THES PTA Newsletter

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April 12, 2016

News from the PTA sponsored After School Activities

Space still remains in the following classes:
Club SciKidz: 7 Wednesdays, 4-5pm, beginning 4/13
grades K-2: Building Wearable Circuits; grades 3-5: It's Electric
Register at www.clubscikidzmd.com or contact Megan 410-960-0381

Sports Class: 5 Thursdays, 4-5pm beginning 4/21, grades K-2
Sports Class: 5 Fridays, 4-5pm beginning 4/22, grades 3-5
To register* visit http://roundhousekravmaga.com/after-school-programs.html or call Brian at 443-902-3061
*scholarships are available for qualifying students

How Girls Code: 7 Thursdays, beginning 4/14, grades 3-5
Register by contacting Mrs. Davis at laura_davis@hcpss.org

Community Food Drive

THES goal: 700 items
We can do it with everyone's help!

Thunder Hill Elementary School is partnering with Steven's Forest Elementary to collect food for Oakland Mills families in need. Families in our area continue to need assistance. During the fourth quarter, consider adding a few extra items to your grocery list to help local families. Dried beans (not canned please) are always a welcome item or pick from the list below! The THES student council is helping to collect and count items! They are also making posters and helping to "spread the word." If each students at THES donated just 3 item we would far exceed our goal. We are collecting the whole month of April! Here are some ideas:

- cereal
- granola bars
- kid's snacks
- canned fruit
- dried beans (not canned please!)
- canned meat-like tuna
- peanut butter
- jelly
- crackers
- pasta and sauce

Together We Can!
Donation boxes are located in each team area.

CALENDAR

Apr 12	**PTA Meeting**. All are welcome. 7pm.
Apr 20	**Board of Education Candidate Forum**. Waverly Elementary School. This is the final opportunity to hear current BOE members running for re-election and their challengers discuss various issues regarding the Howard County Public School System. 7pm.
Apr 25	**Restaurant Night: Panera Bread**, 6435 Dobbin Rd. 6-9pm.
Apr 26	**Schools closed. Primary Election Day**.

HCPSS Vision 2018
Listen and Learn Sessions

Renee Foose has announced that the county is reviewing its five-year strategic plan, Vision 2018: Fulfilling the Promise of Preparation. Over the next few weeks, there will be Listen and Learn sessions for students, teachers, staff, leadership, parents and the public. HCPSS employees may attend any of the following Listen and Learn sessions. The April 11 session is open to the general public.

- **Friday, April 8, 1-2 p.m., Central Office**
- **Monday, April 11, 6:30-8 p.m., Oakland Mills High School (open to the general public)**
- **Thursday, April 21, 4-5 p.m., Oakland Mills High School**
- **Friday, April 22, 10-11 am, Ascend One, Patuxent Room**

Walking Program - Spring Session

The Walking Program is back for the spring and the PTA needs volunteers. The Walking Program will be held April 15, 22, and 29. Please use the links below to volunteer. We look forward to walking with you!

April 15 - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b44a9a62da57-walking8

April 22 - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b44a9a62da57-walking9

April 29 - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b44a9a62da57-walking10

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PTA POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

VOLUNTEER!

Elected positions (June vote):

- President
- 1st Vice President
- Treasurer
- 1 of the PTA delegate positions for the PTACHC (PTA Council of Howard County); more info at www.PTACHC.org

Committee opportunities:

- Memory Book Coordinator
- Membership Chair
- Member Appreciation - this person would serve under the chairperson. Main responsibilities are obtaining speakers for parents and organizing family activities.

Contact askthes.pta@gmail.com for more information.

Ask The PTA!

Got questions? Comments? Ideas for in the classroom, after school classes, new events?

Join in and tell us how we can make your experiences at THES even better. If you have an issue with HCPSS and don't know where to address it, email to have your concern addressed. Email: askthes.pta@gmail.com.