



# THES PTA Newsletter

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1. Visit the links below.
2. Pick a family and select an item or items from their 'wish list.' (Be sure to fill in your information directly onto the Google document so we know that item has been chosen.)
3. Return it to school on December 7-9. See details on page 3.

### NEW FAMILY:

#### Family 10:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1G2SyXkiqTW2sDImYqz6dQV6it4r52QhhNF7qoQRp9pg/edit?usp=sharing>

#### Still a few left:

#### Family 2:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZxC4O4LyMPo0vZDg5Z4qOzB\\_-3QdTWCYIzIVy07bUik/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZxC4O4LyMPo0vZDg5Z4qOzB_-3QdTWCYIzIVy07bUik/edit?usp=sharing)

#### Family 3:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BNrZVzfUPeRQWT\\_AeoiaZkgHtT4Zge1H86KNwWqihjY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BNrZVzfUPeRQWT_AeoiaZkgHtT4Zge1H86KNwWqihjY/edit?usp=sharing)

#### Filled:

#### Family 1:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JV8Zdz1JoDUcePSRIwWq3V-GUe\\_6NgW2J0iINqEDtmY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JV8Zdz1JoDUcePSRIwWq3V-GUe_6NgW2J0iINqEDtmY/edit?usp=sharing)

#### Family 6:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iVdiwYzj8A9d\\_MiWZ0IBqC90iw2Qf\\_zhQRdKa2SMFi0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iVdiwYzj8A9d_MiWZ0IBqC90iw2Qf_zhQRdKa2SMFi0/edit?usp=sharing)

#### Family 8:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GjX4Fs8\\_ehgfbBylzymYe1db56RSG8B54aJ4WwWmOHw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GjX4Fs8_ehgfbBylzymYe1db56RSG8B54aJ4WwWmOHw/edit?usp=sharing)

#### Family 9:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eJYTO4M1UVJUBvq7VY3Z79zLbQvknE2kG4aIMmsopfl/edit?usp=sharing>

#### Family 11:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FABG7FyTXf2B3DdJSpF97IFfPyT2IGSeeJmny\\_r7t4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FABG7FyTXf2B3DdJSpF97IFfPyT2IGSeeJmny_r7t4/edit?usp=sharing)

## Holiday Shopping Can Support the PTA with Amazon Smile!

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

### CALENDAR

- Dec 1**     **Fit2Order Family Night.** 6-8pm.  
See page 7.
- Dec 12**    **PTA Meeting.** 6:30pm.  
Everyone is welcome.
- Dec 14**    **Restaurant Night Out at Pei Wei,** Dobbin Road.

## OH, NO! THERE'S A GINGERBREAD MAN LOOSE AT THES!

**This Friday, December 2,** the author of the Gingerbread Man Loose series, Laura Murray, will be sharing her experiences with the entire THES student body. Ms. Murray's first Gingerbread Man Loose book was awarded a starred review by *Booklist*, which reads, "This reinvention of a venerable figure is *funny to the max.*"

While the school will not be selling the four Gingerbread Man Loose books that Ms. Murray has written so far, you can purchase the book(s)\* and bring them to school for the author to sign during her lunch period when she is visiting.

Here are the titles:

- The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School
  - The Gingerbread Man Loose on the Fire Truck
  - The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas
  - The Gingerbread Man Loose at the Zoo
- \*from Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, or your favorite bookstore or online website

If you do purchase a book (or books) to be signed, please make sure that you place a sticky note on the front of the book with (1) your child's name, (2) the name you wish the book to be signed for, and (3) the homeroom of your child. These books may be brought to the Media Center and given to Mrs. McIlvain before the December 2<sup>nd</sup> visit. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Mrs. McIlvain at [leah\\_mcilvain@hcpss.org](mailto:leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org)

Thank you!!!



## Volunteer Today!!

So many opportunities available at THES!! Can you help?

### 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 page 4 to school if you are interested.

## eTools: Information on Demand – Elementary School

Greetings, THES Parents and Guardians,

Have you ever wondered where you can go online that is safe for your children to search for information? Do you want to know how to access reputable websites for your children, giving them an idea of what authoritative and unbiased sources of information look like? Well, wonder and look no further. Look for the paper copy of the HCPSS-approved resources that your child will be bringing home next week. You might already have received a copy during your parent/teacher conference entitled **eTools: Information on Demand – Elementary School**.

Please contact Mrs. McIlvain in the THES Media Center if you have any questions: [leah\\_mcilvain@hcpss.org](mailto:leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org)

### Upcoming Winter Classes

Take a look at what's coming in January.

Abrakadoodle: 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)

## 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 6.

Visit the THES PTA website today!

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

Like us on Facebook for event and activity updates!

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



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1. Go to the PTA website <http://thunderhillespta.weebly.com>, the THES PTA Facebook page, the PTA Newsletter, or check your e-mail from Thunder Hill Elementary School to find the links!
2. Pick a family and select an item or items from their 'wish list.' (Be sure to fill in your information directly onto the Google document so we know that item has been chosen.)
3. Cut out a gift tag (below), and fill out the information, and attach the gift tag to your **wrapped present**.
4. Return it to school **on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to label each present with the **family #, child # and gift number #** for identification.

Family Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please feel free to make copies of the gift tags for any additional gifts you purchase OR make your own label with the family number, child number, and gift number.

If you have any questions please contact Julie Jones [julie.o.jones@gmail.com](mailto:julie.o.jones@gmail.com) .



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thunder Hill Elementary School will host its **6<sup>th</sup> 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:

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Email address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your student/s and homeroom teacher/s:

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

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Area of art and/or STEM expertise:

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Description of art and/or STEM background expertise:

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

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Connection between Arts and/or STEM and Content area:

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Supplies needed:

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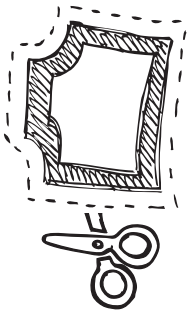
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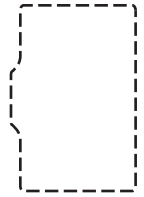
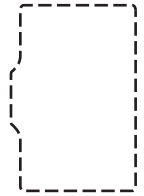
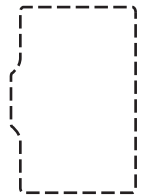


# Thunder Hill Elementary School PTA



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.



# ***FIT2Order's*** **FIT Family Night!**



**It's Time to Register for a FREE FAMILY  
THUNDER HILL  
wellness event....**

**When: December 1, 2016**

**Time: 6 - 8 pm**

**Highlighted Stations To Include:**

- Kid Friendly Boot Camp
- Karate
- Zumba
- Yoga
- Dance Party Finale
- Parent Nutritional Workshop
- Wellness Tables

**A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN TO THE EVENT.**

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS COME DRESSED TO EXERCISE TOGETHER!!**

**To register for the event, go to [www.fit2order.com](http://www.fit2order.com), hover on programs for drop down menu and select registration, click on the FIT Family tab at the top and scroll down to Thunder Hill. On registration form, please also click on ADD ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT to include all family members attending. For more information, please contact Mr. Matt Henry at [Matthew\\_Henry@hcps.org](mailto:Matthew_Henry@hcps.org)**