.*

## **email LiST**

If you would like to be on the PTO email list but haven't received any email notifications yet, please let us know at [pto.highland@gmail.com](mailto:pto.highland@gmail.com)



**The reverse side of this newsletter has dates and info to remember throughout the year. Please check it out!**