



THES PTA Newsletter

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November 15, 2016

AUTHOR VISIT!

Children's author Laura Murray will visit Thunder Hill on December 2nd, and share her writing and book experiences in assemblies for all children, grades K-5. Ms. Murray is the author of *The Gingerbread Man* series, and you may check her out further on her website: www.lauramurraybooks.com

We will not be selling Ms. Murray's books prior to her THES visit, but you may certainly purchase books from Amazon or other book sources and bring them in for her to autograph.

Thank you for your support of the media center programs. It is through your support that we are able to bring authors to THES!!!

Upcoming Winter Classes

Take a look at what's coming in January.

- Abakadoodle: Mondays: 1/9, 23, 30, 2/6, 13, 27, 3/7, 13, make-up 3/20
(8 classes)
- Club SciKidz: Wednesdays: 1/11, 18, 25, 2/1, 8, 15, 22, 3/1, make-up 3/8
(8 classes)
- Sports (3-5): Thursdays: 1/12, 19, 26, 2/2, 9, 16, 23, 3/2, make-up 3/16
(8 classes)
- Sports (k-2): Fridays: 1/13, 20, 27, 2/3, 10, 17, 24, 3/3, make-up 3/17
(8 classes)

CALENDAR

Nov 15 Restaurant Night Out: Chick-fil-A, Executive Park Drive. 5-9pm. Dine in or take out, bring the flyer on page 3.

Nov 18 Family Movie Night. 7pm. See below.

Family Movie Night

Finding Dory

November 18 - 7 pm (doors open at 6:45)

The PTA is proud to present Finding Dory! Tickets cost only \$1 per person. Use the attached order form on page 4 to request tickets. Space is limited and tickets are sold on first come, first serve basis.

Questions? Email Kelli Davenport at missk2127@gmail.com

Support the PTA with Amazon Smile!

You can support the THES PTA every time you shop through Amazon Smile. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and search Thunder Hill PTA. Or use our code 23-7111265. Thank you for your support!

THES SPIRIT WEAR!!

The THES PTA is happy to announce our Spirit Wear sale is now open! Show your school spirit and order your gear today! Orders should be delivered in December prior to winter break. Don't wait, order today! Questions? Contact Jen Wall at jennifer.wall@yahoo.com.

Order Online at <https://thunderhill.itemorder.com/sale>

Order Deadline - November 22, 2016



Volunteer Today!!

So many opportunities available at THES!!
The list is long and commitment varies.

Check out the following:

Student Helper

Are you interested working with students? Do you have a, hour or so once a week to help out? You may want to volunteer with Mrs. Darchicourt as a Sight Word/Fluency helper in First, Second, and Third grade.

First Grade

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ba4ac28a2ff2-sight>

Second/Third Grade

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ba4ac28a2ff2-sight1>

Clerical Help

Are you great at organizing? Do you have time to help organize and file books or display student projects around the school? Mrs. Darchicourt needs clerical volunteers throughout the week. Decide on a time that works best for you! Contact Mrs. Darchicourt (stacey.darchicourt@hcpss.org) if you have an hour a week to spare.

School Sign

The PTA is looking for someone who can update the school sign monthly. Come by THES during school hours and update the sign that faces Mellenbrook Road. Interested? Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer.thespta@gmail.com

Coordinator - Walking Program

The PTA is looking for a coordinator and volunteers for a spring session of the Walking Program. This program is a great wellness program that gets kids moving and gives an additional activity choice during recess. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer.thespta@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved!

STEAM Day Presenters

The STEAM Committee needs presenters for STEAM Day on April 6, 2017. Do you have expertise in areas of arts (visual arts, vocal or instrumental music, dance or kinesthetic movement, drama) and/or a STEM discipline? Are you able to present and hands-on interactive for 3 consecutive rotations of 45-60 minutes each. Return the flyer on pages 5-6 to school if you are interested.

Visit the THES PTA website today!

<http://thunderhillespta.weebly.com/>

Like us on Facebook for event and activity updates!

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

Send in Your Box Tops!

We need your Box Tops. Send in Box Tops in baggies or envelopes. Look for a collection sheet in your child's Friday folder soon or use the attached collection sheet on page 7.

*Come Join Us For a Spirit Night to Benefit
Thunder Hill Elementary School
Chick-fil-A at Executive Park Drive
4905 Executive Park Drive, Columbia, Maryland
Tuesday, November 15th - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

To support our school:

- *Present this flyer to the cashier and our school will receive 20% of all sales generated by Thunder Hill Elementary families/friends.*
- *Purchase a 2017 Chick-fil-A Calendar and Thunder Hill ES will receive 50% of those sales (if calendars have arrived).*

NO FLYERS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE EVENT

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Movie Night

Presented by the Thunder Hill Elementary School PTA

Come watch **FINDING DORY**
with the THES PTA on
Friday, November 18, 2016 at 7pm
in the THES Cafeteria.
Doors open at 6:45pm.

Tickets: Only \$1.00
Children under age 3 are
FREE

Bring a yummy (nut free) snack and
enjoy a fun night at the movies.

All children must be accompanied by
an adult. NO drop-offs allowed.

Tickets will be sold on a first come,
first serve basis and can be picked up
at the door in Will Call.

Space is limited!!



Movie Licensing USA

Please return this portion to your child's teacher in an envelope marked "PTA Family Movie Night"
no later than **Friday, November 11, 2016.**

Child's Name: _____

Number of tickets needed: _____ Ages 3 and older _____ Under Age 3

Amount Enclosed: _____ Select: ___ Cash ___ Check (Check Number: _____)

Email: _____

Make checks payable to THES PTA



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thunder Hill Elementary School will host its **6th annual STEAM Day** on **April 6, 2017**. This event will provide our students with a STEAM-filled day through a field day-type schedule.

Throughout the school day, students will rotate through workshops that engage them in learning about content area topics (Health, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math) through STEM and the Arts. Each session is scheduled for approximately 45-60 minutes. Each presenter will present workshops through 3 consecutive rotations. On average, 25-30 students attend each session, although some presentations may accommodate up to 50 students.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to share their professional expertise of the arts (visual arts, vocal or instrumental music, dance or kinesthetic movement, drama) and/or STEM through integrated and interactive, hands-on student groups. Our goal is to provide workshops in various art forms (visual art, music, drama, movement) and STEM for each student. Staff and other parent/guardian volunteers will provide support and assistance as needed.

To be considered as a volunteer presenter, please fill out the following proposal located on the back of this letter. Return it to your child's teacher by October 21, 2016. Please note that forms for additional parent volunteers will be sent home at a later date.

We look forward to hearing from you!

THES STEAM Committee

Arts Integration Day Presenter Proposal

Applicant's name:

Email address:

Primary phone #: _____

Your student/s and homeroom teacher/s:

Relation to THES (parent, community leader, teacher, etc.):

Area of art and/or STEM expertise:

Description of art and/or STEM background expertise:

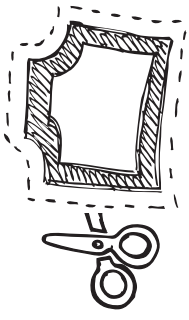
Topic of presentation and proposed interactive, hands-on activity:

Connection between Arts and/or STEM and Content area:

Supplies needed:



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. 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.

