



HES PTA NEWS

Happy New Year, HES Families! Hope your winter break was restful, and you are excited for 2024. We are chock full of opportunities to support the community this month, from volunteering to restaurant nights to donation requests or becoming a sponsor. Read on for the scoop.

What's on tap this month?

Get Treats for your Sweets



Treat yourself or your valentine to candies from See's Candies and support the PTA! Click [here](#) to shop the HES PTA store front. Now through January 26th!



We need you!

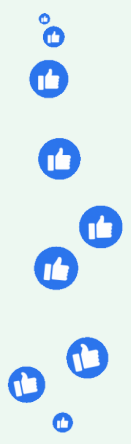
We need you for the Harlem Wizards Planning Committee! Help us plan this fantastic event - reach out to Melissa at president@hespta.org to join the planning committee. No experience necessary. The Wizards are providing us with a game consultant to make sure we get all of the details right, but we need your ideas and enthusiasm to make it perfect. Join today!

Catch us on the Socials

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

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Restaurant Nights

yum!




Mark your calendars - we have two restaurant nights this month. First, treat the kids to pizza and games on **January 15th** (MLK Day when the kids are off) at **Chuck E Cheese in Laurel!** Check the Thursday folders for the flyer and please bring it with you so that we get credit for your purchase - it also has coupons and free game play points. Our FUNdraising event runs from 3-9 pm. If you are a school staff member, you get a free meal just for showing your school ID!

And then on Thursday, **January 25th**, from 4-9 pm, take the night off from cooking and order or dine in at **BJ's Brewhouse in Columbia Crossing Circle!** Check the Thursday folders next week for the flyer. Please bring the flyer with you to the restaurant or mention code JAN587.



Spirit Wear Store Reopening for Spring



Do you need more HES swag? Of course you do! Well, you're in luck! The school spirit wear store is reopening for 3 weeks starting today! Click [here](#) to check out the offerings. Delivery will be mid-March.



Important Dates



January 15 School Closed
Martin Luther King Day
January 15 Restaurant Night
Chuck E Cheese Laurel
January 16, 17 Talent Show Act Reviews
January 22 School Closed for Students
January 25 Restaurant Night
BJ Brewhouse Columbia
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

The Best Nation is Donation....



With cold and flu season firmly upon us, our school is in desperate need of donations of tissues, hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes. Please help replenish these vital supplies by either sending them in with your students or dropping them off at the front office. You can also order from Amazon [here](#) and have donations sent directly to school.



A message from the Health Room

Please consider donating new and used pants and (clean) underwear to the Health Room! All sizes are welcome! Send a donation labeled HEALTH ROOM in with your child. We appreciate it!

4th grade

The 4th grade is in need of Tuffy Trade-in donations as well as classroom supplies. Please feel free to send any donations to school with your child or send something directly from one of the Amazon Wish Lists below.

[Tuffy Trade In](#)

[Classroom supplies](#)



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!

- **Winter Concert Backstage Monitors**

The 2024 Winter Concerts are coming up on Wednesday, January 24th - and we need parent volunteers to be backstage monitors. Volunteers are needed for both the daytime and evening performances. Please sign up [here](#).

- **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.

- **Monthly Mojo**

Sign up here to bring coffee, treats or other surprises to our hardworking staff so they can keep their mojo going. April and June are still available. 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>

- **Fourth Grade**

The 4th Grade would love to have volunteers work with students inside and outside of the classroom. Click [here](#) to sign up for the day(s) and time(s) you are available. There will be a new Signup sent out every 4 weeks!

We ♥ our
Volunteers

Budget Report

2023-2024 APPROVED BUDGET December Report

Budget Category	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Fundraising Receipts	\$ 53,250.00	\$ 4,519.70	\$ (48,730.30)
Total Membership Receipts	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ (1,250.00)
Total Receipts	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 6,269.70	\$ (49,980.30)
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,250.00	\$ 3,072.26	\$ 17,177.74
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,679.06	\$ 2,120.94
Total Project Expenses	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 4,686.63	\$ 26,513.37
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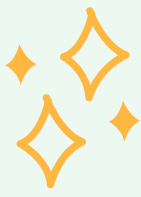


Join the PTA Executive Board

We have two positions up for election in May: Treasurer and VP Communications. The Treasurer plays a key role in the PTA dealing with all financial aspects of running the organization including dealing with state and federal tax obligations. This elected position has a 2-year term, and requires roughly 1-2 hours of work weekly at home.

The Communications VP maintains the PTA website, assists with the biweekly newsletter, and sets up the Zoom portions of monthly meetings. This elected position has a 2 year term and requires roughly 1 hour of work weekly at home.

If you or anyone you know is interested in either position, please contact president@hepta.org for more information.



Sponsors Needed



Are you a local professional or small business owner looking for a way to give back to our community? Become a sponsor for one of our upcoming PTA events! Our generous partners are recognized in many ways, including on our website, social media posts, schoolwide newsletter, inclusion in event programs and signage at events. Upcoming events include our February Talent Show, March basketball game with the Harlem Wizards and our beloved spring carnival! Reach out today to Melissa at president@hepsta.org for more information.



Community Interest

New Daisy Troop Forming

Attention Kindergarten families! Do you like the outdoors? Do you like to sing? Do you like to have fun? Do you like to play games? Do you like to make new friends? Then Girl Scouts is for you! A new Daisy Troop is forming now! The first meeting for girls and a parent is Monday, January 29th at 6 pm. Check out the [flyer](#) here for more details!



Cub Scouts Pack 606

Are you and your son looking for an adventure? Join Cub Scouts with Pack 606! Cub scouting is a place to make lasting friendships, play games, camp, hike, learn life skills, give back to the community and so much more! Pack 606 is based at HES and open to all boys from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Pack meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Check us out at our next meeting on January 16th or email [Tom Hanley](#) for more information.





Team AWESOME

Meet the Board

- President - Melissa Zawadzki
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- Treasurer - Karin Armor Popkey
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- VP Communications - Sean Larsen
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- Secretary - Emily Griffin
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Email us your questions and concerns - we are here to help!

Meet your grade liaisons

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