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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is my turn to brag way more than I should about Highlands School. I constantly am amazed at the quality of student learning and collabortiveness of the parents and staff to create the best learning situations for children. I have a few specifics I'd like to make everyone aware of, as often times the news only gets as far as the principal's desk.

**DINNER DANCE 2009**—What a success! Certainly everyone that attended came with the desire to have a fun adult evening and support Highlands School. Preliminary numbers indicate this was the most successful fundraiser ever, over \$40,000 raised for new equipment. We will be able to supply each K-3 classroom with a sound amplification system (12 units) and complete the purchasing of a SmartBoard for every K-5 classroom (10 units). In addition we may begin to replace some lesser effective ELMOs which teachers use continuously through the day for instruction. Thanks to everyone that make this possible!

**NAPERVILLE EDUCATION FOUCAATION (NEF) GRANTS**—We have been awarded four grants; one written by a parent, two by staff members and another by students.

- Indoor Recess Games to Encourage Higher Level Thinking, by Barbara Herr
- Relishing Reading with Recorded Books By Marcia Van Dyke, Elida Reiten and Stephen Meehan
- Math Magic, by Sue Kouri for use in all Honors Math programs
- A Flip Over Technology, by Emma Ferguson, Sarah Gilfillan and Claudia Moon (with Mr. Hunger's guidance)

#### **JEANINE NICARICO LITERACY FUND**

- Early Literacy blooms with Grade 4 Buddies, by Sharon Ferrari and Karen Leffelman

Together, incredible services, opportunities and targeted instructional lessons are provided for the students at Highlands School. Thanks to everyone for giving the extra effort necessary to make this real for our students. This is hard work, you all deserve a break. Enjoy the summer with your families and we'll see you back at school in August!

All for the Kids,  
Susan Stuckey