

**\*\* LEGOS ROBOTICS WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP! \*\***

The HTH Legos Team 5947 won state championship last Saturday. They are currently working on fund-raising to participate in the World Competition in Georgia this April. Their project includes assisting schools around the state with energy-saving recommendations to our legislators between now and April 1st.

**\*\* JANUARY INTERRIMS END WITH GREAT LEARNING**

Our January Interim classes end today with some happy, tired, and smarter students. Highland students participated in Judo, Crime Scene Investigation, Silk Screening, Outdoor Survival, Racquet Sports, Photography, Strategy Games, Art, Quilting, Robotics, Study skills, Elementary School Helper, and many other fun and educational classes. As always the students and staff had a great time and got the benefit of many, many parent and business partners helping make these classes a HUGE success. Thanks for your support!

**\*\* SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

We'll begin our 2nd Semester on Tuesday, January 29th with our regular A/B daily schedule. Tuesday will be a B day (Period 4, 5, Advisory) starting at 8:00/9:00 depending on your student's schedule. CHECK EDUCATE ACCOUNTS TO SEE YOUR 2ND SEMESTER SCHEDULE. We'll open doors at 7:30 AM and close them at 4:00 PM for the rest of the school year

**\*\* WORLD TRADE QUEST COMPETITION \*\***

Saturday, January 26 several HTH students will compete against 25 other schools at UAA on topics around International Law. ConocoPhillips along with the Alaska World Affairs Council sponsors WorldQuest. The 2008 Academic World Quest will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the Lucy Cuddy Center on the University of Alaska Anchorage Campus with a free dinner to each team of 4 and their academic adviser. If parents or other teachers wish to attend please RSVP to the Alaska World Affairs Office at 276-8038 and there will be a \$15 charge per person for the dinner. Our main goal this year is to participate, and create a process for future students to be involved yearly. See Ms. Kohler for more information.

**\*\* BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT \*\***

Several HTH students are working with ASD's Business Partnership coordinator, Tam Agosti-Gisler and the Foraker Group to develop an on-line survey and report results that are targeted to build "win/win" relationships with business partners. See Ms. Kohler for more information.

**\*\* WORLD TRAVEL GUEST SPEAKER \*\***

Mike Hull, retired Alaskan educator, will be a guest speaker on Wednesday, January 30 to share his photos and many colorful stories about his travels Quechua of Peru, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and most recently, Vietnam. The topics will center on Social Environments and Technology. We are delighted to host him! See Ms. Kohler for more information.

**\*\* NATIONAL GUESTS VISIT HTH \*\***

Thanks to our partner, the Re-Inventing Schools Coalition (RISC), HTH will host approximately 40 visitors from schools around the United States who are exploring standards-based, performance schools. HTH Student leaders will provide tours and answer questions on Wednesday morning, January 30. See Ms. Kohler or Mr. Standley for more information.

**\*\* PROJECT PARTNERS WITH SOUTH CAROLINA \*\***

HTH Social Environments and Technology classes will be co-teaching several classes on project-based concepts around the History of Alaska and South Carolina. Using Moodle, students will interact on projects between the two classes for the spring semester. Activities will also include the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. See Ms. Kohler for more information.

**\*\* MODEL UNITED NATIONS \*\***

Students at HTH will participate in UAA's Model United Nations, where schools from around the state come to debate an issue. This year is focused on "Slavery in the United States". Our school will represent Iraq. The dates are Feb. 21-23, 2008. Students are needed for the debate team, "technology/typists" and pages. See Ms. Hilger or Ms. Kohler for more information or to sign up.

**\*\* ESKIMO WHALING COMMISSION \*\***

Students will have the chance to explore the issue of world-wide whaling through video conference from Barrow, Alaska on Feb. 27-March 1, 2008. Ms. Kohler will be attending the conference and will communicate via Skype and e-mail for interested students. See Ms. Kohler for more

information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 28th                      Teacher Inservice (no school)  
Tuesday, January 29th                      First Day of 2nd Semester ("B" Day -  
Period 4, 5, Advisory)

Wednesday, January 30th                  Last Day for Schedule Changes  
RISC Conference Visitors                  9:00-  
12:00  
Stakeholder Meeting                      6:00-  
7:30

Friday, February 1st                      Field Trip Activity for High Achievers (8:30-  
12:00)  
Exploration Friday (school dismissed at  
12:00 PM)

Thursday-Saturday, 1/31-2/2              RISC Conference (Millennium Hotel,  
Anchorage)

Monday/Tuesday, February 5/6            Testing (7th Graders)

Friday, February 15th                      Exploration Friday (school dismissed  
at 12:00 PM)

Questions? Check for more information at our web ([www.highlandtech.org](http://www.highlandtech.org))  
and/or give Ms. Jan a call at 742-1700.

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