

## 2008 – 2009 Parent Workshop Series

**Oct. 15, 2008**

(Wednesday)  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Behind the Scenes at The Highlands School**

Presented by Beth Maahs-Hoagberg, Founder and Admissions Director and Suzanne Lippa, Testing Specialist

Join us for an explanation of our testing and preparation of each student's individual plan, and understanding the Report Card and Progress Reports.

**Nov. 20, 2008**

(Thursday)  
1:30-3:00 p.m.

### **Improving Handwriting Skills**

Presented by Beth Moore, Educational Consultant; Orton-Gillingham Academy Fellow Practitioner

Children begin using writing instruments at an early age, but do they learn the correct pencil grip, correct posture and correct letter formation? Join us for this workshop to see the importance these skills play in a child's handwriting.

**Jan. 21, 2009**

(Wednesday)  
1:30-3:00 pm  
(Snow date:  
Jan. 22, 2009)

### **Keeping Your Brain Alert**

Presented by Paula Moraine, Director, Outreach Center for Literacy  
Learn how brain dominance, reflexes, eye tracking and body movements can affect your child's learning experience. See how some simple interventions can support and improve brain function.

**Feb. 11, 2009**

(Wednesday)  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
(Snow date:  
Feb. 12, 2009)

### **How to Improve Comprehension**

Presented by Beth Maahs-Hoagberg, Founder & Admissions Director  
Children who struggle with comprehension need to develop visual imagery for words they hear or words they read. Join us for a live demonstration with one of our students to see how visual imagery improves comprehension and higher-order thinking skills.

**March 11, 2009**

(Wednesday)  
1:30-3:00 pm

### **The Grammar and Writing Program**

Presented by Vicki Whitaker, Founder & Educational Director

The Highlands School believes written expression needs to begin with learning the grammatical structure of the language before moving into paragraph writing. Join us to learn more about our grammar and writing program.

**April 22, 2009**

(Wednesday)  
1:30-3:00 pm

### **Social Skills**

Presented by Paula Carmody, Educational Director

See how we teach our students the social skills necessary for success in life!