

Hunters Horn

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President's Message

Maureen Becker

The weather has been very unpredictable this February and it's hard to know what is in store, but fortunately the weather didn't keep families home from the PTA International Festival on Friday, February 1st. Even though it was raining pretty hard at times there was a nice crowd that came out to experience the world at Hunters Woods. We had many countries represented at the festival, and children dressed in traditional clothing. It is one of my favorite events at the school. Thank you to all the families who came out and set up a table and shared their cultural heritage with us. A big thank you to Andrew Chopivsky for organizing it.

We have many talented students at Hunters Woods and we try to give them opportunities to share their talents with their fellow students. On March 7th we have the PTA "Talent Share" where students can share their talents with their friends and family. Thank you to Mr. Ware for directing the all-student play, "Guys and Dolls, Jr." last weekend, and to Delta Pelgrim, the organizer of the Talent Share, for allowing our students to have these opportunities.

The PTA is looking for a few good men/women to serve on the Executive Committee next year. Susan Sather, who has been serving as President-elect this year, will be the PTA President. We are looking for a President-elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary and Recording Secretary. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, there will be a box in the school office with the forms for nomination. Nominations will be due by April 23rd, a slate will be presented at the May 7th PTA meeting, and the election will be held during the concerts in June.

We are a volunteer organization and all that the PTA is able to do is because someone has given their time to make it happen. We are so lucky at Hunters Woods to have the amazing after-school activities program that we do. It was many years of evolving that got us to where it is today. This year we have Jennifer Aralekian and Kelly Rowell to thank for putting in many hours into finding the classes, working with the different companies to schedule the classes, working with the school to

schedule the space, and then working with all the families to place their students into classes. If it weren't for the dedication of these volunteers we would never have the program we have.

Thank you to our community for being there to help our students succeed and enjoy the school year!

Skate Night

Please join us On Saturday, March 1 from 6:10–8:00 p.m. for a Hunters Woods private event at SkateQuest of Reston where we will have the ice all to ourselves!! Can't skate? Don't worry! There will be plenty of friends to show you how. Just come on out and plan to learn!

The cost is \$6.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door and includes the cost of skate rental. You should have received the form in last week's Tuesday folder. Orders are due by Feb. 28th.

Volunteers are still needed for that night from 5:45 to 7:00 PM or 7:00 to 8:15 PM - if you can volunteer please contact Hilary Bradley at hilary@thechocolatechick.com. If you have any questions-contact Annie Nasr at ANNIE@REPLY2ME.com or 703-620-1617.

Hunters Woods Talent Share

Hunters Woods Talent Share will take place on Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Come out and see the talented students of Hunters Woods.

Questions? Contact Delta Pelgrim at dpelgrim@gmail.com or 703-627-7847.

HWES Fine Arts Night

HWES Fine Arts night is on March 11. This evening allows the Art and Music teachers show you what your students do in their fine arts classes.

Career Day is Coming!!!

On Wednesday, March 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hunters Woods will be hosting our first annual Career Day. The goal is to broaden our students' awareness of the world of work by introducing them to a diverse range of career options. We are currently seeking volunteers for all career clusters, specifically from Health and Human Services, Communications, and Fine and Performing Arts. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in presenting at the Career Day, please contact our school counselors by either telephone or e-mail for more information.

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March Events

- 1 Skate Night at SkateQuest
- 5 Principal's Coffee, 6:30 PM
PTA Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 7 Talent Share
- 11 Fine Arts Night
- 17–21 Spring Vacation
- 26 Career Day, 9 AM–2:30 PM
- 28 BINGO, 7 PM

April Events

- 12 PTA Silent Auction, 5 PM
- 14–18 Spring Book Fair

BINGO volunteers needed!

BINGO night is Friday March 28 at 7 p.m. We need volunteers for that evening to sell BINGO cards, sell goodies, run the projector, and pass out prizes. We need one person who could collect the goodies the morning of the event and put them in the teachers lounge. We also need volunteers to provide baked goods. This is a FUN event! Thanks in advance to everyone who volunteers! Please e-mail Christine Gambrel at gambrel_1@hotmail.com or call her at 571-217-3689.

The PTA is YOU

While the second quarter has just ended, it is time to think about the next school year from a volunteer perspective. It takes a lot of parents to make the PTA work, and we would like you to be an active member of the PTA next year. Do you like to help out with kids at the school, or at home on your own? There is a PTA position or event that can suit every personality and schedule. Please read the list of volunteer opportunities on the PTA website www.HuntersWoodsPTA.org. You can then write to Volunteer@HuntersWoodsPTA.org to find out more about any job. Want to be even more involved? The nominating committee is looking to fill executive board positions for next year. If you are interested in serving on the executive board, please write to MaureenHWPTA@gmail.com today.

HWES PTA Silent Auction

Mark your calendars! The HWES PTA Silent Auction is on **April 12th** this year (a change from what is in the PTA calendar). If you would like to help out, contact Susan Sather at auction@HuntersWoodsPTA.org.

Auction Donations

The auction committee solicits local and national businesses for items and gift certificates to auction, each class will work together to create themed baskets, and Hunters Woods staff members will donate unique experiences for children. We also look for donations from parents who own businesses (which we will publicize in the auction booklet and through displays at the event). Many families also like to support the school by creating a small themed basket or donating a special item or event. In the past, certificates for homemade foods, desserts, and handmade crafts have been very popular items. Gift certificates for local restaurants and stores are always great. If you have something to donate, please e-mail Auction@HuntersWoodsPTA.org or send in a note through the Tuesday folder in an envelope addressed to "PTA Auction."

Auction Help Needed

The Silent Auction is an important PTA fundraiser, and fun adult evening. There are many ways to help. We are looking for people who are interested in Party Planning, Food Coordination, Managing Checkout, and Soliciting Goods and Services to auction. Please e-mail Auction@HuntersWoodsPTA.org to find a way to help that fits your interest and availability.

Spring Book Fair

The Book Fair returns this spring. It will be held April 14th–18th. More information, as well as volunteer opportunities, to come next month!

Wanted: Next Year's Marquee Maven or Master

The school marquee (the sign) on Colt's Neck Road needs regular updating in keeping with our school holidays and events. I've been working to keep it fresh for four years now. This volunteer service can be yours in the future, as I'll be giving most of my volunteer time to Langston Hughes Middle School in September.

Depending on the season, the job takes about an hour at least weekly, both indoors pulling the letters and outdoors placing the letters. You will need some physical strength in order to lift the letter case as well as some fortitude for working outdoors in winter with your gloves off. Please contact me if you'd like to see what this job is like! Good spelling is a must.

6th Grade Luncheon

There will be a planning meeting for the 6th grade luncheon on March 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. All parents are invited to come and help plan the end of year celebration for this year's 6th graders. There are many volunteers needed to help create a DVD, create and purchase the T-shirts, plan and make purchases for the lunch, organize the games and other volunteers, and much more. Please come and help us plan a wonderful day for our 6th graders! If you have any questions contact Ruth Barkan at ruth@barkan.us.