



# Hunters Horn



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## PTA President's Message

Welcome to 2012! I have been working on my New Year's resolution, which boils down to one word: gratefulness! I will be trying to instill a sense of gratefulness in my children, the PTA, and our community over these next few months, and I am going to start here.

I am grateful for the wonderful school our children attend and the community of parents, teachers, and staff who support their development, learning, and happiness.

I am grateful to all the parent volunteers who are making a difference at our school. Just a few examples: EVERYONE (who gave generously to our Tree of Warmth), **Bonnie Silas** (who led all our room parents' efforts to organize class parties), **Jeri Thomas/Susan Sather** (who organized the Sweet Shop for our teachers and staff), **Anica Ham/Radhika Murari/Iram Khan/Kelly Rowell/Stephan Dunkel** (each of whom contributed to the success of our Spring After-School Program), **Shreeti Kapoor** (who quietly writes thank you's to our volunteers), **Janet Taylor** (who happily copies all our flyers), **Kathy Gustafson/Fionnuala White** (who organized our Lost & Found and provided opportunities for all of us to find our lost items), **Debbie Anguizola** (who organized our Winter Dance), **Jo Wechselblatt** (who managed our Original Works Program), **Gina & John Bauer/Mrs. Stewart** (who are managing our Spelling Bee Program), **Laurie Griggs/Katy Hwostow** (who are working on our yearbook), AND many others to numerous to list.

I am grateful to be able to serve my community and school by being President of our PTA. I hope to finish this year by continuing to provide support to all those who do the hard work.

**Hope to see you at Bingo Night on Jan. 20th and the Educational Series/PTA Meeting on Jan. 25th.** Make a resolution to be more involved in our school - I am betting you will feel grateful that you did!

*Jennifer Arakelian, PTA President*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 19 (Thu) Chorus Cabaret, 7 pm
- January 20 (Fri) Bingo Night, 7 pm
- January 25 (Wed) PTA Meeting (7pm) and Parent Education Speaker about Nutrition (6pm)
- January 26 (Thu) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Strings Demonstration, 7 pm
- January 27 (Fri) End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- January 30-31 Student Holidays
- February 2 (Thu) Spelling Bee

*For complete calendar info, see [www.hwpta.org](http://www.hwpta.org). View as a list or calendar, print, and even add the PTA Google calendar to your Google calendar.*

## Are You Feeling Lucky?

Hunters Woods is proud to present our annual BINGO NIGHT. Join your friends and family for an evening of prizes, drinks, and fun!

Friday, January 20th, 7:00-9:00pm

Mustang Pride Members get in free  
Others \$3.00/person or max \$15/family

Volunteers needed! Please email: [bingo@hwpta.org](mailto:bingo@hwpta.org). Please note, this is not a drop off activity. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## The Spelling Bee is Abuzz!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual HWES Spelling Bee is set for February 2<sup>nd</sup>. All HWES students will be able to see their classmates participate in the event. The sixty 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will participate in the Bee have been working hard and practicing how a Bee is conducted. They have just one more practice session before the real thing. The HWES winner will go on to compete in the Fairfax County Bee and maybe all the way to the Scripps National Spelling Bee! Can you spell "exciting?!"

### Box Tops Add Up to Big Money

Many thanks to the wonderful families who have been submitting their Box Tops and Labels for Education. Those little box tops add up to big money for our school! We just received a check for over \$900 for our Fall submission!

The winner of our next contest will enjoy a Lunch Bunch with Ms. Toatley and 3 friends. **Please submit your collection sheets with 25 unexpired box tops by Thursday, Feb 23** if you would like to be included in the drawing that will take place on Friday, Feb 24. Collection sheets can be found in the Fundraising section of the PTA website, [www.hwpta.org](http://www.hwpta.org) and there is no limit to the number of collection sheets each student can submit.



### Pictures Wanted For Yearbook

This year the HWES yearbook is being produced by two parent volunteers: Laurie Griggs and Katy Hwostow.

We welcome any pictures taken from field trips, holiday parties, or winter concerts for possible inclusion in the yearbook.

Please contact us at [yearbook@hwpta.org](mailto:yearbook@hwpta.org) and we will provide instructions for uploading to our collaboration site.

"Yearbook Order Forms" will be available in late winter/early spring.

In addition, let us know if you are interested in working on this committee. We are currently seeking a few people with photography, computer and graphics skills for shadowing purposes as positions will be available for the "2012-2013" school year. We need your support, so students can continue to receive a school yearbook!

If you have any questions, contact Laurie and Katy at [yearbook@hwpta.org](mailto:yearbook@hwpta.org).

### Amy's Amigos Youth Triathlon

Amy's Amigos is a non-profit after-school club that has been raising money in honor of Amy Boyle, a friend who died in 2008 when she was in 6th grade. Her friends and classmates joined together and created Amy's Amigos in her memory.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Be Amyazing!" Reston Youth Triathlon will be held on May 20, 2012 at South Lakes High School. All profits will be donated to the Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation. The first year's proceeds totaled more than \$6,000!

The triathlon is open to kids from ages 6-15. Registration is expected to open on January 18, 2012. For more information and to stay updated, check the triathlon website at [www.RestonYouthTri.org](http://www.RestonYouthTri.org).

### Parent Education Series Update

**REMINDER: The second Parent Education Series Speaker will be on January 25 at 6pm. The topic is Fitness and Nutrition.**

Our guest speaker is Laura Caldarera. Laura is a Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist, specializing in pediatric cardiology. She holds a Master's Degree in Exercise Science from George Washington University and has worked at Child Cardiology Associates where she coordinates wellness education for patients (and their families) with cardiovascular risk factors. Mark your calendars for this informative presentation. Children are welcome to attend this educational lecture.

### A Final Note About the Holidays:

I hope all of your children had enjoyable winter parties before break and a fabulous time over the break from school!! Be sure to thank your room parents for coordinating your class party! And thanks to all of our parents for contributing a helping hand, necessary funds, food and other items for the parties.

With appreciation,  
Bonnie Silas, Room Parent Coordinator