



THES PTA Newsletter

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September 1, 2015

Welcome and Welcome Back!

Welcome to all new families and staff, and welcome back to all returning families and staff. Looking forward to another action packed PTA year at THES!

Stay tuned for contact information for board officers and committee chairpersons which will be published in next week's newsletter.

AskTHES.PTA@gmail.com: New to Thunder Hill? Confused about something at school and not sure where to direct your question? Ideas for activities? Want to get involved? Contact us!

Friday, September 11 TRIPLE PLAY 3 Events in 1 6:30-8:00 pm at THES:

- Welcome Reception for Ms. Bowen and Mr. West
- PTA General Membership Meeting. Members will vote on the budget for the coming year
- Back to School Picnic Fun - families bring their dinners; PTA provides a refreshing dessert.

Volunteer Needs:

Volunteer Coordinator. Teachers will handle their own classroom volunteers this year. The PTA volunteer coordinator will recruit volunteers mostly for PTA events such as the Halloween Spooktacular, community service projects, the Walking Program, THES Family 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run and whatever else comes our way! We're using SignUp Genius to manage volunteer needs this year. We might also be asked by the school to help with flu vaccinations and other needs where parents can help. Please contact Jennifer Soler if you are interested. Jewasol@gmail.com / 410-740-9570

Memory Book Coordinator. The PTA creates a yearbook keepsake every year that students treasure. While we have a variety of minions with experience willing to help take pictures and do page layouts, we need a sergeant to take command and lead the troops. Seriously, there are a number of wonderful volunteers who are ready, but they just don't want the head job. This coordinator works with the school portrait vendor. Other responsibilities include design cover contest and tracking THES and PTA events so that the yearbook culminates in a good representation of the school year. Responsibilities include asking parents to take pockets at Back to School Night, the Back to School Picnic, Grandparents' Day, Halloween, Veterans' Day, etc. and having them submitted them to you for potential inclusion in the yearbook. It's much easier to drop photos than to fill empty space! Please contact Jen Soler if you are interested.

Neither of the above positions require your full time devotion on-site during the traditional workday. A lot of the volunteer work can be done before or after!

CALENDAR

- Sept 1-3 Book Fair.** See page 2 for details.
- Sept 2 Back to School Night, Grades K-2.**
- Sept 3 Back to School Night, Grades 3-5.**
- Sept 8 PTA Meeting.** All are welcome.
7pm. THES Media Center.
- Sept 11 THES Back to School Picnic.**
- Sept 16 PTA Restaurant Night at Smoothie King,** 8874 McGaw Rd.

Join the PTA!

Even if you have been a member of the PTA before, new memberships are due each September. The Thunder Hill PTA will have a membership table at both Back to School Nights on Sept 2 and Sept 3. The PTA supports our school, our community, and the educational enrichment programs of the children.

Membership dues are as follows:

\$15 - 1 Adult

\$20 - 2 Adults

See page 3 for details.

Please make checks payable to the THES PTA.

Questions? Contact Anita Roschy at dacroschy@verizon.net.

Media Center Notes from Leah McIlvain

Dear Parents and Guardians of THES students:

It was such a grand pleasure to see each of your children last week during their media class. I look forward to working with them, and getting to know you, this school year! We will host several events that you and your children can look forward to participating in during the year. First up is our Scholastic Book Fair this week.

The BOOK Fair is coming THIS WEEK!!!

The THES Back to School Nights come early in September this year, and with them the Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 1st. The Book Fair will kick-off that afternoon in the media center, and be opened from 4-6. Then, you have opportunities to visit the Book Fair on September 2nd and 3rd during Back-to-School Nights. Each day the Fair will run from 4pm until 7:45. Look for Book Fair brochures that were distributed to each child last week through their homeroom, with a brief book fair information note attached.

(Remember... all children must be accompanied by an adult during the Book Fair - thank you!)
Other questions? Please email me at leah_mcilvain@hcpss.org.



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THE 2015-2016 ALL-PURPOSE PTA FORM!!
Membership! Directory! Donations! It's all here!

Let's start with contact information:

Adult 1: First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Preferred Phone _____
 Preferred E-mail _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Adult 2: First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Preferred Phone _____
 Preferred E-mail _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Child 1: Name _____ Grade ____ Teacher _____
 Child 2: Name _____ Grade ____ Teacher _____
 Child 3: Name _____ Grade ____ Teacher _____

THUNDER HILL SCHOOL WIDE DIRECTORY

Please designate if you would like to be included in the directory. **YES** or **NO**
 (The directory is only distributed to those who circle YES)

Please complete the following section (Circle your choice).

PTA Membership – 1 Adult \$15
 PTA Membership – 2 Adults \$20

The PTA Welcomes DONATIONS!
 (Suggested \$50 per family) The PTA is a 501c3 Organization (Donations are tax deductible)

Return check or checks in an envelope marked PTA/Membership (via student)
Total Money Enclosed: _____
 (Make Checks payable to THE PTA)

For Internal Use Only:

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Date: _____ Amount Rec'd: _____
 Rec'd By: _____
 Cash _____ or Check # _____