



# THES PTA Newsletter

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February 22, 2017

## STEAM DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The STEAM Committee is asking for volunteers for STEAM Day on Thursday, April 6, 2017. Please use Sign-Up Genius if you are able to volunteer,

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4da4a72da2fb6-steam>

## THE PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The PTA has several immediate and future openings. Please contact Abby Wedeking ([president.thespta@gmail.com](mailto:president.thespta@gmail.com)) if you are interested or have questions.

### 2017-18 School Year

*1st Vice President (required position to maintain valid PTA)*

This is a PTA Board position. The 1st VP works with the President to coordinate events and activities throughout the school year. This is a year-long Board-level commitment.

*2nd Vice President - Fundraising (required position to maintain valid PTA)*

This is a PTA Board position. The 2nd VP coordinates our fall fundraiser and explores other fundraising opportunities for the PTA. This is a year-long commitment.

### *Newsletter Coordinator*

Design the weekly PTA newsletter. Coordinate submissions from PTA members and staff. This is a year-long commitment. (Want more info on? Contact Melanie at [m.alstonakers@gmail.com](mailto:m.alstonakers@gmail.com).)

### *BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast Coordinator*

Plan the traditional kindergarten breakfast event. The breakfast occurs the second day of school for kindergarten parents only. This is a one-time only job.

## CALENDAR

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| <b>Feb 25</b> | <b>Healthy Relationships and Dating Dangers.</b> 9-11:15am. Oakland Mills Middle School. See page 3.                        |
| <b>Mar 13</b> | <b>PTA Meeting.</b> 7pm. All are welcome.   |
| <b>Mar 20</b> | <b>Restaurant Night Out: Tino's Italian Bistro.</b> Hold the Date!  |
| <b>Mar 25</b> | <b>What Parents Need to Know: Bullying Prevention and Social Media.</b> 9-11:15am. Oakland Mills Middle School. See page 4. |

## THES Bingo Night and Silent Auction

Are you ready for a night of fun and prizes? The PTA Bingo Night and Silent Auction is coming in late March. Play Bingo to win family-friendly prize baskets. Bid on Silent Auction items too!

Space will be limited. Reservations will be available early March through Sign-Up Genius.

We will reveal Bingo baskets and Auction items each week in the PTA Newsletter. Stay tuned!

\*We will need a few volunteers to help with this event. A Sign-Up Genius will be available soon.\*

## PTA Grant Fund: Spring 2017

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### Support the PTA with Amazon Smile!

You can support the THES PTA every time you shop through Amazon Smile. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search Thunder Hill PTA. Or use our code 23-7111265.

### G/T Summer Institutes for Talent Development

The G/T Summer Institutes provide interested students with advanced-level instruction and enrichment experiences not regularly available during the academic school year. For more information visit, <http://www.hcpss.org/summer-programs/>

### MEDIA CENTER WINTER BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Media Center from March 8-10. If you are available to work with Mrs. McIlvain to plan, volunteer, or help out with the book fair in any capacity, please contact her for specific details as soon as possible at [leah\\_mcilvain@hcpss.org](mailto:leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org). Thank you very much for your support!!!

Like us on Facebook for event and activity updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/thunderhillpta>

### Send in Your Box Tops!

Send in Box Tops in baggies or envelopes with the collection sheet on page 5.

Visit the THES PTA website today!  
<http://thunderhillespta.weebly.com/>



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**Guidelines and Criteria:** Grant requests should seek to provide opportunities for THES students and their families, including, but not limited to: **educational, social, recreational, and community-building opportunities. Creative or 'out-of-the-box' proposals are welcome.**

1. Applications will be accepted from any THES parent or staff member.
2. Students applying for funds must have a parent or staff as a sponsor of their application.

**Submission Requirements:** The deadline for submission is **March 9<sup>th</sup>**. The application form and instructions are attached, but we encourage you to submit applications via Google Docs:

<https://goo.gl/forms/LW9Mlc410pk57BtV2>

*If you are unable to do so, you may also submit applications via email to **tremiw@gmail.com** or in paper format to the PTA mailbox (please send a notification via email if submitted in PTA mailbox).*

**Application Review Information:** Applications will be reviewed within three weeks after the submission deadline. The Review Committee will consist of (but not be limited to): PTA president or vice president, a school administrator, a teacher or staff person, a parent who is not on the PTA Executive Board, and a student. Review committee members must recuse themselves from reviewing any applications to which they are connected.



**Award Information:** The number and amount of awards made under this program will depend upon the nature, quality, and quantity of the applications received. Regardless of your application's success, we will notify you of the decision by a month after the submission deadline.

**Contact Information:** For further information, please contact Grant Program Coordinator at [tremiw@gmail.com](mailto:tremiw@gmail.com).

# THES PTA Grant Application - Spring 2017

<b>Name of Grant:</b>			
<b>Contact Person:</b>			
<b>Phone Number:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Request Amount:</b>			

**Description of Grant, to include:**

*\* Please utilize a separate sheet of paper to complete this section and limit your description to no more than two pages.*

1. Purpose of grant (summarize need for grant, purpose behind it, etc.):
  
2. Goals/objectives (brief explanation details of solution and desired outcomes):
  
3. Students to be served:
  - Kindergarten       2<sup>nd</sup> Grade       4<sup>th</sup> Grade       All Grades
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade       3<sup>rd</sup> Grade       5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  
4. Timeline for implementation:
  
5. Anticipated expenses:

Total cost of item(s)	Amount being requested	Other / Outside Funding Sources
\$	\$	

*Additional budget details:*

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 If unable to do so, you can email it to [tremiw@gmail.com](mailto:tremiw@gmail.com) or submit paper form to the PTA mailbox.

# Healthy Relationships and Dating Dangers

The Council of Elders Community Academy



**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

**9 – 11:15 a.m.**

**Oakland Mills Middle School**

9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia 21045

This session is open to parents and students of all levels. Peer interactions and dating can impact students' lives. Representatives from HopeWorks, a Howard County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center, will share characteristics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships involving children.

Separate sessions for all student levels will be held. The session topics are: "I Can/We Can" (elementary students) and "Is it Love" - focusing on healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships and dating dangers (middle and high school students).



Please register at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/0LVEBfeIR2BRFlgj2>

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# What Parents Need to Know Bullying Prevention and Social Media

The Council of Elders Community Academy



**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

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Representatives from the Howard County Police Department and the Howard County Public School System will discuss bullying and the use of social media. Come learn about bullying reporting and investigative procedures. Additionally, parents will learn about various social media sites students are accessing and how to monitor social media usage.



Please register at:

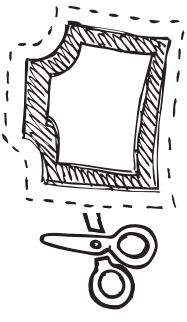
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# Thunder Hill Elementary School PTA



Start clipping Box Tops today! Each one is worth 10¢ for your child's school. They add up quickly and your school can use the cash to buy whatever it needs. For more information on Box Tops for Education, including a list of participating products and how much your child's school has earned, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). Thanks for your help!

- 1** Clip Box Tops.  
Don't forget to check the expiration date.
- 2** Tape or glue Box Tops on this sheet.
- 3** Send completed sheet to your school.

