

Howard Parent School Association (HPSA)

HPSA exists to enhance the educational experience of our students and promote a strong community between staff and families of Howard Elementary.

MEETING AGENDA FOR 10/2/2018

Roll Call/ Introductions – Six attendees present.

Principal Report - Kristin Ashley

- Testing and assessment complete
- Planning will begin for Fall Celebration – usually Turkey Trop the Wed. morning prior to Thanksgiving
- Conferences are approaching – one of the office staff will be in the lobby this year to take “tickets” for which holiday performance people will go to this year
 - Holiday performance will be:
 - Tuesday morning dress rehearsal
 - Tuesday afternoon performance
 - Wed morning and afternoon performances
- Dental City donated dental hygiene products for all students – will be going home around Halloween
- Safety and Security Committee will be preparing a safety analysis – safety analysis will actually be conducted by an outside party (NWTC will be conducting Howard Elementary School’s)
- Bayport’s Homecoming event is coming up – fun and exciting family event to keep in mind!
- “20” Sweatshirts may be switching over to t-shirts; older kids will have the option to buy; new students and kindergarteners will receive one in place of sweatshirts handed out in the past

Treasure Report

Old Business

Nothing new that is old :)

New Business

Fall into Reading Night 10/4

- Anything needed yet?
 - Plenty of volunteers
 - If we have people available, we could put apparel out
 - We’ll start set up about 3:35-3:40
 - We’ll get either loaves of bread or dinner rolls, as the cheapest option

Popcorn Friday's - Kelly Runke

- Upcoming dates: Oct 12th. Nov 16th. Dec 14th
- Volunteers needed – 4 volunteers are needed for each date (Oct. 12 date is covered)
- Got the “go ahead” from teachers to do prepaid popcorn - Note going in family folder 10/10
- Michelle Drousseau will also be adding to the parent calendar

Fall Book Fair - Katie Olsen

- November 5-9
- Goal is \$2,500 in sales - 50% profit back in scholastic dollars (we also get an additional 5%, because we have two book fairs per year)
 - Plastic bags for “extra change” will go home with students – money can be used in classroom for counting, sorting \$\$ lessons until the book fair and will go towards books for their classroom during the book fair.
- Will need numerous volunteers. Look for signup genius as we get closer
- Individual \$5 giftcards for each teacher
- HPSA VOTE : Do we take \$50 from HPSA funds to continue Book Fair Bingo (2-\$25 gift certificates to two teachers towards Book Fair)
 - Passed Unanimously

Box Tops

- Classroom with most box tops collected will receive prizes quarterly – prize this year will be popcorn/popsicle party and teacher receive \$15 for use on classroom items

HPSA display case

- We'll update with new HPSA info. and change over for events (such as Book Fair)

Conference Meals (Nov. 6th and 8th)

- Two nights of conferences this year
- One family often donates a meal for Nov. 6
- One night we arrange for delivery – we'll order Panera to be delivered by 3pm
- Plan for approximately 25 people

Fall Fundraisers:

- Seroogy's - Kelly Runke
 - Determine Dates for fundraiser
 - Needs to be called in and picked up by Nov. 14
 - Tentative run dates of Oct. 24 – Nov. 7 (Kelly will confirm)

- Chuck-E-Cheese Night Out - Wednesday, October 24th
 - Info will be sent out in coming weeks
 - Fliers will go home in family folders beginning this week; day of the event a flier with additional information and complementary tickets will be handed out, as well.
 - Additional information/goodies will be sent by Chucky Cheese later this week
 - Anyone with a staff badge will get a free meal
- Papa Murphy Coupon Cards
 - Determine Dates and how we want to distribute cards
 - How many per family, pre-order, etc.
 - Details TBD – likely an order form, rather than actual cards, will be sent home with students
 - Likely run date will be late Nov./early Dec.
- Night Out Fundraisers
 - Zesty's, Culver's, Sam & Louie's, ~~Sweet Mimi's~~
 - Other potentials: Texas Roadhouse; Chili's;
 - Tentative dates? TBD

School Lunch Program:

- **Welcome Laura Rowell - School Nutrition Manager (Registered Dietician)**
 - **Laura and her counterpart are both new to their positions**
 - Menu's for future months and opinions/thoughts
 - Food purchases are determined 18 months in advance
 - Food may look like “junk” but is actually fairly nutrition dense – must include whole grains, must be low-fat
 - Breakfast
 - For example - “donuts” are not what you would buy at the bakery, they are more like whole grain bread shaped like donuts.
 - Menu Viewer
 - “work in progress”
- Two samples provided to parents: one veggie (sweet potato base) smoothie cup and one fruit (berry and mango) smoothie cup provided to parents for samples – all attendees agreed both were delicious. These are examples of creative ways to get low, fat and sugar-free servings of fruits and veggies in forms the kids will eat.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 11/13 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- No Meeting in December
- 1/08 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thank you all so much for your time and effort! Please help spread the word about HPSA! Like our Facebook page and share it with other Howard parents!