



Spring Parties are around the corner!!!

Please mark your calendars with the following dates if you are interested in attending your child's party. Headroom parents will be sending out information soon with more information. Please remember that your help is always appreciated!

Kindergarten	April 1st	2 - 3 pm
1st grade	April 2nd	2 - 3 pm
2nd grade	April 1st	12:30 - 1:30 pm
3rd grade	April 2nd	12:30 - 1:30 pm
4th grade	April 3rd	2 - 3 pm
5th grade	April 3rd	12:30 - 1:30 pm



VOLUNTEER CORNER ... WE NEED YOU!!!

- 1) Spring Book Fair (4/24 - 5/1) & Pizza Night (4/27) We need you! Contact Lisa Lee with questions at volunteers@hcepta.org or 704-957-5978
- 2) Do you have pictures from HCE events this year? Please contact Kristin Turner at kschotz@windstream.net or 704-947-2748 for use in the Yearbook and Please submit any photos taken at HCE events to Julie Haas, haasfab5@yahoo.com or call 704-947-5189 for use in the school Scrapbook. Also, please label pictures according to the event at which it was taken.
- 3) Media Center - The Media Center is in need of volunteers, anyone interested may contact Amy Yengo at acyengo@bellsouth.net or simply stop into the Media Center and see Mrs. Larsen
- 4) HCE Spirit Store - help out on Friday mornings from 8:45- 9:15 a.m., please contact Kim Hester at TeamHester@aol.com.
- 4) Spring Jam & 5th Grade Celebration - just beginning to plan both events! If you are interested in helping with either please email Kerrie Boys at kerrie@littleonesmagazine.com.

As always Volunteers, thank you for all you do!

HOLLYWOOD A Red Carpet Affair!

The Father Daughter committee would like to thank these stores and their wonderful management teams for their generous donations/support to the Father Daughter dance:

- Harris Teeter- all of the ginger ale, pineapple and cranberry juice, crackers and snack items.
- BJs- paper products, cutlery, Cheez its, Goldfish, ketchup and animal crackers.
- Bilo- 20lbs of strawberries
- Lowes Foods- \$20 gift card
- Food Lion- \$20 gift card
- Bloom- several boxes of crackers, chips and pretzels
- Do a Little Floral- offering the beautiful flower corsages at a discounted price
- Kids Super Salon- discounts on hair up-dos for all the girls, and donating items for the bathrooms.

We would also like to personally thank:

- Karen Peterson--whose expertise, generosity, and tireless efforts were invaluable. Without you, we couldn't have done it!!
- The wonderful Highland Creek administration and teachers who gave up their Saturday to help make this event such a huge success.
- The entire custodial team for their support.
- Bella Photography-taking beautiful pictures of our HCE dads and daughters.
- Jacque Fennell- helping us with all of our printing needs.
- Consuelo Souders- generously donating the helium which helped with the 600 balloons.
- Susan & Glen Forbes-donating flat bread and making all of the spiral sandwiches.
- Mary Kostrzynski and Kristi McConnell-all of their help with the refreshments.
- Lisa Lee- her excellent administrative skills.

A special thank you to the following decorating committee members; Juli Smalley, Wendi Ryan, Stacey Wilson, Kerrie Boys, Kristen Shimp, Michelle Moll, Gretchen Macfee, Renee Campbell, and Beth Aquallo. Thank you for your creativity, time, hard work, and especially the unbelievable attention to detail you put into every decoration!!

Last but not least, thanks to ALL of the outstanding volunteers who helped before, during and after the dance.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!!

Stacy Cathey & Elaine Baxter

Father Daughter Dance Co-Chairs



PTA Newsletter

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It's time to start winding down as we are almost done with third quarter! We have now finished most of the BIG events! A BIG thank you to all that helped with the Father/Daughter dance! The girls had a grand time! Last month also brought another successful pretzel day as well as the Attractions book. Both brought in approximately \$1,200. We have also been successful with our retail incentives, which continue to bring in money for the PTA!



We did purchase 19 digital projectors for all the learning cottages. This will allow the teachers to hook up to their PCs and the internet. The Smart Board that will be placed in the media center will be purchased shortly. We purchased a digital thermometer for the nurse's office and approximately \$9,000 for media and literacy resources. We will also be sending 10 assistant teachers to attend their conference the end of April. In addition, the 2 used book sales generated about \$2,000 which we are hoping to use towards AR tests.

Keep an eye out for the remaining upcoming events on the HCEPTA website. We are planning a Family Event for HCE at the end of the school year at the Kannapolis Intimidators game for Sunday, June 7th. We think this will be a great way to end the school year. Mark your calendars! More details on this will be coming shortly! As always, please feel free to email us at president@hcepta.org with any comments or concerns.

Angela Rigsbee & Gretchen Biedrzycki
PTA Co-Presidents



Congratulations Alannah Stephens/Ms. Favaloro/3rd and Kate Killen/Ms. Vermeire/K for winning the February Retail Incentives drawing. Thank you to all the students who drop off Harris Teeter Milk Caps, General Mills Box Tops, Tysons Labels and used cell phone and toner cartridges. Keep up the good work!

Are you holding on to your Harris Teeter milk caps? If so, please turn them in soon because this is the LAST school year that Harris Teeter will have offer this program. The last submission to Harris Teeter will be May 29, 2009.

Reminder: BJ's Wholesale Club has a special membership opportunity to raise money for the Highland Creek PTA. If you renew your membership or sign up for a new membership, BJ's will donate \$5 for each qualified application and you will receive \$10 off a 15 month membership (typically, memberships expire after 12 months). This offer is not available on-line or in store. Applications are available on the school's website, www.hcepta.org or in the Parent Center. Please contact me with any questions.

Tiffany Morgan
Retail Incentives Chairperson
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A 15 MONTH
MEMBERSHIP**

PTA CALENDAR

March

- March Birthday Cake3/20
- Monthly Pretzel Sale3/25
- Snow Make-up Day3/27

April

- PTA Executive Committee Meeting (6:30pm)*4/1
- PTA Executive Board Meeting (7:15pm)**4/1
- Spring Classroom Parties4/1-4/3
- Report Cards4/3
- NO SCHOOL4/6-4/10 (Spring Break)
- Cold Stone Creamery Night (Grades K-2) (4-8 pm).....4/21
- Monthly Pretzel Sale4/22
- April Birthday Cake4/24

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"If everyone contributes, our PTA can have an awesome year!"

 **Spirit Store!**

Remember the Spirit Store for all of your spirit needs. T shirts, sweatshirts, insulated hot beverage cups, small HCE coolers, new umbrellas, shoelaces, lanyards, bracelets, pencils, etc.

More pink/white baseball shirts are on order.

Also, coming soon..... NEW embroidered boat style canvas tote bags. Very nice for all of your toting needs.

Spirit Store open every Friday from 8:45am-9:15am

Please email Kim Hester with any questions or requests at teamhester@aol.com

The Used Book Sales were very successful,

thanks to the efforts of all who donated books, the volunteers who collected, sorted, and sold the books, and everyone who bought books!!!! The following classrooms were recognized with a Popcorn Party for donating the most children's books in their grade level:



- K - Owens**
- 1 - Stinson**
- 2 - Glennon**
- 3 - Favaloro**
- 4 - Lussier**
- 5 - Beavers**

Thanks to Regal Cinema - Birkdale for providing popcorn for Popcorn Parties



Camp Invention will be held at HCES the week of **June 21st**. Go to www.campinvention.com to register. If you register **before March 31st**, you may pay in (3) installments of \$61.66. If you have any questions, please contact mae rice at m.rice@cms.k12.nc.us.

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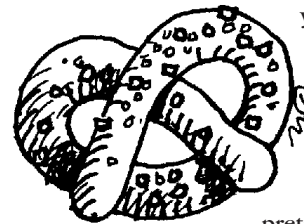
Regal Starlight 14 Cinema (Hwy. 29) - donated popcorn

donated popcorn

Dominoes (Harris Rd.) - discounted pizza

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"PRETZEL DAYS ARE HERE TO STAY"



We will be having "Pretzel Day" once a month for the remainder of the year. There is no form needed.

Simply send in \$1 for each pretzel that you wish to purchase. Remember, you can order more than one and freeze for later. (Let the pretzels defrost and heat them up

in the toaster or oven. Make sure to store them in paper bags, not plastic as this will make them soggy!) You may also send in money for all of the remaining Pretzel Days.

Please just make a note along with your money so your child's teacher will know. We make \$.67 on each pretzel sold, so this is a very profitable fundraiser for us with not a lot of effort!

The remaining Pretzel Days are:

March 25th, April 22nd, May 13th & June 3rd.

Don't forget to order your pretzels—

\$1.00 is due the Tuesday before!

The Principal's Corner by Dr. Ann Nivens

Dear Parents,

It seems that the school year is flying by! With spring quickly approaching, students are looking forward to Spring Break (April 6-10), warm weather, and outside activities.

The teachers have worked very hard to ensure that students are making good progress academically. Classroom teachers collaborate weekly to discuss the essential skills that the children need to learn, best instructional practices, aligned assessments, and remediation or enrichment strategies. Our goal is for each child to experience success.

As you may know, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the NC EOG tests in reading and math during the week of May 18. These tests assess each student's level of proficiency, with Levels 3 and 4 deemed as passing. Although this is just one measure of student achievement, it is one of the measures used to determine if a student is ready for the next grade level. Fifth grade students will also take the NC EOG test in science.

You can help your child at home by encouraging the following:

- read each evening
 - memorize addition and multiplication facts
 - complete homework assignments
 - ask questions in class if the assignment is unclear
 - refer to our academic facilitators web page at <http://pages.cms.k12.nc.us/marcysanders/eogsitesandtips.html> for links to on-line resources
- Unfortunately, we no longer have the availability of "Study Island," but the resources on Mrs. Sander's link are very beneficial.

You can learn additional strategies for helping your child by attending the Parent University session "Preparing for the EOG" that will be held here on April 14th at 6:30. Thank you for partnering with our staff to ensure the success of all of our students. We are so fortunate to have great kids, a dedicated staff, and supportive parents!!

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Ann Nivens

YEARBOOK SALE

Remember the 2008 - 2009 School Year In All Color!

The yearbook will be an 84-page book filled with beautiful color photos of your children, their friends and memories of their school year. And for the first time, the entire yearbook will be in color! Don't miss out on this wonderful keepsake for you and your child.

Yearbooks are \$15.00 each.
Protective slipcovers are \$2.00 each.

Order forms will be sent home on Thursday, March 19th and should be returned with **payment by Thursday, March 26th.**

Please note that this will be the only yearbook sale for the year.



Call for Fun Photos

We have a few remaining photo needs for the yearbook. So check your computers and cameras for photos of smiling students and teachers! If you would like to contribute photos for the yearbook, please contact Kristen Turner at hceyearbook@windstream.net by March 19th.

