



THES PTA Newsletter

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October 25, 2016



Thank You to all our families who attended the Halloween Disco.

Extra Special Thanks go to the Lou & Erin Hromada, Sarah & Tom Delahanty, Jen Cisneros, Shardell Spriggs, and all the volunteers who helped make this event a fun night for all!!

Thank you to THES Staff for decorating some amazing pumpkins for the Disco raffle. THES Families appreciate your creative work!

CALENDAR

- Oct 28** Halloween Parade and Party;
Harvest Party.
- Oct 31** Schools closed.

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 2.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Attention 5th grade Parents!
Battle of the Books Update – Coaches Needed!!

Many of our 5th graders want to participate in the 2017 Battle of the Books! Teams are being formed, but the most crucial need is for a coach or co-coaches for each team. Team registration has already begun! Please contact Mrs. McIlvain as soon as possible at leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org if you can commit to coaching a BoB team.

Battle of the Books is an exciting reading experience that is sponsored jointly by HCPSS and the Howard County Public Libraries (HCPL). Many of your children expressed interest in participating this year. If you want to know more, please check out the following link which will give you detailed information:

<http://hclibrary.org/a-students-teachers/battle-of-the-books/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (coming up next week)

October 20 @ 7:00 pm

General information session at Miller Branch, 9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City.

October 21 – November 4

Online Registration for Battle of the Books

November 15 & November 17 @ 7:00 pm

November 19, 2016 @ 11:00am

Mandatory Coach Meetings at Miller Branch (books are distributed)

April 21, 2017 Battle of the Books!
(Locations TBA)

If you still have questions, please contact Mrs. McIlvain in the THES Media Center, or at leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org

GT Parent Advisory Committee Opening

Thunder Hill ES needs representation on the GT Parent Advisory Committee. This parent-led committee works with HCPSS to provide feedback, receive updates, and ask questions about the GT program. Currently Thunder Hill has NO representation on this committee. Read the flyer on page 3 and if you are interested, contact Lisa DeRemigis (lisa_deremigis@hcpss.org) or Linda Ferrara (linda_ferrara@hcpss.org) for more information.

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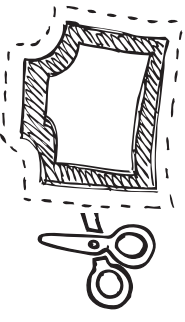
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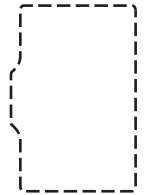
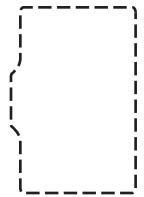
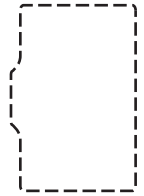
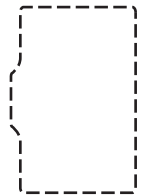


Thunder Hill Elementary School PTA



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. 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.





THE ROLE OF A G/T PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

2016-2017

What is the Gifted and Talented (G/T) Parent Advisory Committee?

The G/T Parent Advisory Committee (GTAC) is a long-standing group of Howard County parents and community members who are interested in G/T programs offered by the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS). This committee works with the HCPSS G/T office, school administrators, G/T resource teachers, and other school personnel to receive updates, ask questions, and provide feedback related to G/T programs.

Why are G/T Parent Representatives needed?

As educational philosophies and policies change over time, advocates are needed who are committed to ensuring that school policies and programs benefit all students, including advanced-level learners. As parents, we can enhance the education of our children by being informed and providing feedback related to G/T programs.

What is the primary role of the Parent Representative?

The primary role of the Parent Representative is to be a liaison between the GTAC and the school community. Parent representatives can keep G/T teachers and fellow parents updated on information from meetings and provide feedback to the committee from their school communities. Representatives may also assist G/T resource teachers in other ways, as requested.

What other opportunities exist for me as a parent representative?

There are additional opportunities to be involved in the GTAC. Representatives may serve on the Steering Committee of GTAC, advocate for the group at meetings of the Board of Education of Howard County, and represent the group at policy committee meetings. Parent representatives may also wish to research new and proposed laws and decisions, which may affect advanced-level learners. There are also opportunities to become an officer on the Steering Committee and to assist with the planning and implementation of events, such as the G/T Educator Recognition Event held in the Spring.

Thank you for your support of our advanced-level learners!

For More Information: Email hcpssgtac@googlegroups.com or Call 410-313-6800