

Hunters Horn



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President's Message

Hunters Woods PTA is getting involved in the South Lakes Homecoming Parade this year. All Hunters Woods families are invited to join the parade as participants or just to cheer us on along the sidelines. The Parade runs from the Hunters Woods Shopping Center to South Lakes Shopping Center beginning at 4:30 pm on Friday, October 30. To walk with the Hunters Woods group, email Parade@hwpta.org.

So much has happened this past month; dozens and dozens of parents have volunteered at PTA events, in classrooms and on field trips. I'm grateful for them all, and especially to those who organize our events and appreciations.

The Fall Harvest Festival was a fantastic family event. Special thanks to Event Chairs Jennifer Davis Heffner, Kelly Kroll and Thea Bazzini for a spectacular job planning the event, which ran so smoothly and provided fellowship and fun for so many. This was the last year running this event for all three of them. If you would like to help organize next year's FHF, please write to Harvest@HWPTA.org.

Thanks to our Art Teachers for the first Family Event of our school year, Chalk4Peace. Sno-Kones were provided by the PTA thanks to volunteers Thea Bazzini, Sona Nagajaran and Everi Osofsky.

Thank you to Malinda Goodrich, who organized our appreciation event to thank the Bus Drivers and our Crossing Guard, and thanks to Tami Holsten, who organized a lovely appreciation luncheon for the Custodial and Cafeteria Staff. Please continue to send in your donations when an Appreciation Event is planned.

Thanks to Kelly Rowell, who managed the data, and to Jeri Thomas, who did all of the document design and production, for the new Student Directory.

Kudos and thanks to Raba Letteri, our exceptional Apparel Chair, who has sold hundreds of items of HWES clothing this year.

Susan Sather, PTA President
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Directory Update

The student directory is in production, and PTA members will receive their copies in the next couple of weeks. Order forms will go home soon for others who want to buy copies.

PTA Memberships Still Available!

The PTA's ability to serve children, families, our school and our community depends on our members – "to demonstrate the value of involvement, to serve as enthusiastic volunteers, and to help generate funds to operate," in the words of the National PTA. With a vibrant membership, our PTA can host enriching programs for families and students and support our children and the school. If you are not already a member of the PTA at HWES, please consider joining. To learn more about the PTA, please visit the HWES PTA website at www.hunterswoodspta.com. Or, just come to our next PTA meeting, which will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 7pm in the school library.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, October 29	Picture Day
Friday, October 30	Box Tops Sorting Party 8:45am; Sally Foster Delivery Day 9am; SLHS Homecoming Parade 4:30pm; End of 1 st Quarter
Monday & Tuesday, November 2-3	No School; Parent Teacher Conferences & Sally Foster Distribution
Friday, November 13	PTA Sock Hop, 6:30 – 9pm
Week of Nov. 16-20	PTA Book Fair
Thursday, November 19	PTA Meeting, 7pm
Friday, November 20	Thanksgiving luncheon
Wednesday, Nov. 25	2 Hour Early Release
Thursday & Friday, November 26-27	No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, December 3	Math Technology Night
Friday, December 11	Makeup Picture Day
Thursday, December 17	Club Pictures; PTA Meeting, 7pm
Friday, December 18	PTA Sweet Shop
Tuesday, December 22	Class Winter Parties
Wed., December 23	2 Hour Early Release
Thurs., December 24- Friday, January 1	No School, Winter Break

Sock Hop Fun

Mark Your Calendars! Next month, we'll all get together and dance (50's costumes optional but encouraged) at the Sock Hop, which will be on Friday, November 13 from 6:30-9 PM. Don't forget to bring a donation of food for our traditional non-perishable food drive. Sign up to work a fun and fast shift at the party at www.tinyurl.com/hwSockHop. Really want to help? This event is still looking for an organizer; consider stepping in this year when you can work with the experienced Event Chairs. For more information write to SockHop@HWPTA.org.

The Book Fair Is Coming Soon!

The PTA book fair is scheduled for November 16-20. Prior to the book fair you will receive, in your child's Tuesday folder, a listing of some of the books that will be available at the book fair. Each class will visit the book fair twice during the week: once to preview the books and once to purchase (for those who wish to do so).

Parents and siblings are welcome anytime during our open hours: Monday 8:30AM-1 PM, Tuesday 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, Wed. 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM-3:30 PM and 6 PM-8 PM (PTA meeting that evening), and Friday 8:30 AM- 1 PM (Thanksgiving luncheon that day). Bookworm provides a terrific selection of books - this is a great opportunity to holiday shop and support your PTA.

Volunteers are needed for the times listed above, for set up on Friday, November 13, and for pack up on Friday, November 20. We appreciate any time you can offer. Please e-mail bookfair@hwpta.org for volunteer information. We also have a sign up on volunteer spot at www.tinyurl.com/hwBF09. Thanks for your support from the book fair committee!

Three for Me Update

Wow! We have had a tremendous response to the Three for Me program! THANK YOU to each and every one of you who have pledged 3 hours of your time to help our Hunters Woods community and our amazing students. Still want to pledge? Of course! Just email threeforme@hwpta.org or go online. Have questions on how to help? Let us know! 📧

Box Tops & Campbell's Food Labels

Please remember to continue sending in Box Tops and Campbell's labels! Your child's teacher will turn them in to the PTA.

Our first Counting Party will be on Friday morning October 30th. Please come to the 2nd grade pod at 8:45 AM if you can help. This is the same morning that the Sally Foster delivery will arrive, so volunteers looking for a little exercise can help sort boxes when the truck arrives! This is a great opportunity to earn Three for Me volunteer hours and help out both the Box Tops and Sally Foster fundraising committees. If you can help or have any questions, please contact Nancy Mamros at boxtops@hwpta.org. 📧

Sally Foster Help Wanted

Win a Gift Card!

Friday, October 30 is Delivery Day, and we need lots of volunteers. This day is by far the most physical (and I think the most stressful), because we need to unload the truck. All the gift wrap and other items will need to be unloaded, sorted by classroom and delivered to the classrooms.

Plan to meet at 9 AM at the Kiss-n-Ride loop. If the truck has not yet arrived, we plan to assist another committee working on the box tops until the truck has arrived. Members of the box top committee have helped us out tremendously this year during the assembly and tallying of the gift wrap orders, so we offered to help them out in return.

We have a \$25 iTunes and \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card that we will raffle off to 2 volunteers. We have put each volunteer's name in a hat each time they helped us out. So if they assembled packets and tallied one day, they got two chances to win. All delivery day volunteers will be included in the drawing. Both gift card winners will be drawn on delivery day. Thank you, and if you have any questions please email Leslie Jeffries at Leslie@thejeffries.com. 📧

Earn Money for HWES

There are some very easy ways that every family can earn money for our school:

- **Box Top & Campbell's Food Label Income.** Box Tops 4 Education are found on a variety of products, from cereal to Ziploc bags. Simply cut out the specially marked Box Tops, put them and Campbell's food labels in an envelope marked "PTA Box Tops" and return to your student's teacher or to the office. A PTA volunteer does the rest!
- **Store Receipts Programs.**
 - **Giant Food:** Hunters Woods A+ Bonus Bucks code is 01983.
 - **Harris Teeter:** Hunters Woods Together in Education program code is 5138.
 - **Office Depot:** Hunters Woods 5% Back to Schools program code is 70104580.
 - **Safeway, Macy's, American Express & Discover:** Hunters Woods eScrip program code is 6518184.
 - **Target:** Hunters Woods Take Charge of Education program code is 103648.

- **Sally Foster.** Even though the official Sally Foster sales period has closed, you can still shop on the web and earn money for the school! You can place orders for Sally Foster gift wrap and accessories all year long through the Sally Foster website, www.SallyFoster.com. If you use our school code, 0142037, HWES will receive 50% from the proceeds of your online purchase made anytime during the school year.
- **Book Fairs.** Scholastic book fairs are held twice annually, once in the fall and once in the spring.
- **Silent Auction.** The Silent Auction, held in the spring, offers the opportunity to bid on teacher experiences, a variety of theme baskets from every classroom, and a vast array of products and services from local merchants. This year's silent auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010, so save the date now! 📧

How Does the PTA Help Our School?

So why should we support the PTA? The HWES PTA is a valuable resource for the school and community. Here are just some of the ways our PTA serves the school through the generosity of the HWES community and our invaluable volunteers:

- **Mini Grants.** Mini Grants are requested by teachers to supplement services or supplies in classrooms. Last year, Mini Grants were used to pay for a variety of items requested by HWES teachers, including new circle time rugs, new reading materials for the classrooms, pen pal programs, in-school field trips, and science materials.
- **Family Fun Events.** Hunters Woods families have a chance to enjoy a variety of fun events together. Events are held nearly every month, including Chalk4Peace, the Fall Harvest Festival, Sock Hop, Skate Night, Bingo Night, the International Festival, and a movie night. Visit the PTA website for details.
- **PTA Scholarships.** The PTA provides need-based scholarships to students so all may participate in all of our programs and activities – from After School Activities to Family Fun Events.
- **Field Trips.** Our students learn many lessons outside the walls of the school – including visits to Jamestown, Mt. Vernon, and Pamplin Park. The PTA helps defray the costs of field trips and ensures these experiences are available to all.
- **Distance Learning.** Distance Learning programs are among our students' favorites! Students and teachers have the opportunity to talk to students, teachers, and experts all over the world.
- **Teacher Appreciation.** The PTA provides a Faculty Welcome Breakfast in August, a Holiday Sweet Shop in December, and an End-of-Year Teacher Lunch.
- **The list could go on and on.** Other programs, activities and events that the PTA supports include: After-School Activities, Book Fairs with teacher discounts, Box Tops and Campbell's Labels administration, Grocery Receipt administration, calendar, 4th Grade Colonial Days support, 6th Grade Luncheon, 6th Grade Sculpture Gift, Lego League, Odyssey of the Mind, Primary Science night support and prizes, lunch program support, Reflections, Spelling Bee, Tuesday Folder program, picture days support, plant sales, plants, compost bins and outdoor beautification, school apparel sales, school directory, Talent Share, Weatherbug Weather Station, WordMasters Challenge, yearbook, and much more!

And how does the PTA do all of this again? Only with your support! 📧

Apparel Update

If you placed an order for Hunters Woods apparel, you should receive it by the end of October. Thank you for your patience! 📧