

Heather Hills PTO Post

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December PTO Meeting

The HHES PTO is working for you! Parents frequently contact the HHES PTO to discuss issues of importance to them and their families. The HHES PTO responds by providing information and resources to help parents make the best decisions for their children. To that end, the PTO invites you to attend the December 7, 2016 General Meeting at 7:00pm. The December PTO Meeting will cover bullying, intimidation, harassments, and assaults.

Desann Manzano-Lee, Instructional Specialist, PGCPs Anti-Bullying Office

and Nora Morales, Officer, PGCPs Office of Diversity on Latina-Latino Affairs are con-



firmed guest speakers for the next HHES PTO Meeting.

Come out and learn how to stomp out bullying. In

addition, you'll learn about PGCPs reporting protocols.

Also, the PTO will conduct its business meeting immediately following the presentation. All parents, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to become financial members of the PTO. The PTO will be voting on several pertinent issues at the December 7th meeting (i.e.: By-laws, PTA membership, Financial Reports (July 2016-November 2016, Reinstatement of the National Elementary Honors Society, etc.). We encourage you to attend the meeting and to become an active member of the HHES PTO.

Snow Ball: Winter Masquerade

Silent Auction

HHES PTO will be conducting a silent auction at the Snow Ball: Winter Masquerade. A silent auction is a fundraising technique. It differs from the typical auction conducted

by an auctioneer who calls out the prices for items and then takes the raised hands or paddles of people as bids at a certain price.

The purpose of this silent auction is to

raise funds for the PTO's operating expenses, teacher appreciation gifts, and technology for students.

The HHES PTO is asking each class to donate a gift basket to be auc-

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tioned off at the winter dance. We are asking each student to donate one item for his/ her class. The donated item(s) should correlate to the student's assigned class theme (please see below). No need to worry. There's no right or wrong way to contribute to this idea. Just be creative and have fun designing your class basket! Please donate items by Monday, December 5, 2016. Baskets will be on display at the winter dance. Parents will have an opportunity to view and bid on their basket(s) of choice.

2nd Grade

Blackwell- Winter BBQ
Smith- Snowed In
Strickland- Movie Night
Ulmer- Baby, It's Cold Outside

3rd Grade

Hamms- Winter Wonderland
Hazard- Pizza Night
Hoffman- Cozy Fire
Johnson- Have a SOUPer Day

4th Grade

Atley- Winter Sweets
Etheredge- Relax & Release
Groff- Snuggle Up with a Good Book
Jones- Happy New

Year!

5th Grade

Brzozowski- Family Game Night
Buchanan- Winter Workout
Donahue- Toy Land
Gould- Home for the Holidays: Family Road Trip

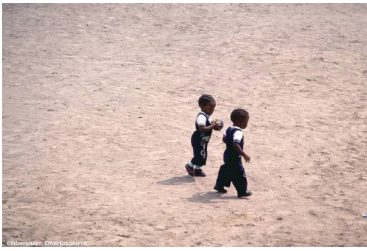
The HHES PTO is still in need of volunteers to assist with the winter dance. If you are interested in volunteering for the winter dance, please contact Adrienne Hawkins (Adrienne.Hawkins@gmail.com or 240-381-6597).



Kudos to Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to all HHES Honor Roll Students. The HHES PTO is proud of all students. We are encouraging students to continue to strive to do their best to succeed!

Student Safety: Parent Training and Background Checks



Are you aware that PGCPS updated its Volunteer Policy? Due to the new policy, all volunteers are required to receive training and background checks? This training is needed

Mandatory Volunteer Training

in order for parents to volunteer to attend field trips and special school events. Parent training and information sessions on student safety are offered free of charge across the county through the Family Institute. Sessions will cover best practices in safe learning environments, warning signs of sexual abuse and reporting pro-

cedures for suspected child abuse and neglect. On January 4, 2016 the HHES PTO will host a workshop for all parents and volunteers. Fingerprinting/background and Child Protective Services (CPS) clearance checks are available for parents beginning at 4:00pm. PGCPS's "Keeping Our Children Safe" training session will begin at 7:00pm. Background checks as well as the training are needed for all volunteers.

PGCPS FY 2018 Budget

Just a few weeks before the CEO presents his proposal for next year's budget, PGCPS has put up its parent/community input form! This is your chance to let the administration know what your priorities are for next year's operating budget.

Please take a moment to log onto the PGCPS website and respond. Last budget cycle, the head of the Budget Office presented data about parent/community feedback. PGCPS tracks these responses. There were only 56 responses to the online survey last year.

A word about the online form: There are no actual questions. It's a place to leave your comments about the budget. You choose a category of concern (e.g. transportation or class size) and then you make your comment.

<http://www.myheatherhills.org>

Announcements & Events

New PGCPS Grading Policy

The HHES PTO FAQs on Administrative Procedure 5121.1: Grading and Reporting for Elementary Schools Early Childhood through Grade 5 was updated on November 16, 2016. Please refer to the PTO's website for additional information.

11/22—**Skate Zone** 6:30pm-8:30pm

11/23-11/25—**Thanksgiving Break**

12/7—**PTO Meeting** Bullying Presentation 7:00pm

12/9—**Winter Dance** 7:00pm –9:00pm

12/12-12/16—**Holiday Shop Bazaar**

12/23-1/02— **Winter Break**

1/4— **Parent Volunteer** Training (Mandatory per PGCPS's new Volunteer Policy)