



PTA Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER ...

This time we definitely have some dates that everyone needs to save! First off is Family Night on June 7th. The PTA is hosting a family night at the Kannapolis Intimidators on the 7th with game starting at 5:05 pm. The PTA will be giving EVERY student a free ticket to the event. This is a terrific way to show the kids how proud we are of how much they have achieved this year academically! More details will be forthcoming soon!

Coming the week of May 4th is Teacher Appreciation Week. There will be special things the kids can do each day and the luncheon will be on Thursday, May 7th. We will need several volunteers to setup and host the luncheon so please mark your calendars so you are free, willing and able to help out!

The Book Fair will be the week of April 27th, with Family Pizza night kicking it off on that Monday night. It is the buy one, get one free. What a great reward for the kids to get some extra books for their summer reading!

Please check the PTA website for additional information as well as the calendar for dates. We are winding down as the end of this year comes to a close, but we won't stop until June 10th! It has been an amazing year for everyone despite the things going on around us and we are lucky to belong to such a strong community supported school! Feel free to email us at president@hcepta.org.

Angela Rigsbee & Gretchen Biedrzycki
PTA Co-Presidents

PTA CALENDAR

April

Book Fair-Week of April 27th

Pizza Night-April 27th

May

Movie Nights—
May 1st and 29th

May 4th-
Teacher Appreciation Week

PTA Mtg.—
May 6th 6:30 & 7:15

Pretzel Days—
May 13th & June 3rd

PTA General Mtg.—
May 13th 6:30

May 15th —
Spring Jam

Family Night-
June 7th

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RETAIL INCENTIVES INFO

Please remember to turn in Harris Teeter Milk Caps by May 29th. This is the last year that Harris Teeter will offer this program.

It's not too late to turn in an application to renew or get a new membership to BJ's Wholesale Store. Don't forget, for each qualified application BJ's will donate \$5 to our school and you will receive \$10 off a 15 month membership. More applications are available on the school's website. To date, 49 applications have been sent to BJ's.

During the the 2008-2009 school year, Highland Creek Elementary has received checks for the following Loyalty programs:

- Harris Teeter VIC Cards/357 participants/\$1,522.04
- Harris Teeter Milk Caps/\$275
- General Mills BoxTops/\$1,458.40
- Bi-Lo/\$107.97
- Target/\$443.14
- Tyson's/\$24
- Food Lion/\$24.43



**\$10 OFF
A 15 MONTH
MEMBERSHIP**

A submission to the Green School Project of used cell phones, printer and toner cartridges was recently made.

Thank you to everyone who participates in these programs. To learn more about how you can participate, please log onto www.hcepta.org then click on "How Can You Help" tab or contact me at retail-incentives@hcepta.org.

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





Tracking PTA Activities



Parents ... be prepared



Parents,

Did you know that Parent University still has a few courses left that include "Getting ready for Kindergarten" and "Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School"? On April 14, 2009 Highland Creek hosted a session on "Preparing for the EOG's". It was a huge success with a great turn-out! Teachers are working very hard to make sure our students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are well-prepared.

As we get ready for the start of next year and the opening of the new middle school close by, there is a greater focus on safety and transportation. Many students enrolled at HCE are eligible for bus transportation. This is something for many of our families to consider. While we enjoy bringing our children to school, the benefits to riding the bus include, a shorter car rider line, less traffic on the parkway, and parents not having to wait in line before and after school. CMS mailed a letter of intent to families as they start the process of scheduling transportation for next year. If you received this letter, they are asking you to respond even if you have transportation this school year. To get more information, you can contact our transportation office at (980) 343-6672 or visit their website at: <http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/transportation/Pages/default.aspx>

Sincerely,

Kim Alexander
Assistant Principal



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Please be courteous of our neighbors in Masters Hill and do not use their cul-de-sac for pick-up or drop-off.



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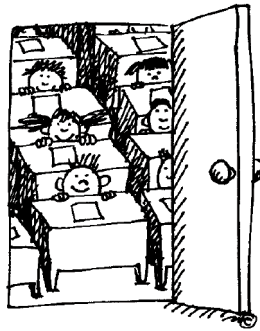


E.O.G.'S ARE LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!

The End of Grade Tests are scheduled for May 18-21.

Students in grades 3-5 will take assessments in Reading and Math. Students in 5th grade will also take an assessment in science.

Teachers have been reviewing skills and practicing test taking strategies with their students. Parents can help their children at home by encouraging them to use the on-line math program, Study Island. There are also numerous websites listed on Marcy Sanders, Academic Facilitator's website. She has posted released EOG sample questions and other resources that maybe helpful for your child. Please be reminded that students are receiving adequate practice at school and we don't want to overwhelm them; however we just want to make our parents aware of these resources.



During the week of testing please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a good breakfast and gets to school on time. We will begin testing promptly at 9:30. Parents are asked not to schedule appointments for their children on the testing days. Testing typically lasts until noon and their regular scheduled lunch times may be changed on these days. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher regarding any changes.

We are in need of volunteers to help proctor during testing. If you are available or know someone who would be willing to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Copeland at h.copeland@cms.k12.nc.us or (980)343-1065. We will need 20 volunteers to assist with testing each day.

Thank you for your support!!



The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! Mark your calendar for our Family Event where the whole family can join in the fun. And, you can contribute books to your child's classroom library. Don't miss this chance to light up a young reader's face with a good book!

See you at the Book Fair!

**Monday April 27th-Friday May 1st
8:45 to 3:45pm**

**Family Night Monday
April 27th
5:30-7:30pm**

This event is impossible without your help! Please consider volunteering some time and take advantage of this great opportunity to stock up on books for your child's summer reading list!

Check out the volunteer schedule on HCE PTA's website for available time slots and contact volunteers@hcepta.org to sign up.





School Supply Packs

School Supply Packs are Back! Keep your eyes open for flyers coming home soon for all grades! This is NOT a fundraiser for the PTA; it is simply something we offer to families. The items that are in the school supply packs are very price competitive and allows teachers to get

exactly what they need as they are the ones who make the list! Make it easy on yourself and purchase one when the flyer comes out! You will be able to purchase by credit card or check, so don't forget to order one for your child! MUCH EASIER, we PROMISE!

SPRING JAM!!!

save the date

FRIDAY MAY 15TH

3rd-5th grade DANCE-PIZZA

FUN BEFORE EOGS!

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!

HIGHLAND CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER NEWS YOU CAN USE!

From blank walls in the summer of 2006 to now...

Our Highland Creek Media Collection contains 9,361 titles (as of our latest annual inventory figures). When the Teacher Collection and the Reference Collection are subtracted from that, we have 8,747 circulating titles for students and teachers. We presently have 8,409 Accelerated Reader tests correlated to our collection.

Our media collection supports the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and provides high quality current children's literature for our teachers and students. When funds are available, we purchase new titles for our collection. We strive to select and purchase relevant materials for all areas of our collection, print and nonprint. This includes fiction, nonfiction and everybody (picture), and reference titles. We use a variety of sources to select materials, such as professional review journals, award-winners' lists, and recommendations from students and teachers.

As we add a new book title to our collection, we purchase an Accelerated Reader test, if one is available. Some titles may not currently have a test. This could be due to the nature of the book (for example, an alphabet book or a wordless book) or because it is a recent publication. The Media Staff maintains a list of titles without tests in our collection. We frequently check that list against the Renaissance Learning database and add the new tests we need to our test database.

While increasing our Accelerated Reader test database is one of our objectives, it is part of a much larger goal. That larger goal is to continually update our media collection with additional high quality current children's titles. This goal is part of our overall mission, "to support the school's entire curriculum and to offer a wide variety of resources and formats that students and teachers may access for both educational and recreational use. In a warm and inviting atmosphere, students will develop into knowledgeable citizens by the encouragement of intellectual freedom, intellectual growth, and a pure love of reading."

If you have questions, please stop by, call or email us.

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PRETZEL DAYS!

We have 2 remaining pretzel days left in the year. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for us! The Philly Pretzel Factory has been awesome to work with too! We are their top selling school! Highland Creek will be featured in their article in the Parent Magazine. Last month we

started the "Most Twisted Pretzel Class" contest. The class that purchases the most pretzels will get a free pretzel party! Ms. Simeone's class won the first month 45 pretzels purchased! **Mark your calendars for the remaining 2: May 13th & June 3rd. Thank you for your continued support!**