

Beginner's Night  
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# Welcome from the HCE PTA

On behalf of the Highland Creek Elementary PTA I would like to welcome you and your kindergartener to our school. This is a special yet anxious time as we prepare to send our little ones off to big kid school. And I mean "we," my youngest will be also be a kindergartener in the fall.

The HCE PTA is a very active PTA. As you can see from the list in the box below, we hosted quite a few activities this year. We also provided books for the library and the literacy facilitator as well as materials for each classroom. We have had a great year, and have plans to do even more next year!

Please visit our website at HCEPTA.org. There is a lot of information that will give you a good sense of what we are about. I invite you to contact me either by phone (704-947-9787) or email (HCEPTA@aol.com) with any questions that you have about the PTA or the school.

See you in the Kindergarten hall at Open House!

*Lorna Dore*  
HCE PTA President

## This Year's PTA Calendar included:

**Staff Welcome Lunch** - held on the first day the teachers and staff return to work in August. Parents volunteer by baking or purchasing food and by helping to set up, serve and clean up.

**Kindergarten Parent Sip & Sob**

**Fall and Spring Book Fairs**

**Pizza Night at the Book Fair**

**Autumn Festival** - held on a Friday night in the Fall and this year included a DJ, cake-walk, inflatable's, a catered dinner and many fun games.

**Fall Craft and Classroom Parties** are organized by the Head Room Parents.

**Staff Holiday Cookie Walk** - held to show our appreciation for our teachers and staff, the PTA Staff Appreciation committee solicits homemade cookies from our parents. They are served at a reception after school in December.

**Spirit Days** - Students wear the school colors or HCE Spiritwear to show their school spirit.

**Father/Daughter Dance**

**Mother/Son Night at the Ballpark**

**Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - a catered lunch held during National PTA's Teacher Appreciation week in May. Parent volunteers cover classrooms so all staff members can enjoy an uninterrupted lunchtime of camaraderie.

**Spring Jam** - a supervised "dance" for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders with a DJ & pizza. Held the Friday night after EOG's (End-Of-Grade) tests in May.

The PTA is also proud to support: **Field Day and 5th Grade Celebration**

## *Remember Box Tops?*

Do you remember when turning in Box Tops for Education required sending in the whole box top? Now this is all you have to send in:



The HCE PTA also collects Tyson Product Panels. Just look for the Project A+ Symbol, clip on the dotted line and send in the entire panel.



Clip and send in UPCs.  
See the examples shown below:



Campbell's Soup labels are collectible for points toward

equipment.

The PTA also participates in: **Harris Teeter** Together in Education, **Target** Take Charge of Education, **Bi-Lo** BoosterPlus, **Food Lion** Shop and Share, and **Bloom** Breeze.

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# Upcoming Events



## HCE SPRING BOOK FAIR - BUY ONE GET ONE FREE SALE!!!

The Highland Creek Elementary Book Fair will be held Monday, April 30 (opening at **12:00 pm**), through Friday, May 4 (closing at **11:00 am**). The Fair will be set up in the Multi-Purpose Room (gym) and will be open to the public every day before school (8:45 to 9:15 am), during school hours, and after school (3:15 to 3:45 pm). HCE will also host a Family Pizza Night on Monday, April 30th, during which the Book Fair will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 pm).

We will need approximately 25 volunteers each day to work the book fair. Book Fair volunteers are invited to shop Scholastic's warehouse sales!! If you have some spare time and would like to help, please let us know. If you are unable to help during school hours, your time would greatly be appreciated during Pizza Night on Monday, April 30th. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact Jeannie Walton ([olanowalton@yahoo.com](mailto:olanowalton@yahoo.com)) or Beth Hicks ([khicks202@carolina.rr.com](mailto:khicks202@carolina.rr.com)).

## Got Time? Volunteer!

### PTA Volunteers:

There are three ways to volunteer your time for the PTA:

- 1) Sign up to Chair or Co-Chair a committee and be a member of the PTA board. Nominating forms are available in the school office and are due on Friday, April 26.
- 2) Sign up to serve on a committee (or two) that suits your interests. Committee sign-up forms go home at the beginning of the school year.
- 3) Volunteer as needed. Each year we need volunteers to help out with events like Book Fair, Autumn Fest, Father/Daughter Dance, Field Day, etc. Your volunteer commitment can be as much as you would like or as little as one shift. These opportunities are listed in the newsletter or emailed out to parents on the PTA email list. If you would like to be added to the list, please email [HCEPTA@aol.com](mailto:HCEPTA@aol.com).

### Classroom Volunteers:

Each teacher utilizes classroom volunteers differently. Teachers may have sign-up sheets at the Open House before school starts or may use the Head Room Parents to coordinate classroom help. Open House is a great time to ask your child's teacher how you can help!

Coming in August...

## Sip & Sob

for Kindergarten Parents

**August 31st at 9:00 to 9:45am**  
HCE Cafeteria

A time for parents to mingle, sip coffee or juice, and sob!

There will be a very brief presentation by your PTA Board and Committee Chairpersons to give you an introduction and answer your questions.

## School Supply Sale

As a convenience to parents, the PTA will be offering School Supply Packs for sale.

The Kindergarten List is ready to order now! Supplies for other grades will be available to order on May 3rd. Please return the order form with a check payable to the HCE PTA or purchase online with a credit card at <http://highlandcreek.btspacks.com>. Deadline for orders is Friday, May 25th.

Enjoy your summer! Order your school supplies today!!