

# Hunters Horn

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## President's Message

*Maureen Becker*

I just love this time of year—the cool weather and the colorful scenery outside my window are exhilarating. If it is fall, that means the Fall Harvest Festival and the Book Fair are coming. I hope you all can find some time to lend your support to these wonderful events.

This summer the PTA Executive Committee decided to make a major effort to find ways to supplement the science curriculum at Hunters Woods. As an Arts and Science magnet school, we felt that we had been doing a great job providing arts for all of our students, but that we needed to focus more on the science aspect. We have been working with our wonderful science teacher, Mrs. Rachel Negri, and Mrs. Toatley to find out what opportunities there are for us to fund. We have decided to bring speakers into Hunters Woods for a couple of presentations this year, and to fund four new laptops for speedier research. To support our outdoor classroom, we will be replacing the raised beds with something sturdier that includes a watering system. We are also looking into building a shed to protect the gardening tools and supplies.

Sock Hop was a lot of fun. Thank you to Trellis Evans and Shashi Ravishankar for organizing it. I took a car full of 6th graders home after the sock hop and they all thought it was great! We are hoping to add another sock hop to the April calendar, but we need a Co-Coordinator to help Trellis Evans. If you are interested, please e-mail me [President@HuntersWoods.org](mailto:President@HuntersWoods.org)

## November Events

- 17** Fall Harvest Festival, 11 AM–2 PM
- 21** 2-hour Early Dismissal, 1:15 PM
- 22–23** Thanksgiving Holidays
- 28** Fall Picture Make-Up Day
- 29** Math & Technology Night

## December Events

- 3–7** Book Fair
- 19** Holiday Sweet Shop
- 21** Winter Parties 1 PM
- 22–Jan. 1** Winter Break

We have more exciting events to come. Fall Harvest Festival is Saturday, November 17 from 11 to 2. It is a great opportunity for our community to get together and have some fun. The festival requires a lot of volunteers and hard work. Thanks to Jennifer Davis-Heffner and Kelly Kroll for coordinating the event, Marisa Besselievre for organizing the volunteers, Andrew Chopivsky for running the games, Kristin Harris for organizing the cake decorating contest and cake walk, and Jennifer Jennings-Kessler for decorations.

As you can see the from above, it takes a lot of volunteers to make these things happen. That's what is so wonderful about the Hunters Woods community—we all come together to do something for our children and benefit our school. Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time!

Take some time to take in the beautiful colors and the cool, crisp air.

## The Book Fair Is Coming!

The PTA Book Fair is coming on December 3rd–7th. In a few weeks you will receive in your 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 Dec. 3–7: 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: Join us on the evening of December 4th—the PTA is sponsoring entertainment by Adam Levowitz from 6:30–7:30 PM. He is a folk singer/storyteller. You can learn more about him at [www.thebigfatcow.org](http://www.thebigfatcow.org) Browse the Book Fair while your children listen to him perform.

Monday, 8 AM–1 PM

Tuesday, 8 AM–9 PM, Storyteller from 6:30–7:30 PM

Wednesday and Thursday, 8 AM–3:30 PM

Friday, 8 AM–12 PM.

Bookworm provides us a terrific selection of books—this is a great opportunity to holiday shop and support your PTA.

Volunteers are still needed for many of the times listed above, and for set-up on Friday November 30th, 10 AM–3 PM and pack-up on Friday December 7th, 12 PM–3 PM. We appreciate any time you can offer! Please contact us at [Bookfair@HuntersWoodsPTA.org](mailto:Bookfair@HuntersWoodsPTA.org)

## Head Start Donations Needed

The Head Start class needs empty, clean frozen juice containers. If you have some sitting around, please send them into school marked for Ms. Cox in Head Start.

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## Hunters Woods Chess Club Excels

Hunters Woods Chess Club had an extremely strong showing in the October 13 Scholastic Chess Tournament at the US Chess Center in Washington DC. A total of 11 Hunters Woods chess players participated in the tournament.

Together the Hunters Woods team won 1st place in the K-3 division and 2nd place in the 4-6 division. The trophies were presented to Olivia Toatley by the club for placement in our trophy display case.

Special congratulations go to Asish Tondwalker, 2nd grader and Kaizen Conroy, 3rd grader. Both of them won all 4 of their games in the K-3 division. After a playoff, Asish placed 1st and Kaizen 2nd in the individual rankings in the K-3 portion of the tournament.

Great work by the Hunters Woods chess club players and a wonderful start to the school year for our chess club!

*Laura Jean Bhadra, Chess Club Co-ordinator*

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## Many Heartfelt Thanks to Our Outdoor Helpers

Thanks to our volunteers at October's outdoor workday: Mike Blanpied, Kelly Geer, Kelly Midura (& Bryant), Rachel Negrì, Susan Rigger, and Aileen Thompson! We tamed the edges of the meadow and all the planting beds and composters in the back of the school.

Once again, the families of HWES have come through: some 111 pumpkin donations were dropped off the mornings of November 1st and 2nd. What a great deal of free compost these pumpkins will make for our spring plantings! And thanks to Sheila Baugh (and her niece Lorelei) for their assistance with the Pumpkin Drop-Off! Also to the helpers who came outdoors from science classes to assemble a new composting frame and fill it with pumpkins. Kudos to the 6th grade science students who helped me chop up the overflowing mess so we could fit the lids back on the bins!

Thanks to the SACC kids and their leaders who helped move lots of leaves and mulch and refurbished the Kiss-n-Ride scarecrows on November 5th.

*Catherine Linberg, Outdoor Beautification Chair*

## FISH for Food

Thank you students for the creatively colored FISH for Food pictures that promoted the Holiday Food Drives at Hunters Woods! Remember FISH when you admire the pictures in the school hallways. Every class that filled its box with food will receive a special thank you surprise from Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help). We appreciate your efforts and support. For questions, contact [lisajgroves@yahoo.com](mailto:lisajgroves@yahoo.com).



## Fall Harvest Festival

**THIS Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
11 AM-2 PM**

**Admission is \$3 per person**

We still need your help in the following areas:

### **Please volunteer to help!**

send an e-mail to  
[harvest@HuntersWoodsPTA.org](mailto:harvest@HuntersWoodsPTA.org)  
Include your name, availability,  
e-mail address, and phone number

### **Send in items for the Bake Sale!**

We need your yummy baked goods  
dropped off Friday and Saturday

### **Cake Decoration Contest on Friday!**

***Don't forget to enter!***

Cakes due to the PTA Office  
Friday between 8 and 9 AM

### **Raffle**

Send in those raffle items or e-mail  
Karen at [harvest@hunterswoodspta.org](mailto:harvest@hunterswoodspta.org)  
for pick up

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!**