



HES PTA NEWS

Hello, HES Families! Welcome to our first PTA Newsletter! Look for this email every other Thursday to keep up on events and volunteer opportunities sponsored by the PTA!

What's Happening This Month?



Talent Show Sign-ups

Do you have a special talent, passion or skill that you would like to share with others? Sign up for the HES Talent Show! Register by December 19th! See the flyer for full details!



Scholastic Book Fair

The HES Scholastic Book Fair returns the week of December 11th! In-school shopping days (for students only) are December 11th through the 15th. Don't forget to load your student's ewallet so they can pick up some new books to read. NO CASH will be accepted this year. Follow directions to set up your student's ewallet on the HES Book Fair's website. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/HES3>

Family night, when you can come shop WITH your children, is Thursday, December 14th, 5-8pm.

Please consider contributing to the Book Fairy's ewallet to help ALL* of our students get a new book this year! <https://tinyurl.com/mu8snxk9>

*NB - Ewallet required Ms. Haavik to choose a grade during set up, but the donations benefit students of all grades, not just 3rd grade.

Important Dates



Holiday Gifting Made Easy

December 11-15 Book Fair
December 14 - Book Fair
Family Night
December 19 Last day to register for the Talent Show
December 25-January 1st School Closed Winter Break
January 9 PTA General Meeting
January 15 School Closed
Martin Luther King Day
January 15 Restaurant Night
Chuck E Cheese Laurel
January 22 School Closed for Students
February 7-8 Parent Teacher Conferences
February 19 School Closed Presidents Day
February 28 Talent Show rehearsal
February 29 Talent Show
March 12 PTA General Meeting
March 18 Harlem Wizards Game
March 20 Restaurant Night The Charmery
March 25-April 1 School Closed Spring Break
April 13 Spring Carnival
April 16 Restaurant Night Chick Fil A
May 4 5th Grade Dance
May 7 PTA General Meeting and Elections
May 14 School Closed Election Day
May 17 Multicultural Night
May 27 School Closed Memorial Day
June 11 Last Day of School

GiftCrowd makes holiday gift giving to school staff a breeze! Simply select the staff member you'd like to give a gift to, enter your donation amount, write your personal greeting (you can even upload pictures) and done! GiftCrowd collects everyone's donation to that staff member and sends them an email at the end of the collection time with the total amount collected for them. Staff then redeem the funds as gift cards from hundreds of retailers, restaurants, travel partners and charities in any denomination they choose - it's a win-win-win! Coming soon - check your emails and the PTA Facebook pages for the link!

If you want to give a staff member individual gifts, we've got you covered there, too! [Click here](#) to view the "Get to Know You" page and give them a gift they will love.



Catch us on the Socials

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you never miss a thing.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057586564529>

<https://www.instagram.com/hammondespta/>

Volunteer Here

- **Harlem Wizards Game Planning Committee**

Let's put on the most exciting community event of the year - HES/HMS teachers vs. the Harlem Wizards! The planning committee is forming now! No experience necessary - just bring your enthusiasm. Reach out to Melissa at president@hespta.org if interested!

- **Lost and Found Help**

Do you have some time to reunite all the orphaned coats and water bottles in the Lost and Found with their rightful owners? Contact Faith at fph176@gmail.com if you can help tame the beast.

- **Book Fair**

Guide students in exploring the fair and help them make their wish lists or volunteer to help take down the event after school on the 15th. Link to sign up to volunteer:

<https://bit.ly/3thrDfw>

- **Monthly Mojo**

Sign up here to bring coffee, treats or other surprises to our hardworking staff so they can keep their mojo going. Link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/hes-monthly-mojo> Questions? Great ideas for staff appreciation? Reach out to Katie Thorn at kathrynthorn@gmail.com

- **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is always looking for volunteers to help out with Tuffy Trade-in and lunch.

- Tuffy Trade in: <https://bit.ly/3GzETQ0>
- Lunch helpers: <https://bit.ly/3uMetrA>



Budget Report

2023-2024 APPROVED BUDGET - November Report

Budget Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Fundraising Receipts	\$ 53,250.00	\$ 4,340.52	\$ (48,909.48)
Total Membership Receipts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ (1,250.00)
Total Receipts	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 6,090.52	\$ (50,159.48)
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,250.00	\$ 2,172.26	\$ 18,077.74
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,530.18	\$ 2,269.82
Total Project Expenses	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 4,036.63	\$ 27,163.37
Total Expenses	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 8,739.07	\$ 47,510.93

#BringingIt

Big thank yous are in order to the folks who made our recent PTA events so successful! Our first **Trunk or Treat** was a hit thanks to the hard work of **Darneisha Beach, Megan Eller** and **Faith Hudson**. Our **Skate Party** was a “wheely” good time thanks to **Megan Eller, Ashley Wegel** and **Angela Szvec**. We also appreciate the efforts of **Opeyemi Awolesi** and Treasurer, **Karin Popkey**, for organizing our recent fundraisers - **Square 1 Art** and **Charleston Wrap**.

Thank
you! :)



Team AWESOME

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help!

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nice to
meet you!