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**HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL SELECTS “THE SPORTS SHED”
AS SCHOOLWIDE FUNDRAISER FOR 2016-17**

Highland Middle School students selected The Sports Shed, which collects sports equipment to distribute in under-resourced areas – including Libertyville, as the schoolwide, yearlong charity for the 2016-17 school year.

“The Sports Shed makes it possible for all children in under-resourced and at-risk situations to participate in organized sports,” according to Highland Middle School eighth-grade Language Arts teacher and HMS Charity Committee member Kristen Palic. The thinking is that if children are busy with organized sports, there won’t be any time for gangs or violence. The group also assists programs with limited funding, such as Lambs Farm in Libertyville.

“Their mission is to place quality sports gear into the hands of children in the Chicago area who need a chance at experiencing the life-long benefits of sports and physical fitness,” Palic added. “The Sports Shed sources valuable sports gear and then distributes it on a needs basis to under-resourced schools and athletic programs. “

Every year, Highland staff recommends six charities to be considered for the yearlong, schoolwide fundraising project, Palic said. This year, student service secretary Katie Murphy suggested The Sports Shed. Students then voted on the nominations, selecting The Sports Shed.

A charity committee comprised of student council representatives, teachers, and school administrators meet monthly to plan fundraising events, coordinate with The Sports Shed, and discuss how to best raise student awareness and involvement.

Fundraising already is underway with proceeds from this year's student versus staff volleyball tournament, the eighth grade dance, the student talent show, and a school movie night going towards a fundraising goal of \$10,000. Last year, the school raised more than \$9,000 for the locally based Feed My Starving Children. The school also has raised money for Orphans of the Storm, Camp I Am Me, and have built a piggery for a school in Africa with the COVE.

Recently, a fundraiser at Culver’s restaurant brought in more than \$500 for The Sports Shed.

Palic said The Sports Shed helps school districts or programs that

cannot afford equipment to keep their sports programs running. They also provide equipment for non-profit groups and youth groups. The Sports Shed serves programs throughout the Chicago area, she noted, including schools and programs in “North Chicago, Waukegan, Barrington, Elgin, Zion, and even Lambs Farm, here in Libertyville.”

Look for other school fundraisers to help The Sports Shed in the upcoming Valentine candy-grams and an all-school dance.

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Representatives of 22 different professions will talk about their careers when Rockland School holds a Career Fair on **Jan. 27** for grades kindergarten through fifth.

The local business leaders, who could include a bicycle designer, mini petting zoo, helicopter nurse, mechanical engineer, fire fighters, structural engineer, pilot, acupuncturist, police officer, zoo keeper, comic book illustrator, chemist, accountant, dancer, chess player, strength coach, restaurateur (John Durning of Pizzeria Deville, who usually flips and makes pizza), business consultant, event planner, hairstylists and a cook, as well as the mayor will each give five 30 minute presentations to students between 8:25 and 11:15 a.m. at the school, 160 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville. Students between first and fifth grade have chosen six the careers to learn about. Last month, a committee of teachers and parents assigned students to five careers. During the Career Day Fair, they will travel from station to station within the school.

"Every 30 minutes the halls will be filled with excitement as more than 200 students move to a new presenter," said Rockland teacher and Career Fair coordinator Dale List.

The fair is sponsored by the Rockland Family Association.

"A study shows that by fifth grade if a student is not exposed to a career, they will not choose that career in their lifetime," said List.

Kindergartners will be visited by a fire fighter, pilot, cook and the mini petting zoo. in their classroom on Career Day.

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The Highland Middle School seventh-grade Winter Dance will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on **Jan. 27** at the school, 310 W. Rockland Road in Libertyville. Highland student IDs must be presented upon entry.

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The Highland Middle School student talent show will be held at 3:45 p.m. on **Feb. 2** at the school, and will run until about 5 or 5:30 p.m. at the school, 310 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville.

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The Winter Elementary Orchestra Concert for all fourth and fifth orchestra students will be held at 7 p.m. on **Feb. 2** at Butterfield School, 1441 W. Lake St., Libertyville.

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Chemists will help Copeland Manor fifth-graders learn about chemistry by using light sticks for a Glow It Up event in a program called Kids & Chemistry. Copeland chemist parents will help fifth-graders with special chemistry kits purchased by the school from the American Chemical Society. The project explores chemical reactions that release energy in the form of light, known as chemiluminescence. Parent volunteers will begin with the demonstration that uses a luminol mixture and an oxidizer to start a chemical reaction that glows. The students will perform three set of experiments between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. in the classrooms on **Feb. 3** at the school, 801 S. Seventh St., Libertyville.

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The Adler Park School Winter Carnival will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Feb. 4** at the school, 1740 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. The Gator Raffle also will be held during the event.

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The Winter Band Concert for all elementary school students will be held at 7 p.m. on **Feb. 7** at Butterfield School, 1441 W. Lake St., Libertyville. This concert involves all fourth and fifth grade band students.

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Highland Middle School eighth graders will take a field trip to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie on **Feb. 8**. Students study the Holocaust and World War II as part of the eighth grade curriculum. The field trip supplements the experience.

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The Highland Winter Orchestra Concert for all Highland orchestra students will be held at 7 p.m. on **Feb. 9** at Highland Middle School, 310 W. Rockland Road, Libertyville.

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The Butterfield Fun Fair with a carnival theme will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Feb. 11** at the school, 1441 W. Lake St., Libertyville. The fair will feature games, food and entertainment. There also will be a raffle.

For more information, call
the appropriate school involved

To celebrate Valentine's Day, students in all Libertyville Elementary District 70 schools for students in kindergarten through fifth-grade will hold classroom parties beginning between **1:15 and 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12**. The schools involved in holding the parties include Adler Park, Butterfield, Copeland Manor and Rockland.

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Highland Middle School seventh-graders will visit Libertyville High School between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on **Feb. 15** to view a special art gallery show.

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An all-school assembly on science and the history of space travel will be held at 9:30 a.m. by Moonflight Adventures on **Feb. 21** at Adler Park School, 1740 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. Veteran space flight docent

(Adler Planetarium in Chicago) Bill Andrews will relive the true-life story of the legendary Apollo 13 mission to the moon through slides and videos

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**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY DISTRICT 70
PLANS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL 2017**

As temperatures rise to the 30s and 40s this winter, planning is underway for the popular Libertyville Elementary District 70 summer school Session with registration set to open on March 5.

Summer school for this year will be held from June 12 through July 13, Monday through Thursday, at Highland Middle School 310 W. Rockland Road, and –new this year- Copeland Manor School at 801 S. Seventh St., both in Libertyville. An Open House will be held June 8.

Adler Park physical education teacher and long-time summer school principal Gerry Carollo will move up to Summer School Director this year and add Highland Middle School special education teacher Amy Morales as principal.

“I’m excited for another fun-filled summer,” said Carollo. “I’m very proud of the balance between academics and exploration our classes offer. There is really something for every student, every grade..”

Students entering second through eighth grades in the fall will attend summer school at Highland, while younger children in pre-kindergarten, pre-first grade, and daily Spanish instruction, will attend the Copeland Manor elementary school.

Busing will be available for students to match school hours from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Busing information also will be posted on the summer school website.

Summer school classes will be posted on-line at the district web site, www.d70schools.org/summerschool as of Feb. 24. The link to register also will be located on the summer school website.

While course offerings are being developed, some of the popular classes offered every year include building with Legos, ball games, cheerleading, and floor hockey.

District residents may begin registering on March 5 and end on May 26.

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HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM COMPETES AT ROCKFORD

Highland Middle School Science Olympiad JV and Varsity team members recently participated at the Rockford Christian Invitational, on January 14. The students participated in 23 science events, including laboratory and engineering topics. The next competition is February 11, at Grayslake Middle School.

Students competing on the Science Olympiad teams include Styler Allen, Gabe Banek, Erin Benton, Rebekah Benton, Calvin Blohm, Gavin Buier, Dino Bougiotopoulos, Lily Ervine, Nathanael Herman, Katelyn Jacobs, Cody Klocke, Debjani Maitra, Chad Matulenko, Sam Otto, Olivia Powell, Lawrence Wang, and Madison Wilson. The students are coached by HMS science teachers Jasper Liu, Angie McCarthy, and Tara Oshinski.

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COPELAND MANOR STUDENTS TO BE PUBLISHED IN POETRY BOOK

Several Copeland Manor fourth-graders will have their poems published in an anthology called A Celebration of Young Poets this fall.

“Another collection of wordsmiths are emerging and being recognized for their insights and ideas shared through poetry with Creative Communication,” said teacher Ann Livermore who makes the extra effort to submit their work for the contest that is nationwide.

Selected to appear in the book publication for Fall 2017, and the name of their work are: Gianna Amidei “Christmas Wonderland,” Kendyl Roberts “The Month of Christmas,” Ryan Andrews “Christmas,” Angeleis Barnott “What Is School?,” Morgan Short “Icy Wonderland,” Tyler Sherman “Wintertime,” Avery Maslic “Long Winter Day,” Brendan Hoch “Christmas Winter Joy,” Ella Felinczak “Santa's Watching,” Parker Johnson “Christmas Joy,” and Cole Eiserman “Christmas Cheers.”

“It is an honor and privilege to encourage students to share their thoughts and ideas through their writing as well as help them to be heard by others,” said Livermore.

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