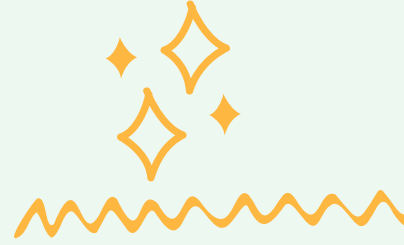




HES PTA NEWS

January 25, 2024



Hey, HES Families! Have you been following the budget process for next year? Please check out the PTA website and facebook pages for important information about how the budget will impact fine arts programs and other enrichment activities for our students. Also, January isn't over yet - - there's still time to support our students by volunteering, participating in a restaurant night, fulfilling donation requests or becoming a sponsor.

What's happening this month?

Get Treats for your Sweets

Don't miss out! Our candy sale is almost over. Get treats for yourself or your valentine from See's Candies and support the PTA! Can't decide which sweets to get? Purchase a gift card! Click [here](#) to shop the HES PTA store front. Now through January 26th!



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Cuts Affect HES

HCPSS's proposed budget for next school year includes many cuts in funding, including the planned elimination of the third grade strings program, reduction of GT seminars, reduction of CEUs for second grade, and an increase in class size (per pages 21, 231-232 of the proposed budget - see link above).

If you want to speak out against this, you can send an email and/or testify at the next budget hearing meeting. Please refer to the PTA website [here](#) for full details on whom to contact and how to register to testify. The next budget meeting is February 15th - sign up by February 14th at 4:30 pm.





Spirit Wear Store Open Now!

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

TONIGHT

Restaurant Night!

Take the night off from cooking and get dinner from BJ's Brewshouse at Columbia Crossing. Bring in the flyer from the Thursday folder or mention Code Jan587.

Talent Show February 29th

Mark your calendars - Hammond's got talent! Come check it all out on February 29th in HES gym at 6:30 pm!



HES AUTHOR VISIT - 2/29/24



Sudipta Bardhan-Quallan

Keep an eye out for a PERMISSION SLIP and informational flier in your student's TAKE HOME FOLDER.

Website: www.sudipta.com

Important Dates



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
February 29 HES Author Visit
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 Restuarant 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

Catch us on the Socials

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

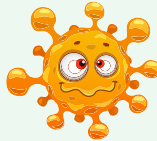
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The Best Nation is Donation...



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!

- **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 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 56,250.00 | \$ 10,437.95 | \$ 45,812.05 |

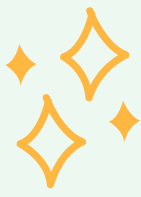


Join the PTA Executive Board

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. Email [Tom Hanley](#) for more information.



Team AWESOME



Meet the Board

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Email us your questions and concerns - we are here to help!

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