

# Hunters Horn

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## President's Message

*Maureen Becker*

March came in like a lamb which I hope doesn't mean that it will go out like a lion! This mild weather has made me ready for spring. I'm enjoying seeing the daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips come up in my garden.

Speaking of gardens, the PTA has proposed an amended budget so that we might purchase new raised beds for the school garden. The old ones are decaying fast and need to be replaced. We also are proposing the purchase of science books for the K/1 classes and three new laptops for the science lab for students to use for research. Spending on science enrichment for our students at Hunters Woods was a priority for the PTA this year and we are happy we have been able to propose this amended budget which will be voted on at the April 2 PTA meeting. We also increased the budget for the Science Fair this year so to allow for the rental of more tables and purchase banners for the event.

We have our big family fun night and fund raiser coming up on April 12—the PTA Silent Auction. This event has evolved over the years into its own separate night with activities for students as well as parents. Some of the most popular auction items are the class baskets. Each class picks a theme like Movies, Sports, Reading or Dinosaurs and the donations of items are made by the families in that class that meet the theme. We also have many generous businesses in the area who like to donate items or gift certificates to support our PTA. This event is a lot of fun and requires many volunteers—please consider giving some of your time to help!

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## March Events

28 BINGO, 6:30 PM

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## April Events

2 Principal's Coffee, 6:30 PM  
PTA Meeting, 7:30 PM  
12 PTA Silent Auction, 5 PM  
14–18 Spring Book Fair

As the end of the school year comes near there are still many things going on at the school. We have the PTA Book Fair April 14 –18. As always the PTA will make funds available so that all students have an opportunity to get a new book, we will offer the teachers a discount so that they can purchase books for their classroom, and we will give a book to each of the students in the two Head Start classes. Since reading is an important factor in the success of a student, the PTA wants to support all students in their reading.

Another important component in a student's success is the involvement of the parents—please become involved in your child's education today. I hope you to see you at an upcoming event and especially at the PTA meetings. If you ever have any questions or comments please feel free to e-mail me at [president@HuntersWoodsPTA.org](mailto:president@HuntersWoodsPTA.org) or call 703-391-0164.

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## BINGO Night

BINGO night is Friday March 28th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. It is a great family night! Please remember to bring in your baked goods.

There will be pizza for sale, drinks and a bake sale. Come on out and join the fun!

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## Silent Auction

This year's Silent Auction will feature a dance/sock hop for the children's entertainment, an earlier start time (for earlier check-out), and pre-bidding preview opportunities.

Class Baskets and Teacher Experiences will be available to see and place bids on Thursday, April 10 during student lunches and in the evening before and after the chamber concert, and on Friday, April 11 during student lunches. All auction items will be open for preview and bidding (children are welcome with parents) on Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each class will have one of their class baskets designated as a raffle auction basket, and raffle tickets may be purchased during all open hours. Bidders will purchase tickets and can place as many in the auction container for any individual basket they desire. The auction with refreshments will take place during the student dance Saturday, April 12 starting at 5 p.m. School-aged children should not attend the evening auction.

## The Book Fair is Coming!

The PTA Spring Book Fair is coming April 14–18. In a few weeks you will receive in you child's Tuesday folder a list of some of the exciting books available at this year's Book Fair. Each classroom will visit the Book Fair twice during the week of April 14–18: once to preview the books and once to purchase (for those who wish to do so).

Parents and siblings are welcome any time during our open hours: Monday 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., and evening hours (during Primary Science Night) 6:00–8:30 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Bookworm provides us a terrific selection of books, so come check them out and support your PTA!

Volunteers are needed for the times listed above and for set up on Friday April 11th 10 a.m.–3 p.m., and pack up on Friday April 18th 12–3 p.m. We appreciate any time you can offer. Please contact us for further details or to specify times you can volunteer at [Bookfair@HuntersWoodsPTA.org](mailto:Bookfair@HuntersWoodsPTA.org)

*The Book Fair Committee*

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## The PTA Needs YOU!

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.

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## School Census 2008—Your Reply Counts!

On Saturday, March 1, the 2008 Virginia School Census forms were mailed to all households in Fairfax. For all persons counted who reside in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax with birth dates on or between January 1, 1989 and December 31, 2007, Fairfax County Public Schools will receive approximately \$3,000 back in state sales tax dollars per child. Please help fund our schools by participating in the census! There are four ways to respond to the census. The preferred method is via the web at [www.fcps.edu/census](http://www.fcps.edu/census). Each household also has the option of faxing or mailing the form or responding via an interactive voice response system at 703-752-0950.

## Wanted:

### Next Year's Marquee Maven or Master

The school marquee (the sign) on Colt's Neck Road needs regular updating to announce 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 volunteering at Langston Hughes Middle School come September.

Depending on the season, the job can take an hour weekly, both indoors pulling the letters and outdoors placing the letters. You'll 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 at [marquee@HuntersWoodsPTA.org](mailto:marquee@HuntersWoodsPTA.org) if you'd like to try this job in person!

*Catherine Linberg*

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## Year Books

Don't Forget to Order your Year Book. The deadline for the \$16 price is March 28th. Prices will go up to \$20 a yearbook after this date. You can pay online at: <http://www.HuntersWoodsPTA.org>.

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## Cub Scout Pack 1971

Cub Scout Pack 1971 is sponsored by the HWES PTA. Every year the cub scouts build a race car out of a piece of pine wood. Pack 1971 held its Pinewood Derby race on February 2nd. The first place winners from each of the dens then participated in the Powhatan District 2008 Pinewood Derby on February 23rd. The competition was fierce all day with the Cubs racing each other for trophies. Every Scout came away a WINNER! The following HWES Cub Scouts, having come in first place in their respective dens, participated in the District Race: Gabe Davis, Christopher Urioste (Chris came in 2nd but filled in for 1st place winner Joey Pavlack), Matthew Gross, Alexander Chopivsky, and Neal Gross.

In addition to the racing, there was a Concourse Event that determined the Best Looking Cars as well as a Bake Off contest for the most uniquely Scout-designed baked goods. Pack 1971's Chris Sigle, Brett Matthes, John Norton, and Matthew Cibak represented the Pack in the Concourse Event and Scout Connor Matthes represented the Pack in the Bake Off. Connor won first place in his rank group!! Congratulations to all these boys for representing HWES!!!!!!

If you would like to sign your son up for scouting or if you would like more information on this program, please contact Andrew Chopivsky at [andrewchopivsky@aol.com](mailto:andrewchopivsky@aol.com).