

Hunters Horn

Back to School 2005

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President's Message

Cathy Uhrig

Welcome to our new and returning families! Welcome to our Interim Principal, Mary Ann Chung, and our new Assistant Principal, Sarah Skerker. We're excited to have them join our Hunters Woods family.

I would like to introduce the rest of Executive Committee of the PTA for the coming school year. Joining me are Vice Presidents Maureen Becker and Susan Sather, Treasurer Susan Brownsword (Waters), Recording Secretary Nicole Irving, and Corresponding Secretary Deborah Lannen.

Along with our Executive Committee, many dedicated volunteers have stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of chairing a committee to plan a wonderful, fun, and enriching year. Many have already started this summer to plan their events. As the year goes on, there will be many occasions calling for volunteers to help with events. Please consider thoughtfully what time you can give to our school by signing up to help. You can sign up for specific categories on the "Keep in Touch" e-mail notification system. It is available on a link from the PTA website (www.hunterswoodspta.org). Speaking of our website, Kelly Midura has spent quite a bit of time this summer collecting information and creating the new, current, and informative site. Thanks, Kelly! You may read this newsletter on the site and stay up to date with PTA and school happenings.

Some of the exciting plans for the coming year include Innisbrook Gift Wrap (our largest fundraiser), Odyssey of the

Mind, Reflections, a wide variety of after-school Activities, Snickerdoodle (our literary magazine), Outreach Programs (local and distant), Sock Hop in October, Fall Festival in November, Book Fairs in December and May, Plant Sale in the spring, International Festival and Bingo Night in February, and Talent Share and Silent Auction in March. To ensure you have all of the dates for school and PTA activities, a calendar for the year is available for \$5. Look for an order form in this Tuesday Folder.

PTA meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (most months) starting at 7:30, preceded by a special program at 6:30. The program will be a Principal's Coffee, Parent Education, or a special program designed to address current issues. This allows the PTA and school staff flexibility in meeting the needs of our parents and community. It also means that you have the opportunity to attend both events on one night.

Many parents have expressed an interest in wishing Mr. Hockett well in his new position, so he has agreed to come back—but only for one night. The Principal's Coffee at 6:30 on October 5 will be a social hour for parents to come and wish him a fond farewell.

The children will have an opportunity to say their goodbyes to Mr. Hockett during a school-day ceremony.

The proposed 2005–2006 PTA budget will be presented at the September 14 PTA meeting, available on the PTA website following the meeting, and in the following Tuesday folder for your review. It will be voted on at the Back-to-School nights later in September. If you have any questions or comments about the budget, please feel free to contact me at president@hunterswoodspta.org.

Look for the return of Hunters Woods apparel with some great new items! In case you did not get a tee-shirt, zippered bag, hat, tote, or order form at the Open House Picnic, you can expect one in the next Tuesday Folder. The prices have been kept low so that everyone can show their school spirit!

September Events

- 13** Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale Begins
- 14** 3rd Grade Parent Strings Orientation 7 PM
PTA Meeting 8 PM (note later start time for strings orientation)
- 20** Volunteer Orientation 9:30 AM and 7 PM (attend only one)
- 24** Gardens & Grounds Workday 9 AM–2 PM
- 27** Grades K–3 Parent Coffee 6 PM
Grades K–3 Back-to-School Night 7 PM
Gift Wrap Orders Due
- 28** Grades 4–6 Parent Coffee 6 PM
Grades 4–6 Back-to-School Night 7 PM

October Events

- 4** Chick-fil-A Fundraiser 5-8 PM
- 5** Parents' Reception for Steve Hockett 6:30 PM
PTA Meeting 7:30 PM
- 10** No School—Columbus Day
- 11** Individual School Picture Day
- 14** Sock Hop 7–9 PM

School Calendars Available

Wonder when the next PTA meeting will be held? Want to mark your calendar to plan travel around your child's band performances? Purchase a Hunters Woods Elementary School calendar for only \$5, and you'll have that information at your fingertips. The calendar is preprinted with all scheduled school events for the entire school year, school holidays, and other important dates. Order your copy with the form for PTA Membership, or buy one at the PTA table at school events this fall.

HONK!

This year Mr. Ware will be directing the Hunters Woods PTA Production of HONK! . There are 40 slots open to students from K-6. If more than forty children sign-up for the play there will be a lottery for the slots. See the flyer in the first two Tuesday folders for details. Flyers must be returned no later than September 15th, 3:30pm. The performance dates are February 3rd and 4th, 2006.

Lost & Found

Hunters Woods PTA maintains a Lost & Found area for the convenience of students and their families. Items containing a student's name, phone number, or other identification are returned to the appropriate classrooms throughout the year.

Please take a moment to mark your child's name (last name at a minimum) on their coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves, and sweatshirts—as well as on their backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, and any other belongings that can be separated from their bodies during school.

The Lost & Found area is located in a closet in the downstairs back hall corner between the Dance Studio and the Music Rooms. In order to maintain the Lost & Found area, unclaimed and unidentified items will be kept for only TWO WEEKS prior to their removal for donation. Last year, over twenty 33-gallon trash bags full of clothing was laundered and donated to charity by a local Junior Girl Scout troop.

Show Your Spirit

Again this year, we will be selling apparel with the Hunters Woods logo on it. New this year will be ball caps and gym bags for \$10 each. Also new are white dress shirts and zip-up sweatshirts. A Hunters Woods dress shirt may be worn for all school performances. Back by popular demand: pullover sweatshirts, long sleeved white t-shirts, denim shirts, totes and the very popular green t-shirt.

Order form flyers will go out in an upcoming Tuesday folder. For a sneak peek check out the PTA web site at HuntersWoodsPTA.org for pictures.

Gardens & Grounds Workday

Please give an hour or two (or more) of your time on Saturday, September 24th at our first workday of the school year. Bring your own gloves and any preferred weeding tools and meet me out back any time between 9 AM and 2 PM. There'll be jobs large, small, and in between. Your kids are welcome to help IF they'll actually help—you know them best. We CAN conquer these weeds!

*Catherine Linberg,
PTA Grounds Beautification Gal (aka Garden Mom)*

Downpour Date Sunday, September 25, from 12 to 4 PM

Join Boy Scouting Night

Cub Scout Pack 1971 invites boys and their parents to *Join Scouting Night* on Thursday, September 15. This is a great chance to learn about Cub Scouts in general and take a close look at the program here at Hunters Woods.

Cub Scouting is for boys in grades 1 through 5. However, it's not just for boys. We do our best to be family friendly, so many of our activities include the entire family, with siblings invited and encouraged to participate. We have a great pack, and are excited about the prospect of new boys and families joining us.

For questions, contact Rick Uhrig at rick.uhrig@comcast.net or 703-620-9462. Hope to see you on September 15!

Box Tops for Education

Calling all Parents, Boys, and Girls!!

It's that time of year again. Time to start clipping those box tops for education and Campbell's soup labels for education. Box tops are worth ten cents apiece to Hunters Woods. Campbell's labels and UPCs can be redeemed for school merchandise; and we have already accumulated over 16,000 points. Please ask your friends, family, and neighbors to start clipping as well. Box tops and labels can be returned to school in your child's Tuesday Folder all year long. Look for more information in those folders.

Have any questions? Just e-mail me at BoxTops@HuntersWoodsPTA.org for answers.

Lori Reffet, Box Tops Chair

Girl Scouting

Why Girl Scouting? The Girl Scout Program offers many exciting opportunities. Girls learn together and participate in activities, help their community, make new friends, and learn more about themselves—all while having the time of their lives! Contact Debbie Szymczyk for information about troops for girls from kindergarten through sixth Grade at 703-707-9644 or e-mail her at szymczyk@erols.com.

Gift Wrap Sales

Hunter's Woods PTA is excited to announce the start of our major fundraising event this year—Innisbrook Gift Wrap sales. Along with terrific, high-quality gift wrap, Innisbrook is also the manufacturer of Helen Grace chocolates.

As always, 50% of the sale price goes straight to our PTA to fund great programs for our students here at Hunters Woods. If you have family and friends out-of-town who would like to order, Innisbrook is available online at www.innisbrook.com. Hunters Woods will receive 50% from all online sales year-round. Orders over \$60 are shipped free.

To register your student to earn prize credits during the sales period (only on sales orders from September 13th through September 27th) go to innisbrook.com, click on the Innisbrook fundraising tab, enter Hunters Woods #103834, and then register your child.

Catalogs and order forms will be coming home with your student(s) on Tuesday, September 13th. For the safety of our children, we do not encourage door-to-door sales. If you have any questions, please call Janice Bako at 703-715-0001 or e-mail her at janicebako@cox.net.

Advertise in the Directory

It's time to advertise your business, service, or personalized message in our Hunters Woods 2005-2006 Student Directory. This book is a wonderful reference and is distributed to all students. It has class and alphabetical listings of students with their addresses and phone numbers, school policies, and other pertinent information. Parents and students alike find this book a valuable tool and refer to it frequently. By advertising in our directory, you will reach a broad audience, help defray our printing costs and also help raise monies for school activities. Look in your Tuesday folder for details.