



Hampstead Elementary PTO Newsletter



October 2009

President's Message

The school year has gotten off to a great start and everyone has settled in nicely. Our fall fundraiser is under way now; you should have gotten information for the Fun Run on September 23rd. If you haven't received the information yet it will be coming home shortly. We would like this to be a successful fundraiser so that we can keep our fundraising for the year to a minimum.

The money raised from the Fun Run will go toward Technology and Phys. Ed equipment. In addition to that we'd like to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the Nurses office this year.

Don't forget we want to earn at least \$4,500 or more so that Mrs. Powell will dress as a Chicken one day! ☺

I hope to see most of you throughout the school year, volunteering or visiting our wonderful school. If you'd like to help out at any of our events or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact a board member. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the Media Center.

Respectfully, Bonnie Kapinos



Calendar Dates to Remember:

September 28 th	Schools Closed Yom Kippur
October 15 th October 16 th	FUN RUN Schools Closed
October 16 th	Professional Day Skating Party (Details inside)
October 29 th	2 hour 45 minutes Early Dismissal End of Quarter
October 29 th	Dine Out with Five Guys (Details inside)
November 9 th	2 hour 45 minutes Early Dismissal Professional Day

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Volunteering

Volunteering is an important part of supporting our students and school. Studies have shown that children whose parents stay involved do better in school. Don't let your child dissuade you from stopping in and lending a hand every now and then. You don't have to be in the classroom with them; the PTO and school are always looking for extra help at events and your presence can play an important role in your child's education.

Attached to the newsletter is a sheet with the various different ways you can help at the school. We encourage everyone to sign up early and often!

DON'T FORGET YOUR VOLUNTEER TRAINING! YOUR TRAINING FOR LAST YEAR EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

Treasurer's Report

Few disbursements were made in the first month of the year and we are still carrying a large balance for the maps and globes project. A couple of teachers have asked about the classroom startup funds and the PTO is ready to pay those funds out if the teacher has joined the PTO.

Jackie stated that we should know very soon how much federal stimulus monies the school would receive for technology. Once we have that number we will know how much the PTO will need to contribute to the software for the digital maps. We will still buy some globes for the classrooms.



!!! PTO Auditors Needed !!!

Last month we put out an APB for some volunteers to audit the PTO records. We have not had anyone step up. If you can balance your personal checking account then you can audit our books for us. The audit should only take about an hour.

The PTO bylaws require us to have our books and records audited annually by three individuals not on the PTO board. We are looking for three people to spend about an hour reviewing the checks paid, deposits made and meeting minutes recorded.

If a team of teachers (i.e. kindergarten team, first grade team, etc...) would like to due the audit for us we will give that team a \$100 team allowance. First team to contact Bonnie gets the gig.

If you are interested please call or email Bonnie Kapinos at 410-374-2842 or partymom23@comcast.net.

Apparel Sale

If you ordered some new HES swag during the sale the apparel should be back in late October or early November. Cat Pratt will let everyone know when it is in.

Handyman/woman Needed!

The marquee sign in front of the school is in need of repair. If you are handy with carpentry and plexi-glass please give Ms. Powell a call at the school.

Fun, Games, & FUNdraining

Friday, October 16

Ice, Ice Baby!!

Skating party at Reisterstown Sportsplex Ice Rink. Tickets are \$10 each (includes skate rental) available PRE-SALE only! Now thru October 9. You're sure to have a cool time while the DJ plays slick tunes! Lots of games and contests too! Remember to wear long socks, gloves and a sweatshirt! Skate time is 8-10:30! Send your money in to the PTO attn: Skating Party!

Thursday, October 29

Dine out with Five Guys!

Help the local economy and feed your appetite all at the same time! Mention that you are part of the HES community and they will donate a portion of your receipt to the PTO!! It's an early dismissal day so go early, go late - just mention the school and it will count!!



FUN RUN

The Fun Run date has been set for October 15th and will again be our big fall fundraiser. We hope to see everyone out there supporting and running with the kids. Elizabeth Lotz is the chair and will be getting the pledge sheets and envelopes out very shortly. **Elizabeth will also be in touch with the second grade parents to staff the event as this is "your" event for the year.**

If we hit our goal of \$4,000 Ms. Powell will wear a silly costume for a day. For a personal fundraising goal; any student who raises \$75, or \$100 for a family, will be allowed to throw water balloons at Mr. Dunkelberger.

The fun run celebration will be on October 29th.



WE NEED YOU!!!

One Chairperson Needed

Last month we had Elizabeth Lotz fill the Fun Run Chair spot which means we are down to one!

We are still in need of a chairperson for Desserts with Dad. If you have never chaired an event before you don't have to fret. We have a folder with all the particulars and suggestions on how to run the event that you can use as a resource.

If you would like to chair the Desserts with Dad event please contact Bonnie Kapinos or Karen Turner.

Cub Scout Pack 791

We had a great response to back to school open house on the 15th. If you and your son weren't able to make it to the open house and are still interested you can join us on Friday, September 25th for our monthly pack meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Pack meetings are for the whole family so feel free to bring everyone! Hope to see you there!

The cub pack will be doing some service work for the school this year working with Ms. Powell and Ms. Wessells on some "GREEN" initiatives around the property.



JOIN THE PTO

Don't delay join the PTO today!

The homeroom with the highest percentage of parents who join the PTO will receive a pizza party and the teacher will receive a gift card to Learning How. The second place homeroom will receive ice cream passes and the teacher will also receive a gift card to Learning How.

The membership form is in the back of the newsletter. You can send it to school with your dues and the homeroom teacher will see that it gets to the office.

Teachers and staff are encouraged to join the PTO as well. When a teacher joins the PTO they get \$50 in start up funds for their classrooms.

***Help us reach our goal of 100%
by joining today!***

***Remember "YOUR VOICE
COUNTS", so please consider
becoming a member of the
Hampstead Elementary PTO.***

Save the Date & Some Approximations

Book Fair – Fall
Gianni Sale – November
Breakfast with Santa – December 5th
Desserts with Dad – January 15th
Basket Bingo – February 5th
Talent Show – March 19th (tentative)
BJ's Promotion – Late Spring
Flower Sale - May
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - May



the difference
1 can make.

The first deadline is October 20th. Diane has to have the first batch postmarked the following week. Don't worry if you can't get the box tops in as we will be submitting again in the spring.

We have had a few parents ask us to give more details on the box tops program. Attached to this newsletter is a list of all the products that have the box tops for education logo. You will see the BOX TOPS logo (at the start of this article) on the top of the products listed. All you need to do is cut the box top off the package and send it to school. We compile all the box tops and Diane will submit them for payment. Over \$300,000,000 has been given back to schools simply by cutting off the box tops.

Recipe of the Month

Hot Spiced Witches Brew or
Hot Spiced Harvest Brew if you prefer a
more PC name for it.

3 cups boiling water
1 pkg. (6 oz.) JELL-O Orange Flavor
Gelatin
1 qt. (4 cups) boiling apple juice
8 cinnamon sticks

Make It!

ADD boiling water to gelatin mix in
large bowl; stir 2 min. until completely
dissolved.

STIR in juice.

SERVE in mugs with cinnamon sticks.

JOIN THE PTO

- Yes!** I want to join the PTO for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Enclosed is \$_____ for membership dues. (suggested minimum donation \$5 Individual/ \$8 Family)

Name(s) of adult members:

Member 1: _____

Member 2: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Names of Child(ren): _____

Name of Teacher(s): _____

- Yes, include my name, address, telephone & e-mail in the published PTO school directory. *(Children's names will **not** be published in directory.)
- Include only my name.
- Do not include any information.

Complete and return with membership payment- Checks payable to 'HES PTO'.

LET US KNOW YOU READ THE NEWSLETTER...

**Tear off and return to
School!!!**

The homeroom with the
highest percentage of
responses by September
30th will get ice cream
passes!!!

Homeroom: _____

Homeroom: _____

Homeroom: _____

If you have multiple children
please list all homerooms.

Thanks!