

Hunters Horn

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President's Message

Maureen Becker

I'm watching the squirrels outside my window gather up their food for the winter. They are very busy running up and down the trees and all through the woods. It reminds me of being at the mall the other day – watching all the people going from one to store to the other gathering up their goodies for the holidays.

Hopefully we can relieve your busy schedules a little with a nice Italian dinner, provided by Carrabbas Italian Grill on December 7. This wonderful treat is part of Family Night at school, along with the dinner there will be the Math and Technology night with games for everyone to play and the book fair will open for all to shop. The book fair has also extended hours until 6:30 on Tuesday, December 5 so all of our families have a chance to shop.

Speaking of family fun, I hope you all had a chance to come to the Fall Harvest Festival. Everyone had a great time, playing games, eating the delicious baked goods, making crafts and having their face painted. There were a lot of volunteers who made it all possible – too many to name. But I do want to thank everyone who helped set up, decorate, run an activity or clean up. With all of us working together it went very smoothly. Also, thank you to all the Hunters Woods staff who came out and shared the day with our families

The PTA is going to try something a little different at our next meeting. While we will have the normal PTA business to go over we would also like to have a brainstorming session on fundraising. As you may be aware, our fundraising is down this year and that is something we would like to address. But we also have heard from some parents their displeasure with fundraising at the school and we want to hear your feelings on this topic.

As I look back on this year I will think about all the amazing people I've had the pleasure to meet and work with. The Hunters Woods community is such a wonderful caring group of people and I'm proud to be a part of it!

Please gather up your friends and family and let them know how much they mean to you. Happy Holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

December Events

- 6** Principal's Coffee 6:30 PM
PTA Meeting 7:30 PM
- 7** Carrabbas Dinner/Math & Tech Night 5:30 & 6:30 PM
- 19** Group Photos for Yearbook
- 20** Sweet Shoppe

Dec 25 –Jan 1 No School—Winter Vacation

January Events

- 6** Skate Night at Skatequest 6 PM
- 15** No School MLK Birthday

Family Fun Night

December 7th will be a fun night for all at Hunters Woods with a restaurant catered dinner, Math/Tech night with the teachers and Book Fair hours. We have the Carrabbas Italian Grill dinner with sittings at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30. The menu includes your choice of Chicken Marsala or Chicken Gratella with Penne Pomodoro, Caesar Salad and Dessert. Water is included, or sodas can be purchased in the cafeteria.

Everyone who purchased tickets during the pre-sale time can check in at the Will Call table in the downstairs entryway. Tickets will be available at the door for those who didn't pre-purchase and want to attend. Tickets cost \$6 per plate with a \$30 maximum for immediate family members. Entertainment will be provided by a group of Hunters Woods Strings and Band students

Math/Tech night is put together by the staff of Hunters Woods; there are math games for all ages to play. The Book Fair will also be open until 9:00 PM that night.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Sixth Grade Luncheon is still looking for someone to head up the group of volunteers and plan the event. Please contact Maureen at President@HuntersWoodsPTA.org to learn more.

Can you copy? If so, you can Riso too! The PTA needs a few volunteers who are willing to operate our high-speed Risograph (copier) to make copies for Tuesday folders. This is a job you can do with young children in tow, during or outside of school hours. You can help if you can give 2 hours a month, or 4 hours every week. E-mail Risograph@HuntersWoodsPTA.org to learn more.

Want to help out during or before the Family Fun Night? Send a note to Dinner@HuntersWoodsPTA.org today.

Skate Night

Slide and glide into 2007 at Hunters Woods ice skating party on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at SkateQuest Reston at 6 PM. We share a private rental with Forest Edge PTA. Pre-purchase your tickets for only \$6 per skater (including skate rental) by sending payment in a Tuesday folder for Skate Night, or buy them at the door for \$7.

The Book Fair is here!

Come and shop all week during the school day through Friday's noon closing, as well as evening hours on Dec. 5th (until 6:30 PM) and Dec. 7th (until 9PM).

There is a wide variety of books from Bookworm Plantation. Each classroom will get a chance to browse and later purchase books. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the PTA as well as do some early holiday shopping!

Keep your children safe on the Internet

Principals Coffee, January 3 at 6:30

Please join us for a very important discussion of internet safety. A Hunters Woods parent, Chris Nims, who has presented at other schools in the area on this topic, will be sharing information on what we parents need to be aware of and what we can do to keep our children safe while they're on the internet.

Also, the **PTA Meeting**, will follow at 7:30. We will be addressing fundraising at the school. We would like to brainstorm on new ideas and revamping old ideas on how to raise money for the PTA. We won't sign you up to chair a committee but we would like your input – please join us!

HWES PTA Holiday Plant Sale at Gaelic Gardens

Dec 1-15. 10800 Baron Cameron Road (just south of Rt 7)

Bring in the flyer sent home in the Tuesday folder or download it at <http://www.hunterswoodspta.org/> and you will save 10% on the freshest holiday greens, premium trees, and stunning decorations, and Gaelic Gardens will donate 10% of your purchase value to HWES PTA

Enjoy holiday cheer while you shop at these free old-fashioned special events at Gaelic Gardens: On Wednesdays, 12/6 and 12/13 there is an Open House, from 5-9:00 PM, with fried turkey, pastries, hot cider, and carol singing with the Reston Chorale. Also, every weekend through 12/24, there will be kids' craft activities and marshmallow toasting over the bonfire, from 1–5:00 PM.

Lost and Found—Donation

The Lost and Found is overflowing with coats, lunch boxes and many articles of clothing. The contents will be put out for all to see on December 7, during Family Fun night from 5 to 8. If you are not able to come that evening you may come during school hours, you'll need to ask Mrs. Johnson – the school custodian – to open the room for you. Her office is in the cafeteria. All those unclaimed articles will be donated during the Winter break.

Fall Harvest Winners

We have some fast kids here at Hunters Woods – here are the winners of the 6th grade Obstacle Course at the Fall Harvest Festival:

Fall Harvest Festival Obstacle Course winners

Kindergarten – **Catherine Lashley** in Ms. Pang's class

1st grade – **Cooper Rosner** in Mrs. Richard's class

2ⁿ grade – **Gabriel del Valle** in Mrs. Travis's class

3rd grade – **Michias Kumbi** in Mrs. Jenkin's class

4th grade – **Neel Ravishankar** in Mrs. Carter's class

5th grade – **Alex Monahan** in Mr. Adam's class

6th grade - **Sadie Belt** in Mrs. Colantonio's class

We also have some very talented bakers:

Cake Decorating Contest Winners

Turkeys in the Pumpkin Patch

By Katie Becker, Pang 1st & Hannah Becker, Bloch 5th

Flower Hill

By Monica Lannen, Jenkins 3rd

The Witch's Hat

By Alex Hajar, Reynolds 4th

The Great Pumpkin

By Kristin Zipprich, Puga 5th

Gobbling Fun

By Kira Schmidt, Garrison 6th

Flowers & Grass

By Emma Meyers, Fee 1st (w/Help)

Horsie

By Chloe Roy, Whittaker Kindergarten (Parent)

Reflections

Kudos to the students who submitted entries to the PTA fine arts contest, Reflections. They each created at least one entry in the following topic, which explored the theme, "My Favorite Place". Their entries will be displayed in the school in the spring.

Literature

- Mason Chee
- Lucas Hall
- Mahathi Tadikonda
- Aline Dolinh
- Niti Jadhav
- Lekha Narayana
- Mallika Suri
- Hillary Liu
- Prithvi Narayana
- Gabriel Delvalle

Photography

- Breana Tate
- Madeline Pelgrim
- Danny Raust
- Katherine Rensel
- Monica Lannen
- Monika Shayka
- Brandon Clifner
- Katherine Lannen
- Prithvi Narayana

Video –

- Melanie Pilner

Visual Arts

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| • Mallika Suri | • Hannah Kang |
| • Lekha Narayana | • Olivia Lebolt |
| • Amrita Singh | • Diana Soy |
| • Katherine Rensel | • Flannery Twomey |
| • Evan Freeman | • Josephine Chiao |
| • Joseph Hughes | • Shelby Sturm |
| • Sunni Bean | • Everi Osofsky |
| • Lauren McDermott | • Shirley Wang |
| • Ilia Lachinor | • Hillary Liu |
| • Catherine Lachley | • Samantha Malzahn |
| • Champa Narayana | • Jade Lewis |
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The top judged entry from each category and age group will go on to the next level of the competition.