

THES PTA news & updates

10/19/2020



Upcoming PTA Meetings Via Zoom

11/4/2020
12/2/2020
1/1/2021

Important School Dates

11/2/20-School Closed
11/3/20-Election Day-School Closed
11/6/20-End 1st Quarter
11/16/20-Report Card

Upcoming Events

10/1-10/31/20-Food Pantry Collection
10/1-11/2/20-Side walk Contest Extended

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020

Election day is almost here, and we want to encourage everyone to vote. The PTA does not endorse any candidate or issue, but we do want you to do your research and vote for candidates and policies that will benefit children and schools. While the Presidential election captures most of the media attention, there are some very important local elections that deserve attention.

This is the first election cycle where each district in Howard County will elect its own representative to the school board. We are in district 2, and we encourage you to do your own research on the candidates to learn where they stand on issues most important to you and see from whom they are taking campaign contributions.

There are also two ballot questions that you should understand before voting. Question 2 could have a direct impact on education funding in Maryland, so please research the question and make an informed decision when voting.

If you are planning on voting in person, please remember that THES is not a voting center this year. A list of early and election day voting centers can be found at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Board-of-Elections/Voter-Information/Polling-Locations>

Most importantly, let your children know that you are voting, and take a few minutes to discuss the importance of voting with them. Children are more likely to vote when they grow up if their own parents voted. We vote to create a better future for our children, and we want to raise them to be a positive force in that future.

Please fill out this short THES PTA survey

We have a short (3 yes-or-no questions) survey we are asking you to please fill out. It should take no more than 1 minute to do, and your answers will help the PTA out. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KBRWHH2>

How You can Help the PTA

One of the best ways you can help the PTA this year is to simply become a member. Memberships provide the PTA with crucial funding, and it also shows us the members of our school community care about the mission of the PTA. Becoming a PTA member doesn't commit you to attending meetings or volunteering (though you are welcome to both.) Memberships can be purchased online at <https://thes.new.memberhub.store/store>

You can also Support THES every time you shop through **Amazon Smile**. Go to smile.amazon.com and search Thunder Hill PTA. Or use code: 23-7111265

Please follow us on our Facebook page for important announcements and updates.

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

Battle of the Books

WE NEED Adult Coaches for Battle of the Books, 2021!

The 2021 Virtual Battle of the Books is on the minds of many of our 5th graders right now. Battle of the Books is a reading competition for Howard County's 5th grade students. The event is sponsored by the A+ partnership between Howard County Library System (HCLS) and HCPSS. This school year the April competition will be held virtually. Our 5th graders are beginning to decide whether to participate and are forming teams. To move forward and register for the competition however, each team *must have one adult coach* (or two who wish to share responsibilities) and five team members. Team registration begins October 23 and ends November 6th. If you are interested in being a coach for a THES Battle of the Books team and/or need more details, please contact Mrs. McIlvain - leah.mcilvain@hcpss.org

You may also want to check out Battle of the Books on the HCLS website:

<http://hclibrary.org/new-a-main/battle-of-the-books/>

Calling all Thunderbird Artists. Sidewalk Art Contest Extended!



The PTA is sponsoring this fun, family friendly activity where we invite all our kids to use their imagination to create sidewalk art. We really want to encourage our kids to team up with a friend, neighbor, sibling, or event parent to work on this project, practicing social distancing.

The event is really about our kids' mental health in this current pandemic. Children are likely feeling isolated and the intent is to get them to connect with someone else while getting away from the screens.

Once you complete your masterpiece, please take a picture and send it to the email address listed below. We will select 5 winners from all the submissions we receive.

Send your sidewalk artwork to art.thespta@gmail.com. Five winners will be selected. Deadline to submit your masterpiece is 11/2/2020.

Event POCs: Dania Thompson and John Fuller (THES PTA President)

Membership Drawing for THES staff



Thunder Hill PTA Staff Membership Drawing! 3 Winners!



Staff who join the Thunder Hill PTA by
10/23/20 will be entered to win a basket of
your choice from below:

Chocolate/Caramel Lovers

Teachers Tool Kit

Coffee, Tea and Cookies

<https://thes.new.memberhub.store/store>

*Images are examples only. Gift baskets will be ordered from
Amazon and shipped to THES or your home*



Thunder Hill Elementary Cares About our Neighbors! We are still taking donations.

Join us in supporting the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry. It provides food for families in our community that need support. During the month of October, THES will collect food for the November distribution before Thanksgiving. You can drop off your donation in the box in front of the building during school hours.

Collection Details

Location- Thunder Hill Elementary

Dates- 10/1/20 - 10/31/20

Times- 8:00 - 4:00pm

Get the kids involved! Go for a walk during the lunch break and drop off your donation! Like walking, giving to others feels good.

Non-Perishable Foods

Apple sauce
Baby food
Bags of dried beans
Breakfast/granola bars
Cake mix/frosting
Cans of fruit or vegetables
Cans of meat- tuna, chicken, chili
Cereal
Corn bread or muffin mix
Crackers
Gravy
Juice boxes
Macaroni and cheese
Microwave popcorn
Oatmeal
Pancake mix
Peanut butter/jelly
Raisins
Rice and rice mixes
Scalloped potatoes
Soup
Spaghetti sauce/pasta
Stuffing mix
Syrup
Tortilla wraps

Health Products

Diapers/wipes
Hand sanitizer
Laundry detergent
Shampoo/soap
Toilet paper
Toothbrushes/toothpaste

Please call the THES Front Office if you have any questions.410-313-6922.