



**PTO
NEWSLETTER**

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HAZARDVILLE MEMORIAL SCHOOL

GROWING TOGETHER AT HMS

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A message from your President:

I would like to thank all the families for all you hard work with the fall fundraiser it was a great success.

It was great to see such a large turnout at the last PTO meeting that we had with the school board members. There was a lot of discussion between the Board of Ed and the community about next year's reorganization plans. I hope all left with a better understanding of what the BOE is trying to do for our children and the community.

On behalf of the PTO, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Thank you,
Tim Prosinski

HMS PTO WEBSITE

www.ptohms.org



CHECK IT OUT! Find out what's happening next on our calendar.

Join our e-mail list. Read the minutes from our Meetings.

Want to join a committee? It's just a click away!

Thank you Jay Tolo for taking charge of this great tool.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/14 - 12/16 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

12/24 - 12/31 SCHOOL VACATION

1/14 P.O.P. S & WINTER
CONCERT

1/17 NO SCHOOL
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

1/19 PTO MEETING

PTO MEETING SCHEDULE:

In an effort to accommodate as many schedules as possible and to have parents be able to attend at least one PTO meeting this year, the executive board decided to hold our meetings on a different day each 3rd week of the month. (Except December! No meeting - a little present to all of us!)

Mark your calendars! Our meetings are: Weds. 1/19
Thurs. 2/24 Mon 3/21 Weds 4/27 Thurs 5/26

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR submitted by Tracy Miller

We held our book fair again this fall, and it was another successful fair! The kids all enjoyed the variety of books we offered. Thank you to all of our helpful volunteers. We really appreciate the wonderful parents and grandparents we have at HMS! We made over \$1000.00 in profit from the fair and look forward to seeing everyone again in the spring for our Buy 1 Get 1 Free book fair!



5th GRADE FUNDRAISER submitted by Tracy Miller

The fifth graders held a fundraiser to help them in their year-end celebrations since they will be moving on to JFK next year. The 5th grade committee would like to make a yearbook and be able for the students to enjoy some of the other celebrations that go along with leaving HMS. Their first fundraiser was selling the Taste Dining and Activity books. The sale was a huge success and they raised over \$1,700.00 for their year-end festivities! We do have a few books left if anyone is interested in purchasing one, please feel free to contact Tracy Miller (860) 550-5540. A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a book and helped to make the fundraiser a great success! Thanks to Cathy Barth for bringing forth this great idea for a fundraiser! GREAT JOB!!!!

FALL FUNDRAISER

Our Fall Fundraiser was a great success! We profited over \$7400.00. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the fundraiser by helping your child sell items from the catalog. Also, a big thank you to those who helped distribute the fundraiser items and Amy Diaz for running the fundraiser.



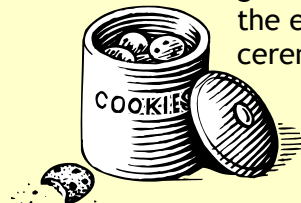
6th GRADE FUNDRAISER

submitted by Lori Lanson

The 6th grade cookie dough fundraiser was a big success!!

Thanks to our HMS family we took in about \$3,000.

The fundraiser helps to support the activities the 6th graders take part in for instance the year book party, the end of year party, the field trips and awards ceremony.



CULTURAL EVENT submitted by Lisa Rogers

African Dance and Drum Troupe

Thanks to a collaboration with Prudence Crandall school and funds in our cultural budget, our students, teachers and parents alike were enthralled by the native West African dancers on Thursday, December 2nd. Teaching vocabulary, history, music and movement, the artists widened our appreciation for different cultures and the understanding that all history is not written, but passed on through song and dance.



HALLOWEEN PARTY submitted by Tina Demers

The Halloween Party was a huge success and lots of fun. We had 529 students and parents attend the party. We had an additional 35 tickets sold to teachers that came with their families. There were many things to do at the party including: Trick-or-Treat lane, dancing, pizza and snacks, games, raffles, tattoos, free books, and crafts. We had a total of 189 pounds of food that was brought in for the raffle. The extra food was donated to The Enfield Food Shelf. Thank you to all parents and Fermi students who volunteered that evening to work at various stations. Thank you to Patti Magnuson for coordinating all of the volunteers. Thank you to Marci Pease for helping coordinate and run the craft table. Thank you to all that baked items for the dessert table and those who donated candy for Trick-or-Treat Lane. A big thank you goes out to those who worked hard on the party set-up and those who helped with the clean-up. Thanks to the custodians who helped with the set-up and clean-up. Thank you to Sue Pulver and Troop 10796 for the wonderful music and dance. I would like to also thank Shoprite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Target, and Dunkin Donut (in the Shoprite plaza) for the generous donations that they made to our party. Thank you to all the students and parents for coming and having a good time.



FERMI STUDENT HELPERS submitted by Lisa Rogers

Giving Back to the Community - HMS PTO thanks the Fermi student volunteers who have helped us out over the last few months! They've earned volunteer hours for civics classes, national honor society as well as just plain had fun! Your service was greatly appreciated at our Open House - Parent Only Curriculum Night where you provided babysitting so that our parents could learn more about their students' classroom activities and work. Your assistance at our Halloween Party was great fun and led the way in mentoring our students for their own future volunteerism! Thank you!



TURKEY TROT

submitted by Lisa Rogers

Students and families alike enjoyed great weather for the annual Turkey Trot on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.

Much mileage was clocked around the school's athletic field for exercise.



5th GRADE FEAST submitted by Lisa Rogers

Fifth grade parents treated the students to a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.

Thank you Tracy Miller and Rita Vose for organizing this fun and delicious activity!

Thank you to all the parent helpers, cooks and servers for the scrumptious food and supplies needed to pull off such a festive occasion.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES A SUCCESS

submitted by Lisa Rogers



Your involvement in your student's education is so important- so vital in fact; the PTO provided free childcare all 4 days so that all parents could meet the teachers! Thank you to adult supervisors Denise Avery and Lisa Rogers as well as to our 6th grade volunteers: Sarah Baillargeon, Sawyer Beck, Corey Brown, Madison Cody, Julie Gifford, Stephanie Kula, Sara Prosinski, Allison Solenski and Melissa Tingley. In the course of the 4 days, they served 34 families, totaling 68 children. Great job! We offer this service for our monthly PTO meetings - stop on by!

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

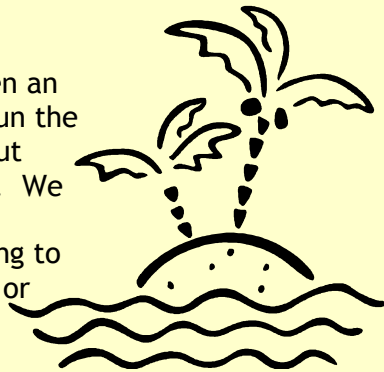
submitted by Tina Demers

POST cereals are now part of the Campbell's redemption program. So please save the UPC's from your POST cereals and turn them in with your Campbell's labels. Thank you to everyone who has submitted Campbell's Labels so far this year. The winners each month are supplied a school store certificate. The winners so far this year are Joseph Bouchard, Conor Davis, Jacob Davis & Philip Marocchini.

BEACH PARTY NIGHT

submitted by Tina Demers

HMS PTO is looking to bring back Beach Night. It has not been an event the last few years due to no one stepping forward to run the event. Jen Lampro and I are interested in doing this party but would love to have some parents involved in the event. We are aiming to do a party that would include dancing, sand art/crafts, games, and perhaps a photo booth. We are looking to do the party either 3/18 or 4/1. If you have any suggestions or would like to help out on this committee please contact me. Thank you. Tina Demers (860)749-5636



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

submitted by Lisa Rogers



HMS students love to give gifts to the special people in their lives. They are so proud!

The PTO helps out by finding great sales throughout the year to keep prices between .25¢ and \$5.00!

Student Shopping Days are Tuesday & Wednesday Dec. 14th & 15th. (Snow day and/or Last Chance Sale on Thursday, Dec. 16th)

Evening adult help is needed Monday, Dec. 13th 6-9pm to set-up.

Have time during school hours? We'd love to have your help assisting student shoppers as well as cashiering.

Contact Lisa Rogers at mrogers03@snet.net to help out and look for an upcoming flyer!



SCHOOL REWARD PROGRAMS

You can help out the PTO/School without spending an extra cent!

Big Y Sign up now for your school at any Big Y® or online at bigy.com.

Use your Big Y® Express Savings Club® card to purchase items designated with the Education Express® logo. Help your school acquire desperately needed equipment & supplies- FREE!



Shaw's - Earning money for your non-profit organizations is now easier than ever. Just by shopping with your Shaw's Rewards Card on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, you can earn money for up to four of your favorite non-profit organizations! Go to www.shaws.com, Shaw's Cares, Community Rewards to register your shopping card.



With A+ Bonus Bucks Everyone Wins!

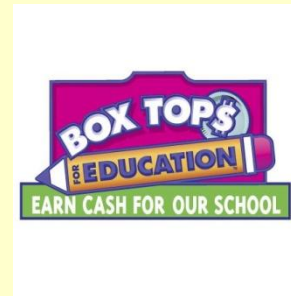
Stop and Shop With A+ Bonus Bucks, points accrue with each purchase where the Stop & Shop Card is used. It even works with purchases made online with Peapod by Stop & Shop. At the end of each month, these points determine your school's cash total which is automatically credited to its account and school totals updated each month. Go to www.stopandshop.com, My Stop & Shop, A+ to register.



Take Charge of Education - assign your Target credit card to Hazardville Memorial School and Target will donate a percentage of the purchases directly to our school. Go to www.target.com, RedCard, Take Charge of Education, Enroll. So far we have 37 cards signed up, the school received a check for \$243.72 in August and since HMS has enrolled Target has sent the school \$3659.46!

www.GoodSearch.com - use this site for all your web searches and GoodSearch will donate to the PTO!

Buy, Clip and Send to Us



www.boxtops4education.com Clip Box Tops from products, send them into school and the PTO receives cash! Log on to the website for extra ways to earn by shopping and entering sweepstakes. Contact Anne Marie Jensen

<jnsamj@aol.com> if you have questions or would like to help out!



Campbell's Labels For Education - clip labels, send them into school; we will redeem them for educational tools for our school! Contact Tina Demers @ tilde7273@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or would like to help.