



THES PTA Newsletter

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February 17, 2015

On February 13th the PTA served the staff dinner in between conferences. The Staff really look forward to these dinners - due to the THES Parent donations of money, sides and desserts we were able to serve the staff enchiladas, salads, rice and side dishes, and a ton of desserts! The PTA and the Staff really appreciate your donations!!!!



CALENDAR

- Mar 13** **Deadline to sign up for the Talent Show.** See page 3.
- Mar 16** **Restaurant Night Out. Tino's Italian Bistro.** 11:30am-9pm. 8775 Centre Park Drive, tinositalianbistro.com. See below for details.
- Mar 18** **THES Blood Drive.** See below.

Let Your Online Shopping Support the THES PTA!

1. **AmazonSmile** - <http://smile.amazon.com>. Our organization number is 23-7111265. You still get the great prices and Prime deals, but the PTA earns money from your eligible purchases. You can also use this direct link - <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7111265>.
2. **GoodShop** <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop>. Create an account and chose to support "Thunder Hill Elementary School PTA". Search for your merchant such as Children's Place or Kohl's, shop through the GoodShop link and the PTA will earn a percentage of your purchase.
3. **iGive** - <http://www.igive.com>. Create an account during the month of October, try the iGive button through 1/15/15 and earn the PTA \$5! No purchase required! Search for your merchant such as Old Navy or Best Buy and shop through the iGive link. The average shopper raises \$30-100 a year for their cause through iGive.

Share this information with family and friends. Anyone can shop and support the THES PTA. Have questions about any of these programs? Please contact Abby Wedeking at passret.thespta@gmail.com

Restaurant Night Out

March 16 at Tino's Italian Bistro, 8775 Centre Park Drive, tinositalianbistro.com. The event is 11:30am-9pm and covers reservations and walk-ins, groups, children, delivery, catering, as well as indoor and outdoor wait service. For the full day of our event, 10% of ALL the proceeds for the restaurant will be donated to THES. ALL proceeds mean ALL proceeds, including carry-out, delivery, dine in, catering, etc.

BJ's Membership Fundraiser

Are you a BJ's member? Thinking about a membership? This fundraiser can help you save money! Sign-up for a new membership OR renew an existing membership through the PTA and you will save \$10 off the \$50 annual membership fee OR \$20 off the \$100 Rewards membership fee. PLUS, get an additional 3 months free on top of the 12 month membership (15 months for the price of 12). If you renew your membership ahead of time, BJ's will add the 15 months to the end of your current membership. Look for a flyer and application in your child's folder soon! Questions? Email Abby Wedeking at passret.thespta@gmail.com

Keep the Box Tops Coming!

Each Box Top helps the PTA. The PTA is more than halfway to reaching our goal of \$1500 in Box Tops this school year!

Send your Box Tops in baggies, envelopes, or use the forms sent home. Let's reach our goal!

School Health Council is Recruiting Members to Serve on the Wellness Sub-Committee

The Wellness Sub-Committee will provide an opportunity for parents and members of the community to be involved in the implementation of the Wellness Policy. It will gather input from members re: how the policy has been implemented to date, and report on what they find.

The School Health Council is hoping to have the Sub-Committee fully functioning by March 1, 2015. The Sub-Committee would have three months to gather information and would provide its first written and oral report to the Chairperson or Executive Board by June 15, in order for the Council to include it in the annual report to the Superintendent, Health Officer, Board of Health, and Board of Ed., which is due July 1, 2015.

The frequency, dates, and times of the Sub-Committee meetings will be decided by the members. Please contact Deb Lattimer if you are interested in serving on the Wellness Sub-Committee. The new website for the School Health Council is: <http://schoolhealthcouncil.weebly.com/>

Our next general SHC meeting will be at 10 a.m., March 4, at the HoCo Health Dept., 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD 21045.

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah at: lattimertp@gmail.com or 443-546-0125, or Christina at: president@ptachc.org or 703-434-2185.

Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive at THES

Did you know that every three seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion, yet less than 4% of those eligible to give blood do!? The Red Cross needs your help!

Please join us for our annual blood drive Wednesday, March 18, from 3 to 8 pm in the THES gym. Please consider making a donation to help save lives.

Visit: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: thunderhillelementary to schedule your donation today.

Can't donate? No problem! You can still help make a difference by volunteering at the event! We are in need of volunteers to help with the drive.

Please contact Sonia Kowalczyk at sonia.a.kowalczyk@gmail.com with questions, scheduling assistance, or for more information. Thank you!!

Giant Cards For You!

Giant Cards are coming back. Please let Jen Cisneros know what the PTA can count on you for. Our membership and donations are down, but our needs and costs are up.

These gift cards are used like cash. The PTA gets 5%! The cards come in any denomination.

You can purchase with a check or cash from the PTA.

Please contact Jen and let her know how many cards you need. Email: jencisneros@gmail.com or text/call at 301-928-3607.

Media Center Notes

Last week's THES Media Center Scholastic Book Fair was a marked success due to the tremendous show of support from our generous and book-loving community! Bouquets of gratitude are being sent your way, for whatever capacity you served to make the Fair worth every minute it took to bring it to life, from beginning to end!!

With warm wishes, Mrs. McIlvain & Mrs. MaryJo

STEAM DAY in the MEDIA CENTER

Please respond as soon as possible to leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org if you are a paper engineer (think pop-up books) or are origami-proficient or an expert in paper folding. Your help is needed to make our media center event for the STEAM DAY~ April 10th ~ a success! Thank you ahead of time!!!