

Hunters Horn



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President's Message

Where are the Chairs?

The Hunters Woods PTA provides a vast array of services to our members, the school staff, and especially to our 1,021 students. HW families support the school. Our membership is booming, and parents fill the school to help in the classroom, support teachers, send in requested items and show up to work whenever we put out the call for volunteers. HW families have heart and compassion. The first three days of our fundraising drive for Haiti brought in \$5,500. Attendance at Family Fun activities is high, but attendance at Parent Information times, Principal's Coffees, and PTA meetings is limited.

In order to continue to enhance the experience of our students – your children – at Hunters Woods, we need new volunteers to assume leadership roles. We've had openings go unfilled, or jobs taken on only at the last possible moment to avoid cancellation. We've had Chairs, who have put in years at their jobs, advertise for replacements to shadow them on their last go round, but who got no response.

The PTA standard is for a position to be held only two years by the same person. For this ideal to be a reality **you** have to start raising your hand and taking a more active role in your PTA – in your child's experience at Hunters Woods. Our events and activities are well established, and experienced volunteers are available to provide as much guidance and support as you need. You don't have to work alone; ask a friend or acquaintance to share a job.

Without new Chairs, popular programs and events such as Fall Harvest Festival, Yearbook, Spelling Bee and School Supplies will be suspended for next year. Please, respond to the listings of open jobs in our PTA Newsletter and eNews or write to volunteer@hwpta.org to start a discussion about what would fit best for you.

Sign up to be a PTA Chair. We need you to continue to offer a robust program of activities and enrichment at Hunters Woods. 🍷

Susan Sather, PTA President

President@hwpta.org

PTA Chair Volunteer Openings

These PTA Chair jobs are open now:

- 6th Grade Party; Spring Picture Volunteer Chair; Auction Donations; Local Business Sponsors; School Supply Kits; Chess Club; Grounds Beautification; Hospitality co-Chair; Staff Appreciation coordinator; Nominating Committee.

These PTA Chair jobs are open for next year:

- President Elect; Treasurer; Fall Harvest Festival; Yearbook; Open House Pizza; Teacher Breakfast; Fall Fundraiser; After School Activities co-Chair; Original Works; Spelling Bee.

If you can help, or would like additional information about any of these or other available positions, please email volunteer@hwpta.org. 🍷

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, February 4	2 nd Annual Spelling Bee
Friday, February 12	Bingo Night
Monday, February 15	President's Day, No School
Thursday, February 18	PTA Meeting, 7pm
Friday, February 19	PTA Musical
Saturday, February 20	PTA Musical
Saturday, March 13	Family Dance and Games Night with Mini-Auction
Thursday, March 18	PTA Meeting, 7pm
Week of Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 2	Spring Break, No School
Wednesday, April 7	Spring Picture Day
Friday, April 9	End of First Quarter
Monday, April 12	Student Holiday - Teacher Work Day
Thursday, April 15	PTA Meeting, 7pm
Week of Monday, April 26 – Friday, April 30	Spring Book Fair

Don't Miss It!

- **February PTA Meeting** - Please join us for our next PTA meeting, which will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7pm in the school library.
- **Schoolhouse Rock Live** - Students from Hunters Woods will be performing in the annual PTA musical to be held at the school on February 19 and 20. They will be performing Schoolhouse Rock Live. It promises to be a fabulous show! 🍷

Calling All Photographers

The Yearbook NEEDS YOU!

The yearbook staff is looking for photos of Hunters Woods students and staff to be included in this year's yearbook. If you have pictures from classrooms, field trips, special events or any other school-related activities, please drop them off in the office in an envelope marked "Yearbook." Please also include a description of the photos as well as your contact information in case we have questions. Pictures can be prints or on a disk. We will be collecting photos through the end of the week. All photos are welcome!

Box Tops Collection Contest

Win a Party for your Class!

Your class could win a party with Sno-Cones and a movie! Submit a Box Tops collection sheet filled with 10 Box Tops for your chance to win. There is no limit to the number of sheets each student can submit. Each sheet earns your class a chance to win the party. The winning student and class will be announced in May. Additional printable collection sheets can be found in the Fundraising section on the Hunters Woods PTA website at www.hwpta.org. 🍷

Campbell's Labels Program

Please continue to submit Campbell's labels for education to help our school earn free merchandise. You will find a list of participating products and printable collection sheets for the Campbell's Labels program at www.labels4education.com and on the PTA website at www.hwpta.org. 🍷

Spelling Bee Buzz...

The 2nd Annual Spelling Bee will be held February 4 from 12-3pm. The Bee will be televised for the entire school, and we are very proud of our 58 student spellers! Each of our spellers should be congratulated for their hard work and commitment to the Bee:

Name	Teacher	Grade
Natalie Bardach	Hansen	3
Yukta Chidanandan	Goodwin	3
Abhishek Das	Glenn	3
Kathryn Evans	Greeley	3
Yaphet Eyob	Raphael	3
Andrew Hall	Glenn	3
Ryan Kim	Paulson	3
Mahmoud Mohamedali	Hansen	3
Johnny Norton	Paulson	3
Joshua Pearl	Greeley	3
Sophia Pentakalos	Merritt	3
Aru Rajpurohit	Raphael	3
Jared Tankel	Goodwin	3
Kevin Xu	Merritt	3
Amel Aksouh	Evans	4
Ronak Cuthill	Carter	4
Erin Drake	Downs	4
Cameron Dresdner	Kendall	4
Rayna Easley	Donnelly	4
Rachel Li	Kirylo	4
Tara Ravishankar	Walenius	4
Lilly Sather	Downs	4
Lindsay Saxman	Kendall	4
Victoria Sova	Evans	4
Noah Taylor	Donnelly	4
Courtney Tern	Kirylo	4
Michael Tischler	Walenius	4
Chris Vinh	Carter	4
Ameena Bensalloum	Fisher	5
Sofiya Boroday	Bloch	5
Bernadette Chungunco	Fisher	5
Preetha Ganapathy	Straw	5
Sam Gustafson	Puga	5
Abdellatif Halibi	Straw	5
Katie Howard	Ahn	5
Ethan Mermelstein	Walter	5
Prithvi Narayana	Bloch	5
Hannah Nguyen	Ahn	5
Ankith Rao	Walter	5
Will Rippey	Adams	5
Suhas Sastry	Adams	5
Jessie Shen	Leniart	5
Liam White	Leniart	5
Steven Yi	Puga	5
Megha Batra	Stefano	6
Krishna Chittur	Azimi	6
Aline Dolinh	Brody	6
Camryn Easley	Sink	6
Justin Garcia	Garrison	6
Anya Karaman	Cradle	6
Nikki Kothari	Brody	6
Aleah Michael	Stefano	6
Gil Osofsky	Sink	6
Nick Piester	Garrison	6
Vanessa Salama	Cradle	6
Harsimran Singh	Anderson	6
Christopher Stathopoulos	Azimi	6
Aansa Virk	Anderson	6

The winner of the HWES Bee will represent our school at the Fairfax County Spelling Bee and will have a chance to go on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

The Spelling Bee Committee would like to thank all the parents for your support of the Spelling Bee Study Sessions and Mrs. Stewart for her excellent guidance and assistance during the Bee preparation and execution. We would also like to thank Mrs. Toatley, the HWES Administration, Mr. Wiley and his staff, and Mr. Smith for your support! We couldn't have done it without you! 🍀

2009-10 Reflections Results In

The county results for the 2009-2010 Reflections Artistic competition are in, and seven Hunters Woods students received awards at the county level! Two of them have received the Outstanding Interpretation Awards and moved to the district level for judging.

Congratulations to the following students who won awards at the Reflections County Level:

- Dance/Outstanding Interpretation Award (1st place) - Maya Tischler (Grade level: K-2)
- Literature/Award of Excellence (2nd place) - Michael Tischler (Grade level: 3-5)
- Literature/Award of Excellence (2nd place) - Ilia Lachinov (Grade level: 6-8)
- Music Composition/Award of Merit (3rd place) - Colin Carmody (Grade level: 3-5)
- Photography/Outstanding Interpretation Award (1st place) - Jillian Tate (Grade level: 3-5)
- Photography/Award of Excellence (2nd place) - Sheila Iyer (Grade level: K-2)
- Visual Arts/Award of Merit (3rd place) - Christie Xin (Grade level: 6-8)

Best wishes to the Outstanding Interpretation Award winners, Maya and Jillian! Maya's dance/choreography composition, Beauty Inside, won the Outstanding Interpretation (1st Place) award and was submitted to the District Level judging. Jillian's art work, Mixed River, won the Outstanding Interpretation (1st Place) award and also was submitted to the District Level judging. 🍀

PTA Coat Drive a Big Success

Thank you to all the generous families of Hunters Woods who responded to our December call to "Share Your Warmth" with other families in our school district this winter - the response was incredible! Your donations of over 200 winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, boots, snow pants, and other cold weather apparel filled our collection bin daily; and some days we even needed a second box.

These items have been given directly to children in our school, and the surplus has been shared with local families through Reston Interfaith's Winter Coat Closet. If you still have items you would like to donate, it's not too late -- the Winter Coat Closet runs through March 13th. You can drop items at The Community Room at the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's Office (North County Govt. Center), located right across from Reston Library at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA 20190.

A very special thank you goes out to Kim Trautman and the Hunters Woods/Crossfield's/Fox Mill Girl Scout Troop 6106. They were the arms and legs of this entire coat drive, collecting items daily, bringing them home, and sorting and organizing the donations. Thank you to these terrific girls for giving so much of their time and energy to help their classmates and the people of our community! 🍀